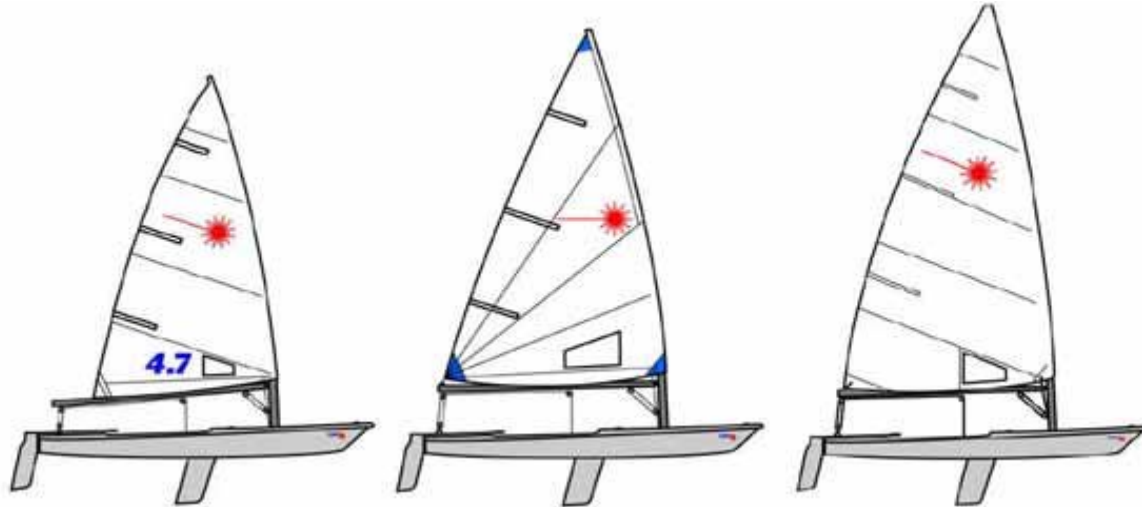


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Georgian Bay Laser Regatta Festival

2019 Laser Great Lakes Masters Championship;

Great Lakes Youth Laser Radial Regatta; and

“Corinthian” Laser Regatta

July 12, 13, 14, 2019

Racing starts on July 13th, with a Training Clinic and informal practice racing on Friday, July 12th

Location: Thornbury Harbour, Thornbury, Ontario, Canada

Last Updated: 3-13-19

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

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).
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).
3. For the GL Masters, 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

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

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

The regatta will offer racing for three different fleets (3 different starts):

1. **Laser Masters** (see 1.3. Rules above, i.e., there is a potential for a separate Radial Masters Fleet if 15 or more Radial entries received by deadline)
 - a. The Masters 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
 - Legends - 75+ years of age
2. **Youth Laser Radial (age under 19)**

- a. Entry is restricted to experienced sailors who are, or will be at least 15 years old, but not 19 years or older in the year of the regatta (i.e. born in 2001, 2002, 2003, or 2004). Proof of age will be required at registration.
 - b. Each sailor under 18 years old on 13 July 2019 shall provide a signed parent/guardian consent form at registration. For the duration of the championship, each sailor under 18 years old shall be supervised by the responsible adult named on the parent/guardian consent form.
 - c. The responsible adult (if applicable) and competitors shall register together on site at the race office before 0900 hrs. on 13 July
3. **“Corinthian” Laser Fleet** (sailor’s choice of racing each day using either a Standard, Radial or 7 rig). A “Corinthian” is defined as any sailor who would like to race in a less competitive setting, and on a shorter race course than fleets 1. and 2. Unlike sailors in the Masters and Youth fleets, Corinthian’s do not have to be registered as ILCA Class members. If a Corinthian is age 17 or under, a signed parent/guardian consent form is required.
- a. All competitors, except for the Corinthian fleet, 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.
 - b. Eligible competitors may enter by completing the online registration form and fee payment at **US Sailing Regatta Network** (www.regattanetwork.com) by **JUNE 1ST, 2019**. Entries after June 1st are subject to a **\$15 late registration fee**.
 - c. 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 ISAF Regulation 22, Sailor Classification Code.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$120 CDN for entries completed with payment on or before June 1st, 2019.
- 5.2 An entry fee of \$135 CDN will be charged for entries completed or paid after June 1st and up July 13th, 2019.
- 5.3 Entries will not be accepted after 09:00 on July 13th, 2019.
- 5.4 Entry fees include berthing during the regatta, Great Lakes Regatta shirt, Nalgene training

bottle, breakfast, and on-water snacks on July 13, 14th, and regatta dinner on Saturday July 13th.

5.5 Dinner tickets for non-competitors (parents, spouses, coaches, etc.) will be available for purchase (**\$25 per ticket**).

6. SCHEDULE

Friday, July 12	0800-2000 0900-1200 1400-1600	Check-In and Registration Laser Clinic On Water Practice Races
Saturday, July 13	0830 0930 1100 1230-1330 race 1830	Breakfast at TYC Pavilion Skippers Meeting First Race Warning Signal On-water snacks after 1 st Reception and Dinner
Sunday, July 14	0830 1000 1230-1330 race 1630- 1700 after 1500	Breakfast at TYC Pavilion First Race Warning Signal On- Water snacks after 1st Awards Presentation *No Races will be started

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 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). Sail buttons not required for the Corinthian Fleet.
- 7.3 The organizing authority will provide coloured bands for the Masters fleet, which competitors shall affix to their mast between the vang tang and the gooseneck to identify their division. Colours shall be green for Apprentices, red for Masters, blue for Grand Masters, and yellow for Great Grand Masters and Legends.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at Check-in.

9. VENUE

- 9.1 **Thornbury Harbour, Harbour Street, Thornbury, Ontario.** (<http://www.thornburyyachtclub.com>)
- 9.2 Racing will be on Georgian Bay, with the racing area north of the harbor, a short sail from shore.

10. COURSES

- 10.1 The courses will be around buoys set by the race committee as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.2 Masters fleet will start first, followed by Youth Radials, and then the Corinthian fleet.
- 10.3 Note that the intention is to run the following types of courses for Masters and Youth Radials:
- 4-12 knots of wind (approx.): W - L - W - L (with finish at or near Leeward Mark)
 - 12+ knots (approx.): "Triangle, Windward-Leeward:, i.e., W-Reach to Gybe Mark - Reach to Leeward Mark - W - L
- 10.4 Corinthians will sail a shortened course (W - L with finish at or near the Leeward mark)
- 10.5 The above will be detailed further in the Sailing Instructions.

11. SCORING

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

- 11.2 The number of races scheduled is not limited. The minimum number of races required to constitute a regatta is one.
- 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 GL Masters 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 and Legends, 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 Masters 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 boats shall monitor the race committee VHF channel and remain more than 50 meters from the course area, except when asked to assist by the race committee.
- 12.2 Support and coach boats shall berth at their assigned dock on check-in.

13. BERTHING

1. Boats shall be kept in the designated areas - refer to Appendix I. Specific berths and trailer storage will be assigned at check-in.

14. PRIZES

1. Masters Competitors:
 - 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.
 - 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.
- 14.2 Youth Competitors:
 - The first boy sailor
 - The first Under -17 boy sailor
 - The first girl sailor
 - The first Under-17 girl sailor
- 14.3 Corinthian:
 - First, second, third - Female
 - First, second, third - Male

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

1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$2,000,000.00 (two million dollars) per event or the equivalent. Competitors shall be prepared to supply proof of insurance on request.

17. RIGHT TO USE NAME & LIKENESS

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

1. Additional useful information regarding accommodations, travel, reaa recreation, restaurants,
antique shops, etc., is available online by searching “Thornbury” and “Town of Blue Mountains”
and/or “Collingwood”.
2. Local Links:
- <https://thornburylaser.com>
 - Town of the Blue Mountains (www.thebluemountains.ca)
The Town of the Blue Mountains operates the Thornbury Harbour facility
 - Gyles Sails and Marine - info@gylessails.com
3. Some options for places to stay:
- Camping/RV park short drive from YC: <https://www.sunrvresorts.com/resorts/true-north/ontario/craigleith/>
 - Royal Harbour Hotel (located right at the Yacht Club) <https://royalharbourresort.com/>
 - Penny’s Motel (low cost option located short walk from YC) <https://www.pennysmotel.com/en-us>

Athlete Billeting

The Great Lakes Laser Regatta Festival committee will make every effort to billet athletes in local homes or on Thornbury Yacht Club boats. Requests for billeting will be dealt with on a first come, first serve basis.

For more information, please contact Regatta Chairman at , thornburylaser@gmail.com



Downtown Thornbury is a few minutes walk.
Restaurant/bar, overlooking harbor



View looking eastward. A typical day
15 knot westerlies - Blue Mountains
in background.