



MACATAWA BAY YACHT CLUB

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Notice of Race

2011 US Laser Masters Championship

July 29-31

Macatawa Bay Yacht Club, Macatawa, Michigan

1 Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, the rules of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA) and this Notice Of Race, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions or any appendices to the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 The organizing authority is the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club, Macatawa, Michigan, USA.

1.3 The regatta will be run in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

1.4 Unless a minimum of 15 Radial entries has been received by July 1, 2011, 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 the pre-registration 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). This changes ILCA Class Rule 27(d) by permission of the International Laser Class Association of North America.

2 Language

The official language for this regatta will be English.

3 Inspection and Measurement

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 permanent ink pens are not legal. Refer to <http://www.laserinternational.org/sailnos.htm> for detailed instructions.

4 Boats and Equipment

4.1 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: Green for Apprentice, Red for Masters, Blue for Grand Masters and Yellow for Great Grand Masters.

4.2 If there are 2 fleets, the organizing authority will provide a masthead ribbon of any color for the Radial fleet.

5 Eligibility and Entry

Competitors who are members of the International Laser Class Association and who have reached the age indicated in the categories below by July 29, 2011 are eligible to compete. Competitors who are not members of the ILCA-NA or their national Laser Class Association, may enter by completing registration with the organizing authority.

5.1 Competitors shall be divided into the following divisions:

- 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

5.2 Division shall be determined by competitor's age on July 29, 2011.

6 Risk

It is the competitor's decision to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race. The competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks. The competitor will accept full responsibility for all his/her actions during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

7 Schedule of Events

7.1 Schedule:

Thursday, July 28

Club open for boat storage and practice

Friday, July 29

0800-930 Check in and late registration

0945 Skippers Meeting

1130 First warning signal, races to follow

Attitude adjustment immediately following racing

Saturday, July 30

1030 First Warning signal, races to follow

1900 Dinner at MBYC

Sunday, July 31

1030 First warning signal, races to follow

Hamburger cookout and awards to follow ASAP after last race.

7.2 Ten races are scheduled for this event. The number of races held each day will be at the discretion of the race committee.

7.3 No warning signal will be made after 15:00 on the final day of the regatta

8 Registration

Competitors should register in advance by completing online registration. Online registration is available at YachtScoring.com, Select Event, 2011 U.S. Laser Masters Championship. Registration is limited to the first 90 boats. After the 90 boat limit has been reached, you may register online to hold your place on the event waitlist.

9 Fees

9.1 The entry fee is \$140 US. A late fee of \$25 US will be charged beginning July 1, 2011. Those that enter before July 1 will receive a regatta tee shirt (state your size on entry form).

9.2 The entry fee includes continental breakfast each morning, water and power bars for the competitors during each race day, keg Friday after racing, buffet dinner on Saturday night with open bar for beer and wine, hamburger cookout Sunday after racing.

10 Sailing Instructions

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

11 Courses & Racing Area

11.1 Courses will be windward-leewards, or triangles, or combinations thereof and will be described in the sailing instructions.

11.2 The racing area will be on Lake Michigan approximately 2 miles southwest of the harbor entrance to Lake Macatawa..

12 Scoring

12.1 Scoring will be as provided in RRS 90.3.

12.2 Ten races are scheduled for each fleet. A minimum of 1 race must be completed to constitute a regatta.

12.3 A boat's worst score will be discarded when 6 or more races are completed in her fleet.

12.4 NA Masters handicap scoring system will apply.

13 Awards

13.1 In the Standard fleet, awards will be given to 1st overall, 1st-3rd in each age division, 1st female overall. In the Radial fleet, awards will be given to 1st overall, 1st-3rd in each age division, 1st female overall.

13.2 If 15 Radials have not pre-registered before July 1, 2011 (and all entrants start and finish together and are scored as a single fleet), awards will be given to 1st overall, 1st-3rd in each age division, 1st female overall

13.3 Additional awards may be given depending on fleet size.

14 Support Boats

Only support/coach boats which have registered with the Regatta Chairman by Friday, July 22, 2011, will be allowed in the racing area. The number of support/coach boats may be restricted and boats must be launched by Thursday noon, July 28, and not hauled out until Sunday afternoon, July 31, if using the MBYC ramp. Off site storage of trailers will be required during the regatta.

15 Further Information

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16 Additional Useful Information:

Contact LaserPerformance Hedlund in Evanston, Illinois (847-866-7765) after April 1, 2011, to see if charter boats will be available.

MBYC.com for weather links, directions to club, and link to regatta website.

Holland.org for local area information, including lodging, food, attractions, shopping, events.

Area lodging:

1) City Flats Hotel
61 E 7th St
Holland, MI
616-396-1147

2) Holiday Inn Express
12381 Felch St
Holland, MI
616-738-2800

3) Hampton Inn
12427 Felch St
Holland, MI
616-399-8500

4) Residence Inn
631 Southpointe Ridge Rd.
Holland, MI
616-393-6900

5) Doubletree Hotel
650 E 24th St
Holland, MI

616-394-0111

6) Haworth Inn
225 College Ave
Holland, MI
616-395-7200