



**Lauderdale Yacht Club
Lauderbowl 2020
Laser Radial, 4.7, and Opti
December 27-30, 2020**

LAUNCH CONDITIONS PROTOCOL

The busy Fort Lauderdale Inlet can become impassable to coaches and sailors in tow due to wave height and interval at the entrance, and sea conditions over the reef in certain wind/wave conditions can similarly jeopardize safety. To ensure a safe regatta, Lauderbowl will utilize a “Launch Conditions Protocol”. Each competitor will be grouped into one of two “launch conditions” as defined below by the Regatta Chairman and the LYC Sailing Director.

Sailor Launch Categories

Category “A”

These are very experienced sailors who have the requisite experience in towing/sailing in adverse conditions on a frequent basis. These are not sailors new to their class/boat. They should be in excellent physical shape, training frequently with a coach and regularly competing at events.

The sailor should be proficient or have experience in the following;

- Sailed multiple times in 18knts and above with proficiency on upwind, downwind and reaching
- Towing on a tow line in heavy sea state and in 18 Knots plus of wind
- Ability to self-recover in heavy sea state without help and right their boat
- Physically fit to tow sail and tow back in over a regatta day of 6-8 hours on the water in above wind conditions
- Sailor regularly finishes in the top third of the fleet
- Sailor qualifies for class specific or high-level teams, events and clinics -- examples below;
 - Youth Champs – invite
 - Laser Grand Prix Points that qualify for international championship events
 - Brooke E. Gonzalez Advanced Racing Clinic/Neill/CISA Attendees
 - OPD Team members
 - Opti
 - National team
 - OPD2 Program
 - Team-Trials Qualified
 - USODA International Team Qualified

Category “B”

These are mid-level to inexperienced sailors who do not have the requisite experience in towing/sailing in adverse conditions on a frequent basis. These are sailors who are newer to their class/boat or are not yet proficient due to skill level. These are sailors who do not attend or qualify from the category “A” examples list.

Launch Conditions

A daily announcement will be made for the day’s launch condition no later than ninety minutes prior to the scheduled start via VHF on channel 69 and the official notice board. If there is a delay or postponement onshore, or a change in conditions, the Launch Committee may update the launch condition.

Condition 0 – No sailors are able to launch

Condition 1 – Only sailors designated for category “A”

Condition 2 – All Fleets - Launch category “A” and “B”

In the event races are run under Condition 1, the Race Committee will request the Protest Committee find as fair a scoring arrangement as possible for all sailors affected.

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