

# Clearwater Yacht Club

## Notice of Race: Laser Midwinter's East February 22 – 26, 2012

The Organizing Authority for the 2012 Laser Midwinter's East is the Clearwater Yacht Club (CYC), 830 South Bayway Blvd, Clearwater FL 33767. The event will be held at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center (CCSC), 1001 Gulf Boulevard, Clearwater, FL 33767.

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. RRS Appendix P, Immediate Penalties for Breaking Rule 42 will apply

### **2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1. Laser, Radial and Laser 4.7 competitors who are members of the ILCA-North America or their National Laser Class Association, may enter by completing the registration and paying the required fees.
- 2.2. Coaches shall register with the organizing authority and pay the required coach registration fee.
- 2.3. ISAF Eligibility shall apply to men sailing Laser Full Rigs and women sailing Laser Radials
- 2.4. Competitors shall present signed and completed Release and Medical Consent forms at registration. The forms are available for download on the event website. [www.clwyc.org/Regatta](http://www.clwyc.org/Regatta)

### **3 FEES**

- 3.1. The Entry Fee for each Competitor is \$200 USD. Competitors who have not paid the Entry Fee by February 12, 2012 will be charged a \$50 USD late fee.
- 3.2. Competitors and Coaches are encouraged to register and pay online at US Sailing Regatta Network. [www.regattanetwork.com](http://www.regattanetwork.com)
- 3.2. The Coaches registration fee is \$50 USD. An additional \$35 USD refundable coach flag deposit will be collected at registration. All coaches shall carry a coach flag.
- 3.3. The fees include lunch on each race day, two dinners and a regatta souvenir

#### **4 EVENT FORMAT**

If any fleet has a large number of entries, the Organizing Authority may divide that fleet. Divided fleets will sail a qualifying series prior to being split into a Gold/Silver final series.

#### **5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

5.1	Wednesday	February 22	Registration & Measurement	1200 – 2000
	Thursday	February 23	Registration & Measurement	0800 - 0900
			Skippers Meeting	0930
			First Warning	1100
			Races to follow	
			Opening Ceremonies & Dinner at CYC	1830
	Friday	February 24	First Warning	1030
			Races to follow	
	Saturday	February 25	First Warning	1030
			Races to follow	
			Dinner served at CYC	1830
	Sunday	February 26	First Warning	1030
			Races to follow	
			Closing Ceremonies and Awards to follow at CCSC	

5.2 No more than three races will be scheduled for each day

5.3 No race shall start after 1400 on Sunday

5.4 A total of 10 races are scheduled, of which a minimum of three (3) races must be completed to constitute a regatta

#### **6 MEASUREMENT**

6.1 Sail measurement will be required at this regatta. Please ensure that your sail numbers are applied in accordance with ILCA class rules

6.2 National letters are not required but if used must also comply with class rules. Numbers and letters drawn on the sail with permanent inkpen are not legal.

6.3.1 Refer to [www.laserinternational.org/sailnos.htm](http://www.laserinternational.org/sailnos.htm) for detailed instructions

**7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available during the on-site registration.

**8 VENUE**

The Racing area will be in the Gulf of Mexico West of Clearwater Beach

**9 COURSES**

The courses will be Trapezoid or Windward/ Leeward.

**10 SCORING.**

10.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A2, will be used except as modified below.

10.2 There will be one discard when five (5) or more races are completed. When nine (9) races are completed there will be two discards

**11 SUPPORT BOATS**

Race Committee boats will fly a Race Committee "RC" flag or an Official "O" flag, Judges will fly a "Judge" or "J" flag. Coaches will fly a white numbered flag, Safety Boats will fly an orange numbered flag

**12 ADMINISTRATIVE**

Competitors will be welcome to arrive at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center on Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup>. Competitors wishing to arrive earlier or leave later than Monday February 27<sup>th</sup> need to make reservations with the CCSC Office and pay an additional fee of \$10/day or \$50/week to CCSC.

Competitors arriving when CCSC is closed on Monday February 20<sup>st</sup> or after closing on Tuesday February 21 may leave their boats & trailers in the CYC parking lot overnight.

**13 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

A boat shall neither make nor receive radio, telephone or electronic transmissions not available to all competitors while racing.

**14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See **RRS 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 FURTHER INFORMATION**

Clearwater Yacht Club    830 South Bayway Blvd    Clearwater, FL 33767  
<http://www.clwyc.org/asp/m/1100079>    Ph 727-447-6000

US Sailing Regatta Network  
[www.regattanetwork.com](http://www.regattanetwork.com)

Clearwater Community Sailing Center    1001 Gulf Blvd    Clearwater, FL 33767  
[www.clearwatercommunitysailing.org](http://www.clearwatercommunitysailing.org)    Ph 727-517-7776

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Directions and a list of area hotels may be obtained from the Clearwater Yacht Club web site.