LASER CLASS U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
&
U.S. SAILING SINGLEHANDED CHAMPIONSHIPS
(O’Day/Hanley/Barrett Trophies)
Big Blue Sailing Academy at Old Dominion University
Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, Laser Fleet 12
Norfolk, Virginia

LASER, LASER 4.7, LASER RADIAL OPEN June 12-14, 2020
NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

1.1. This regatta is organized under the authority of the Big Blue Sailing Academy and will be sailed under the management of the Big Blue Sailing Academy Race Committee. The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of the classes competing as they apply to that class except as any of these are changed by the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions and properly posted amendments thereto. US Sailing Regulation 10 applies to the US Sailing National Championship. The US Sailing prescriptions are available at www.ussailing.org.

1.2. The regatta will conform to the current World Sailing Regulation 20 and the respective Class Rules.

1.3. RRS Appendix P, will apply, except that Appendix P is changed so that P2.3 will not apply.

1.4. RRS 40 Personal Flotation Devices shall apply without the display of flag Y.

2. REGISTRATION / CLASSES

2.1. International Laser Radial (open), International Laser Full Rig (open) and Laser 4.7. Each class must have a minimum of 5 entries. Laser and Laser Radial competitors who are members of the ILCA-NA (International Laser Association-North American Region), or their National Laser Class Association may enter.

2.2. Competitors shall enter by completing the entry form available on the event website https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=19957 and paying the required fees. On-line entry opens on December 1, 2019. Entry in the event is not final until registration is completed. All competitors must check in on site to complete registration.

2.3. Competitors who are also competing for the U.S. Singlehanded Championships must comply with U.S. Sailing Championship Conditions: https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/championship-conditions/

2.4. In addition to the requirement described in 2.3, to be eligible to be scored in the U.S. Singlehanded Sailing Championship competitors must be at least age 17 in the calendar year of 2020 and be a current member of U.S. Sailing or a member of their MNA if a foreign national.

2.5. Those competing for the US Singlehanded Sailing Championship must provide a current US Sailing membership number, or membership number of the MNA of their respective country. Proof of membership will be checked during onsite check in process.

2.6. On Site Registration and Check-in for competitors and coaches is scheduled for Thursday, June 11th between 1400-1830 and on Friday, June 12th between 0800-0900 at the ODU Sailing Center.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY FEES
3.1. Fees are stated in US Dollars and include Virginia State Sales Tax. Entries for all classes received by 1900, May 12, 2020 will qualify for the early entry fee of $150. Entries received after 1900, May 12, 2020 will have an entry fee of $200. Support Boats will have a registration fee of $50.

4. SCHEDULE

4.1. The Regatta Venue at the ODU Sailing Center is open to competitors on Wednesday, June 10, 2020.

4.2. The briefing for competitors and coaches is scheduled for 0900 on Friday, June 12, 2020 at the ODU Sailing Center.

4.3. The First Warning Signal for racing on Friday, Saturday and Sunday is 1030. On the last day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500. The Awards ceremony will follow the close of the protest deadline at the ODU Sailing Center on Sunday, June 14, 2019.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on or before on-site registration on Thursday, June 11, 2020. Other documents for the event will be published with the sailing instructions.

6. VENUE

6.1. There are two racing areas at this venue. Area A is off the ODU Sailing Center in the Lafayette River. Area B is near Craney Island and Middleground Lighthouse and approximately 4nm from the Sailing Center.

7. COURSES

7.1. Diagrams of the courses to be sailed will be attached

7.2. Windward/Leeward with an offset and a gate above the starting line, finishing to weather of the committee boat between a staff and an orange mark. Designated by W and a number indicating the number of legs. W4 would be 4 legs.

7.3. Trapezoid with an inner and outer loop with gates, finishing upwind to a separate finish line below the starting line. Designated by a T with a 1 to indicate Outer and 2 to indicate Inner.
8. SCORING

8.1. The Low Point System, RRS Appendix A, will apply, modified so that each boat’s regatta score will be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded if more than five races have been completed. Eleven races are scheduled, of which two races shall be completed to constitute a regatta.

9. MEASUREMENT

9.1. By registering, all participants certify that their equipment complies with ILCA Class Rules

9.2. During registration check-in, each participant shall present the sail they intend to use and provide evidence of an ILCA button

10. SUPPORT BOATS

10.1. All support boats must register on-line or in-person and pay the $50 registration fee. All support boats must receive an assigned slip and trailer parking spot.

10.2. Coaches and Support boats are required to monitor the course channel on a VHF radio and be available to assist with safety when requested.

10.3. Coach and Support boats shall be docked in the assigned slips at Norfolk Yacht and Country Club. Trailers are to be kept in the designated lot(s) at Old Dominion University.

11. PRIZES

11.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top 5 boats in each class, top junior in each class, top female in the Radial class and 4.7 class and Top Master in each category

11.2. US SAILING SINGLEHANDED CHAMPIONSHIPS

George D O’Day Trophy to the overall highest placing male US Citizen or Resident Alien in the Laser Full Rig Class
Helen Willis Hanley Trophy to the highest placing female US Citizen or Resident Alien in the Laser Radial Class
Peter J Barrett Sportsmanship trophy may be awarded.
US Sailing medals will be awarded to the top finishers in each fleet

Only a sailor that meets the US Singlehanded Sailing Championship eligibility requirements and is a US Citizen or Resident Alien throughout the Championship Finals may be declared the US National Champion

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

12.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4 Decision to Race. The Big Blue Sailing Academy and organizers will not be liable for material damage, loss, death, or personal injury in conjunction with the event.

13. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

13.1. For further information, please contact Regatta Co-Chair Mitch Brindley at mitch@bigbluesailingacademy.com, or Britt Drake at cbdrake111@yahoo.com.
APPENDIX

Windward/Leeward