



Laser Masters Canadian Championships

August 16 -18, 2019

Kenora, Ontario, Canada

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).

- 1.1 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).
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 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).
- 1.4 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).
- 1.5 Appendix P, Special Procedures for RRS 42 will apply.

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 rlwyc.ca before racing.

4. CLASSIFICATION

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 CAD \$125.00 for entries completed with payment on or before July 1, 2019.
- 5.2 An entry fee of CAD \$175.00 will be charged for entries completed or paid after July 1, 2019.
- 5.3 Entries will not be accepted after close of registration on August 16, 2019.
- 5.4 Entry fees include transportation to the RLWYC from Keewatin, regatta t-shirt, Friday evening dinner cruise and Saturday regatta dinner. Light breakfasts snacks are scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Yacht Club and on the water lunches will also be included on Saturday and Sunday.
- 5.5 The club will make every possible effort to secure billeting for those sailors that request billeting on a first come first serve basis.

6. SCHEDULE

August 15, 2019	1400 - 1900	Registration, Check-in & measurement
August 16, 2019	0900 – 1030 1030 1200	Registration, Check-in & Measurement Competitors Welcome First Race Warning
August 17, 2019	1100 After racing	First Race Warning Regatta Dinner
August 18, 2019	1000 1500 ASAP after racing	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 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 coloured bands 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.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on line and at event check-in on August 16, 2019

9. VENUE

Racing will take place in the waters of Lake of the Woods in the vicinity of RLWYC.

10. COURSES

The courses will be set in Lake of the Woods around buoys set by the race committee as described in the Sailing Instructions. Both windward-leeward and triangle courses are planned.

11. SCORING

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

- 11.1 The number of races scheduled is 9.
- 11.2 The minimum number of races required to constitute a regatta is 3.
- 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 favour of the sailor from the older division.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1 Support and coach boats must register at the Regatta Office during the check-in period. During racing, support boats shall monitor the race committee VHF channel and remain more than 50 meters outside the course area, except when asked to assist by the race committee.
- 12.2 Support and coach boats shall berth as shown in the site plan which will be posted on the official notice board.

13. BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in the designated areas as shown in the site plan which will be posted on the official notice board. Specific berths will be assigned at registration.

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 (in each fleet if there are two fleets).
- 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

- 15.1 RRS 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
 - Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

16. 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.

17. Additional Information

Additional useful information regarding accommodations, travel, charter boats and area recreation are available at rlwyc.ca, or contact Regatta Chair, Jamie Paterson at regatta@rlwyc.ca or Mike Couture at mike@couturecg.com

Canadian Prescriptions can be found at

http://www.sailing.ca/files/RRS_2017_2020_Sail_Canada_Prescription_Final_EN.pdf