



2020 Laser Masters Atlantic Coast Championship

October 10-11, 2020

Hosted by Sail Newport

Amendments in red as of 5/4/2020

1. RULES

1.1. The 2020 Laser Master's Atlantic Coast Championship will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 Unless a minimum of 15 Standard and 15 Radial entries has been received by the preregistration deadline (**September 25, 2020**), 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, and change rigs throughout the regatta, provided that all rig changes are made on shore and all sails have the same number (Rig-Swapping Rule turned on). Providing that a minimum of 15 Standard and 15 Radial entries has been received by the preregistration 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). Rig Swapping between Radials and 4.7s shall always be in effect. This changes ILCA Class Rule 28(d) by permission of the International Laser Class Association of North America.

2. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

2.1. Each competitor shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard (or home country Coast Guard equivalent) approved PFD, properly secured at all times, from dock to dock, except briefly while adding or removing clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFDs do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. This changes rule 40.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1. Competitors who are members of the International Laser Class Association and who have reached the age indicated in the categories below by **October 10th** are eligible to compete. Competitors who are not members of the ILCA-NA or their national Laser Class Association, may enter at registration.

3.2. Division shall be determined by competitor's age on **October 10th**.

3.3. Competitor division shall be divided by the following age brackets:

Age	Fleet
35-44 years of age	Apprentice Master
45-54 years of age	Master
55-64 years of age	Grand Master
65+ years of age	Great Grand Master
75+ years of age	Legend Master

3.4. Eligible boats may enter online at www.sailnewport.org by 1700 **October 9th, 2020**.



3.5. Late entries will be accepted online until 1700 October 3rd and subject to a late entry fee of \$25 after 1700 on **October 5th**.

4. FEES

4.1. The entry fee for the 2020 Laser Masters Atlantic Coast Championship is \$100. This includes a regatta shirt and post racing socially distanced beers/snack social outside each day.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Schedule of Racing and Events

Friday October 9

1000	Boat Drop-off
1500-1700	Late Registration and Check-in

Saturday October 10

0800-0930	Check-in
0930	Mandatory Skippers' Meeting
1000	Harbor Start
1100	First Warning Signal
After Racing	Socially distanced/mask required beers & snacks

Sunday October 11

1030	First Warning Signal
1500	No Warning Signals after this time
After Racing	Socially distanced/mask required beers, snacks and awards

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1. The sailing instructions will be available online after 1700 on October 4th.

2020. 7. VENUE

7.1. All boat storage will be on the lawn adjacent to the Sail Newport *Old Office*.

7.2. All trailer and support equipment storage will be in the Fort Adams Upper Lot.

7.3. All Competitor, Coach, and Support Boat meetings will take place on the rear porch of the old Sail Newport Main Office.

7.4. Race areas will be either North of the Pell Bridge in the vicinity of Potter Cove or between Rose and Goat Island. Additional rendezvous locations may be added based on the size of the fleet.

8. COURSES

8.1. The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward in configuration.

8.2. The courses, marks, and start/finish lines will be outlined in detail in the sailing instructions.



9. SCORING

9.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

9.2. Drops

(a) When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes rule A2.

9.3. NA Masters handicap scoring system will apply to determine the overall winner. Add points per race as follows:

(Age) Points Added Per Race	Fleet
(35-44) 4 Points	Apprentice Master
(45-54) 3 Points	Master
(55-64) 2 Point	Grand Master
(65+) 1 Points	Great Grand Master
(75+) 0 Points	Legend

9.4. Awards will be given to first overall, 1st, 2nd, 3rd in each division and first overall female.

10. BOATS and MEASUREMENT

10.1. The organizing authority will provide a colored band to place on the mast of all boats between the vang fitting and the gooseneck. The colors are:

Band Color	Fleet
Green	Apprentice Master
Red	Master
Blue	Grand Master
Yellow	Great Grand Master
Purple	Legend

10.2. Sails, blades and boats may be measured prior to racing, and may also be spot checked at any time during the regatta. Note that numbers and letters drawn on the sail with ink are not legal. Refer to instructions in handbook (p. 52-55): http://www.laserinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Handbook_2109.pdf



11. LOGISTICS

11.1. Competitor and support boats that do not have seasonal storage may arrive after 1000 on Friday, October 9th and launch from either of two available ramps or the beach located near the Sail Newport Main Office.

11.2. Ample parking is available at the Sail Newport Sailing Center in Fort Adams State Park. Park Rangers strictly enforce parking regulations. All vehicles must be detached from their trailers and removed from the boat at staging/rigging areas and parked in designated parking spots.

11.3. All competing and support boats that do not have seasonal storage must be removed from Fort Adams State Park no later than 2000 on May 30. Any boats needing storage prior to or beyond the included dates and times must make arrangements with [Nick Mauprivez](#) in advance.

11.4. Trash/Recycle - Fort Adams State Park is a carry-in/carry-out park. For that reason, there are no permanent waste receptacles. Although there will be several event trash and recycling receptacles, all participants are encouraged to remove all of their trash from the State Park. All refuse must be placed in the appropriate trash or recycle bin.

12. CODE OF CONDUCT

12.1. All competitors, coaches, and family members are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner. This includes behavior both on and off the racecourse including respect for all other persons, personal property of others, Sail Newport and Fort Adams State Park. Any competitor who violates this trust may be penalized by the OA and/or have a complaint lodged against them with the Protest Committee and/or their class association.

13. MEDIA RIGHTS

13.1. Competitors' parents give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves and their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.

14. LIABILITY

14.1. Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to rule 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers include the OA, the Race Committee, Protest Committee, the State of Rhode Island, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of practice for or participation in this event during shore side or on-the-water activities. By participating in this event, each competitor



agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

15.1. For further information, please contact:

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Reminder to competitors:

Narragansett Bay contains restricted channels, and sailing vessels do not have the right of way over vessels under power that may be restricted in their ability to maneuver.