



LASER GULF COAST MASTERS
Florida YC, Jacksonville, FL – November 2-4, 2018

The Florida Yacht Club (FYC), founded in 1876, and the Jacksonville sailing community welcome sailors, friends and family to sail on the St Johns River and socialize with the members and the community. We welcome the Laser class to our club where we have hosted numerous regattas, including national and international championships. Take advantage of great drinks and meals in our popular Pirates Den Dining Room and our Pirates Den Bar through obtaining an event card at check-in.

FYC is conveniently located a short drive from the airport, downtown and local shopping and stores in the beautiful Ortega, Avondale and Riverside areas. Beaches are a bit further but an easy drive. There is a range of outdoor activities in the area for the entire family.

We look forward to seeing you in November and enjoying a great weekend of sailing and camaraderie.

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 8 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 (Rig-Swapping Rule turned on). If a minimum of 8 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 <http://www.regattanetwork.com/Event/17635>

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 \$100 for entries completed with payment on or before October 26th, 2018.

5.2. An entry fee of \$130 will be charged for entries completed or after October 26th, 2018.

5.3. Entries will not be accepted after 1000 on November 3, 2018.

5.4. Entry fees include boat storage during the regatta, post-racing refreshments, and all scheduled social events.

5.5 Additional meals may be purchased at registration and check-in. Competitors and guests may obtain a guest card at the FYC front office or at check-in at the FYC sailing center.

6. SCHEDULE

Friday – November 2, 2018

1500 - 1800	Check-in at the Sailing Center & Open Sailing
1800-2100	Happy hour at FYC

Saturday – November 3, 2018

0900	Coffee, Bagels and Donuts available
0900-1030	Check-in at the Sailing Center
1100	Competitors meeting
1225	First Race Warning
1700 (approximately)	After racing happy hour
1800	Regatta Dinner

Sunday – November 4, 2018

0925	First Race Warning
1400	No warning signal will be made after

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.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

9. VENUE

9.1. Race Area – St Johns River East of FYC

9.2 Water will be available on the race course for those who have refillable water bottles.

10. COURSES



10.1. The courses will be 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 (1) race.

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. PRIZES

12.1. 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.

13. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, & PERSONAL CONDUCT

13.1. 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.

13.2. 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.

14. INSURANCE

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

15. HOTELS

The Florida Yacht Club has partnered with Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites Orange Park -where all regatta guests receive our corporate rate or \$109 per night for a standard king or 2 queen room. Please call 904-562-7400. Please let them know you are with the Florida Yacht Club to receive this rate. You may also book on online using the corporate ID # 786823141 or click on the link below.

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