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Laser Masters Great Lakes Championship

September 2, 2017s
Milwaukee Yacht Club
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

REVISED - NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the rules of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA).
- Racing Rule 40 is changed as follows: Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices (code flag Y need not be displayed).

2. Laser Class Rule 27(d) is changed by permission of ILCA North America as follows: Unless a minimum of 15 Radial and 15 Standard entries has been received by the pre-registration deadline, all entrants shall start and finish together and be scored as a single fleet. Competitors may choose Standard, Radial or 4.7 rigs at their discretion, provided that all rig changes are made on shore and all sails have the same number (Rig-Swapping Rule turned on). If a minimum of 15 Radial and 15 Standard entries has been received by the pre-registration deadline, the fleets shall each be given a separate start and shall be scored separately (Rig-Swapping Rule turned off).

3. ADVERTISING

- Competitor advertising shall be restricted to the current ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code.
- Boats may be required to display advertising and/or bow numbers chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- The regatta is open to all boats of the Laser class whose skippers have reached the age of 35 by the regatta start date. Competitors shall be assigned to the following age divisions based on their age on the first day of the regatta:
Apprentice – 35-44 years of age
Master – 45-54 years of age
Grand Master – 55-64 years of age
Great Grand Master – 65+ years of age
- All competitors must be current members of ILCA North America or their equivalent national Laser Class Association. Non-members can join the class by completing registration online at www.laser.org.
- Eligible competitors may enter by completing the online registration form and fee payment at US Sailing Regatta Network (<http://www.milwaukeeyc.com/regattas/laser-midwest-masters>) by August 15, 2017.
- Competitors will be required to agree to a waiver of liability as a condition of eligibility. This waiver may be completed either during online registration or at the event check-in.

5. CLASSIFICATION

- This event is open to sailors of all classifications as described in ISAF Regulation 22, Sailor Classification Code.

6. FEES

- The entry fee is \$75.00 for entries completed with payment on or before August 15, 2017.
- An entry fee of \$100.00 will be charged for entries completed or paid after August 15, 2017.
- Entries will not be accepted after 1000 on September 2, 2017.
- Entry fees include berthing during the regatta, post-racing refreshments, and admission to all scheduled social events.

7. SCHEDULE

Friday September 1, 2017	1700 – 1900	Check –in & Measurement
Saturday September 2, 2017	0800 – 0900	Check –in & Measurement
	1030	Competitor’s Meeting
	1200	First Race Warning
	1800	Regatta Dinner

8. INSPECTION & MEASUREMENT

- All boats shall comply with current ILCA Class Rules and Specifications. Spot checks may be performed on any boat by the race committee or judges at any time during the event.
- Competitors must present their sails at check-in for inspection to ensure that sail numbers and sail buttons comply with ILCA Class Rules (refer to instructions at www.laserinternational.org).
- The organizing authority will provide colored bands which competitors shall affix to their mast between the vang tang and the gooseneck to identify their division. Colors shall be green for Apprentices, red for Masters, blue for Grand Masters, and yellow for Great Grand Masters.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- The Sailing Instructions will be available at event check-in beginning on September 1, 2017.

10. VENUE

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11. COURSES

- The courses will be around buoys set by the race committee as described in the Sailing Instructions.

12. SCORING

- The Low Point Scoring System (Appendix A) shall be used, as modified below.
- The number of races scheduled is Six. The minimum number of races required to constitute a regatta is One .
- When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- The ILCA-NA Masters handicap system will be used to determine the overall series winner. For each race counted in the competitor’s final score, the following points will be added: Apprentices, 3 points; Masters, 2 points; Grand Masters, 1 point; Great Grand Masters, 0 points. The competitor’s overall score will be the sum of his or her included finishes plus his or her total handicap points.
- Divisional positions are determined by extraction from the overall results without re-scoring.

- When two or more competitors are tied on points, the tie shall be broken as follows:
Within an age division, a tie will be broken as described in Appendix A, Section A8.
Across the age divisions, a tie will be broken in favor of the sailor from the older division.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

- Support and coach boats must register at the Race Office during the check-in period. During racing, support boats shall monitor the race committee VHF channel and remain more than 50 yards from the course area, except when asked to assist by the race committee.
- Support and coach boats shall berth rafted under blue crane in flushing channel.

14. BERTHING

- Boats shall be kept in the designated areas of MYC drydock pad. Specific berths may be assigned at check-in.

15. PRIZES

- Prizes will be given to the overall winner (lowest score after handicap points), first woman overall, and top finishers in each of the four age divisions (in each fleet if there are two fleets). The number of prizes will be adjusted to suit the number of competitors pre-registered in each division. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

16. SAFETY

- Boats shall not impede the passage of commercial vessels and shall comply with the [U.S. Inland Navigation Rules Act of 1980](#). Boats that fail to comply promptly with signals from a committee boat to alter course, or that receive a 5-blast warning (5 short sounds) from a commercial vessel, will be subject to protest and possible disqualification.

17. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, & PERSONAL CONDUCT

- Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk (see Rule 4, Decision to Race). The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- Competitors will accept full responsibility for all their actions during any activity related to this event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

18. INSURANCE

- Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$(100,000) per event or the equivalent. Competitors shall be prepared to supply proof of insurance on request.

19. RIGHT TO USE NAME & LIKENESS

- By participating in this event, all competitors automatically grant the organizers and sponsors the right to make, use and show, at any time and at their discretion, any photographs or videos of him or her produced during the period of the event without compensation.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

- Additional useful information regarding accommodations, travel, boat charters and area recreation is available online at www.milwaukeeyc.com.

For more information, please contact Regatta Chairman Steve Dolan at soling846@gmail.com or 262-506-8879