



Notice of Race

Laser Masters Midwinter's East

February 16-19, 2012

Organizing Authority, Melbourne Yacht Club
Regatta Site – Ballard Park Melbourne FL

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Unless a minimum of 15 Radial entries has been received by February 16th, 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, provided that all rig changes are made on shore and all sails have the same number (Rig-Swapping Rule turned on). If a minimum of 15 Radial entries has been received by February 16th, the Radial fleet shall be given a separate start and shall be scored separately from the Standard Rig fleet (Rig-Swapping Rule turned off). This changes ILCA Class Rule 27(d) by permission of the International Laser Class Association of North America.
- 1.3 If there are 60 or more entries, and there is no separate radial fleet, the RC may at its discretion, divide the open fleet into two divisions. (Rig-Swapping Rule on). Details will be given in the Sailing Instructions if this option is chosen.
- 1.4 The organizing authority may issue colored bands to be applied to the mast.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 Members of the ILCA who have reached the age of 35 by the first day of the regatta may enter. ILCA membership will be required and verified with the ILCA before any registration will be processed or accepted.
- 2.2 Masters shall be divided into the following categories:
 - Apprentice – 35-44 years of age
 - Master – 45-54 years of age
 - Grand Master – 55-64 years of age
 - Great Grand Master – 65+ years of age
- 2.3 Category shall be determined by competitor's age on February 16, 2012.
- 2.4 Entries shall be made online at:
https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=4686
- 2.5 The last day for registration (at the standard price) is Thursday, February 9, 2012. The final day for late registration is February 16th.

3. Fees

- 3.1 The entry fee is \$130, and includes activities and privileges at MYC, water between races, continental breakfast each day, Friday dinner, Saturday dinner, limited keg beer, and a regatta souvenir. Additional all-meals packages may be purchased for \$45, or just the Saturday dinner for \$25. Dinners include 2 tickets for beer or wine at the MYC bar.
- 3.2 The late fee for entries received after February 9th is \$33 additional.

4. Schedule of Races

Thursday, Feb. 16

- 1400 Practice racing with Race Committee
- 1600 – 1730 Competitor check in and sail inspection

Friday, Feb. 18

- 0800 - 1000 Competitor check in and sail inspection
- 1030 Competitor's Meeting
- 1155 First warning signal, other races to follow

Saturday, Feb. 19

- 1055 First warning signal, other races to follow

Sunday, Feb. 20

- 1055 First warning signal, other races to follow
- 1500 No warning signal after 1500

Awards to follow after last race

5. Social Schedule

Thursday – 1900 Informal gathering at Squid Lips (not part of the regatta meal package)

Friday – continental breakfast at 0800. Keg beer and munchies after sailing. Dinner at MYC at 1830.

Saturday – continental breakfast at 0900. Keg beer and munchies after sailing. Dinner at MYC at 1830

Sunday – continental breakfast at 0900. Keg beer and munchies after sailing.

6. Inspection and Measurement

- 6.1 Boats, gear, and sails may be inspected at any time for conformance to Class Rules.
- 6.2 Sail numbers must be the full 5 or 6 digits, must be applied in accordance with Class Rules, and sails must have the builder button.

7. Sailing Instructions

The sailing instructions will be available at registration and online after February 12th.

8. Courses

Courses will be windward-leeward, Olympic, or triangle as shown in the sailing instructions.

9. Scoring

- 9.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A4 will be use except as modified below.
- 9.2 There is no maximum number of races scheduled and the RC will run as many races it deems feasible. A minimum of one race must be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 9.3 When SIX or more races have been completed, a sailor may discard their worst score.
- 9.4 The NA Masters handicap system will be used to score the overall series. For each race: Apprentices - add 3 points - Masters - add 2 points - Grand Masters - add 1 point - Great Grand Masters - add 0.

10. Prizes

- 10.1 1st Overall, 1st-3rd Apprentice Master, 1st-3rd Master, 1st-3rd Grand Master, 1st-3rd Great Grand Master, 1st Woman
10.2 If there is a Radial fleet, 1st Overall, 1st Woman, and 1st in each age group.

11. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See 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.

12. Qualification for 2012 Masters World Championships

As of the date this NOR is published, there has been no decision regarding inclusion of this regatta as a qualification for a future Masters World Championship. For more information see: http://www.nalaser.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=875:2012-world-qualification-system&catid=21:official&Itemid=250#MasterWorlds

13. Further Information

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14. Charters

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14. Event Website

<http://sail-race.com/>
Information on places to stay is listed on the Website.
<http://sail-race.com/myc/PlacesToStay.htm>