



Waterfront Regatta

Laser Masters Pacific Coast Championships

July 28th-July 29th, 2018

Benicia Yacht Club
Benicia, California

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. 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).
- 1.2. 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).
- 1.3. Laser Class Rule 27(d) is changed by permission of ILCA North America as follows: Unless a minimum of 15 Radial 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 entries has been received by the pre-registration deadline, the Radial fleet shall be given a separate start and shall be scored separately from the Standard Rig fleet (Rig-Swapping Rule turned off).

2. ADVERTISING

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

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1. 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
- 3.2. 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.
- 3.3. Eligible competitors may enter by completing the online registration form and fee payment at US Sailing Regatta Network (<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/16811>) by 1000, July 28th, 2018.

3.4. 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.

4. CLASSIFICATION

4.1. This event is open to sailors of all classifications as described in World Sailing Regulation 22, Sailor Classification Code.

5. FEES

5.1. The entry fee is \$125 for entries completed with payment on or before July 8, 2018. An early registration discount of \$25 will apply for registrations completed and paid by June 3, 2018.

5.2. An entry fee of \$150 will be charged for entries completed or paid on or after July 9, 2018.

5.3. Entries will not be accepted after 1000 on July 28, 2018.

5.4. Entry fees include berthing during the regatta, security, regatta souvenir, post-racing refreshments, and admission to all scheduled social events.

6. SCHEDULE

Friday – July 27, 2018	1500 - 1800 1800 2000 - 2200	Check-in & Measurement Practice Racing No host cocktails @ BYC
Saturday – July 28, 2018	0800 1300 1800	Morning Snacks Avail First Race Warning Regatta Dinner
Sunday – July 29, 2018	0800 1200 1500 1700	Morning Snacks Avail First Race Warning No warning signal will be made after Awards presentation

7. INSPECTION & MEASUREMENT

7.1. All boats shall comply with current ILCA Class Rules and Specifications. Spot checks may be performed on any boat by the race committee, technical committee or judges at any time during the event.

7.2. 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).

7.3. 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.

7.4. Technical Committee: Chris Ganne & Marcel Sloane

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available at event check-in and may also be available on Regatta Network.

9. VENUE

9.1. Race Area - Benicia Waterfront

9.2. Parking & Launching (SEE APPENDIX A)

10. COURSES

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

11. SCORING

11.1. The Low Point Scoring System (Appendix A) shall be used, as modified below.

11.2. The number of races scheduled is (7) races. The minimum number of races required to constitute a regatta is (2) races.

11.3. 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.

11.4. 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.

11.5. Divisional positions are determined by extraction from the overall results without re-scoring.

11.6. 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.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

12.1. 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.

12.2. Support and coach boats shall berth BYC guest dock.

13. BERTHING

13.1. Boats shall be kept in the designated area. Specific berths may be assigned at check-in.

14. PRIZES

14.1. 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.

14.2. 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.

15. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, & PERSONAL CONDUCT

15.1. 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.

15.2. 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.

16. INSURANCE

16.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance. Competitors shall be prepared to supply proof of insurance on request.

17. RIGHT TO USE NAME & LIKENESS

17.1. 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.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

18.1. For additional useful information regarding accommodations, travel, boat charters and area recreation, please contact:

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