



LASER MIDWINTERS WEST

Thursday through Sunday, March 21 - 24, 2013
Marina del Rey, California USA



NOTICE OF RACE

The Laser Midwinters West for Laser and Laser Radial boats will be hosted by the California Yacht Club (CYC) Thursday through Sunday, March 21-24, 2013. CYC is located at 4469 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292, phone 310.823.4567. Information about CYC and this regatta is available at www.calyachtclub.com.

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority (OA) is CYC.
- 1.3 This regatta is an International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Grade 2 event.
- 1.4 US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply. RRS 82 will not apply.
- 1.5 RRS 63.1, A4.1 and A5 will be changed to provide that:
 - (a) A boat failing to check in properly prior to the Warning Signal for the first race each day may be given a twenty percent (20%) scoring penalty in that race without a hearing.
 - (b) A boat that starts more than five (5) minutes after her Starting Signal will be scored DNS without a hearing.
- 1.6 RRS 35, 63.1, A4.1, and A5 will be changed to provide that any boats failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored, without a hearing, a finishing place two more than the last boat to finish that race.
- 1.7 In addition to the requirements of RRS 40 and its US Sailing Prescription, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a US Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD), or a PFD approved by the country of the competitor's citizenship or residence, properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFD's do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Violation of this provision will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 40, its US Sailing Prescription and the Preamble to RRS, Part 4.
- 1.8 Racing rules 62.2 and 66 will be changed to shorten the time limit for filing requests for redress based upon actions of the jury and requests to reopen a hearing on the last day of racing. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.9 Appendix P (Special Procedures for Rule 42) will apply.

2. ADVERTISING

The event is designated Category C in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 This regatta is open to all Laser and Laser Radial class boats that meet International Laser Class Association (ILCA) rules.
- 3.2 Each boat must be entered by an individual who is a member of the ILCA.
- 3.3 Each entrant shall complete the online registration process and pay all fees prior to 1700 hours on Wednesday, March 20, 2013. For entrants under the age of eighteen (18), this shall be done by their parent or guardian. Late entries will be accepted only with the prior approval of the Regatta Chairman.
- 3.4 In addition, each competitor under the age of eighteen (18) must submit a 2013 Laser Midwinters West Medical Waiver (available on the CYC website), signed by their parent or guardian, no later than 1000 hours on Friday, March 22. Original signatures must be provided for all Medical Waivers submitted by fax. This form shall be mailed, faxed or delivered to:
California Yacht Club
Attn: Laser Midwinters West
4469 Admiralty Way
Marina del Rey, CA 90292 USA
Fax: 310.822.3658
- 3.5 Only boats that have completed registration by 1000 hours on Friday, March 22 will be eligible to race. Late registration may be allowed only with the prior approval of the Regatta Chairman.

4. REGISTRATION

To complete registration, all entrants shall have completed the measurement process, paid all entry fees, completed the Entry Form and, if under the age of eighteen, completed the Medical Waiver. **For competitors under the age of 18, all signatures must be provided by their parent or guardian.**

5. BOW/BOAT NUMBERS

Bow/Boat numbers, if used will be issued during scheduled registration times only after an entrant has completed registration. They shall be affixed to the sail according to the Sailing Instructions.

6. FEES

- 6.1 The early entry fee will be \$150 USD per boat for entries received by 1800, Wednesday, March 20, 2013. The fee for entries received after that date will be \$180 USD. Checks must be drawn on a U.S. bank and made payable to California Yacht Club. To pay by credit card, fill-out the information on the 2013 Laser Midwinters West Entry Form or use the online registration process.
- 6.2 The entry fee includes: snacks and fresh water during each race day, refreshments after racing on Friday and Sunday, a Saturday evening BBQ and a regatta T-shirt.

7. SCHEDULE

Wed., March 20	1800 hrs	Early Entry Deadline
Thursday, March 21	1530 – 1830 hrs	Registration and Measurement
Friday, March 22	0800 – 1000 hrs	Registration and Measurement
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	1015 hrs	Support Boat Registration and Briefing
	1030 hrs	Competitors' Meeting at the Pool Patio
	1255 hrs After racing	Warning Signal for 1st race of the day – Subsequent races to start ASAP Complimentary Refreshments at the Pool Patio
Saturday, March 23	1155 hrs After racing	Warning Signal for 1st race of the day – Subsequent races to start ASAP BBQ downstairs in the CYC clubhouse
Sunday, March 24	1155 hrs After racing	Warning Signal for 1st race of the day - Subsequent races to start ASAP Complimentary Refreshments and Awards Presentation

Nine (9) races are scheduled: three (3) races on Friday, four (4) races on Saturday, and two (2) races on Sunday. The Race Committee (RC) may run fewer races at its discretion.

8. MEASUREMENT

- 8.1 All boats and equipment must meet ILCA rules and complete the measurement process by 1000 hours, Friday, March 22. Note that numbers and letters drawn on the sail are unacceptable substitutes for class required numbers.
- 8.2 Sail inspection will take place in the Epicurean Room (downstairs in the CYC clubhouse).
- 8.3 The RC and/or Protest Committee may inspect boats and equipment for compliance with the rules at any time during the regatta.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at the CYC front desk by 1800 hours on Wednesday, March 20 and may be posted at www.calyachtclub.com.

10. VENUE

The racing area will be on Santa Monica Bay approximately one (1) nautical mile northwest of the Marina del Rey breakwater.

11. THE COURSESS

Courses will be primarily a trapezoid configuration.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply, with the following modification: when fewer than six races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores; when six or more races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.2 Nine (9) races are scheduled; three (3) races must be completed to constitute a regatta.

13. SAFETY AND ADULT RESPONSIBILITY

- 13.1 It is the responsibility solely of the parent(s) of any competitor under the age of eighteen (18), or in the instance of the competitor who is eighteen (18) or over, the competitor, to decide if the competitor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event.
- 13.2 Parents of competitors under eighteen (18) not personally attending any part of the event shall ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their child. Each competitor under eighteen (18) shall submit a completed

CYC Parental Consent Form, signed by their parent or guardian, which indicates the parent or adult representative that will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.

- 13.3 The designated adult shall accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

14. COACH/SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1 Only coach/support boats that have registered with the RC and prominently display identification provided by the RC will be allowed in the racing area. There will be a refundable deposit of \$20 required for each identification flag.
- 14.2 All coach/support boats must carry and monitor a VHF radio and check-in with the RC at the starting area via VHF radio each race day. All individuals on such registered boats are required to wear PFD's.
- 14.3 The conduct of registered coach/support boats and all other boats including spectator boats will be governed by the Sailing Instructions.
- 14.4 Coach/support and spectator boats shall remain in the water from the time they are launched at CYC until the completion of the regatta.
- 14.5 Competitors who wish to keep support boats at CYC must make arrangements with the Dockmaster for use of the hoist, trailer storage and in-the-water berthing. Contact CYC Dockmaster Ty Olsen at ty.olsen@calyachtclub.net or at 310.823.4567.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded after racing on Sunday as follows: Laser – Top 10 overall, first in each master's category and top 3 juniors (under 18 years old); Laser Radial – Top 10 overall.
- 15.2 Thirty (30) Grand Prix points will be awarded.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers (organizing authority, host yacht club, race committee, protest committee, sponsors, and any others acting in an official capacity for this event) from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

Charters

Limited charters will be available on a first come, first served, basis: Contact Regatta Chairman, Jr. S/C David Collins.

Boat Launching

Competitors are invited to utilize the hoists and dinghy dock at CYC during the regatta.

Boat Storage

For information and arrangements regarding boat storage immediately preceding and following the regatta contact CYC Dockmaster Ty Olsen at ty.olsen@calyachtclub.net or 310.823.4567.

Hospitality

Competitors and their guests are invited to use club facilities on race days. Snacks and fresh water will be provided for skippers each race day, a complimentary dinner for competitors will be provided on Saturday (families and guests may purchase tickets) and complimentary refreshments will be provided following racing on Friday and Sunday.

Information

For additional information please contact Regatta Chairman Jr S/C David Collins at davidcollins@mindspring.com.