

Notice of Race

2011 Great Lakes Laser Masters Championship

June 25 – 26, 2011

The Royal Hamilton Yacht Club, Hamilton, Ontario

Revised May 30, 2011

1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), 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 Royal Hamilton Yacht Club, Hamilton, Ontario

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 the pre-registration deadline, June 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.

2.1 Advertising: This is a category "C" event

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 June 25, 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 June 25, 2011.

5.3 All competitors must be a member of a club that complies with RRS –75.

Non-Canadian competitors must show proof of membership in their own National Sailing Authority.

6. Risk

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

6.2 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 per event.

7. Schedule of Events

7.1 Schedule:

Friday June 24

Club open for boat storage and practice

Saturday June 25 0800-930 Check in and late registration

0945 Skippers' Meeting

1130 First warning signal, races to follow

Attitude adjustment immediately following racing

1900 Dinner at RHYC

Sunday, June 26

1030 First warning signal, races to follow

Hamburger cookout and awards to follow ASAP after last race.

7.2 Seven 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 www.rhyc.ca/registration and select 'Great Lakes Masters'.

9. Fees

9.1 The early registration discount entry fee is \$85 CDN plus applicable taxes. A late fee of \$25 CDN plus applicable taxes will be charged beginning June 1 2011. Those that enter before June 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, buffet dinner on Saturday night, 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-leeward, or triangles, or combinations thereof and will be described in the sailing instructions.

11.2 The racing area will be on Burlington Bay

12. Scoring:

12.1 Scoring will be as provided in RRS 90.3.

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

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

12.4 Laser North American Masters Handicap Scoring System will apply.

13. Awards

13.1 In the Standard Fleet, award to 1st thru 5th overall, 1st in each age division. In the Radial Fleet, 1st-3rd overall, 1st in each age division.

13.2 If 15 Radials have not pre-registered before June 1, 2011, all entrants race together and are scored as a single fleet, and awards will be given to 1st-5th overall, 1st in each age division.

14. Support Boats

Only support/coach boats that have registered with the Regatta Chairman by Friday, June 24, 2011, will be allowed in the racing area. The number of support/coach boats may be restricted and boats must be launched by Friday noon, June 24, and not hauled out until Sunday afternoon, June 26, if using the RHYC ramp. Note that on-site secure storage of trailers is limited, parking areas outside the club compound are public and require your trailers be made secure.

15. Further Information

Contact Colin Jacobs, colinjacobs@sympatico.ca or 905 526-0154

16. Additional Useful Information: RHYC web address: www.rhyc.ca for directions, weather and registration.

For travel and accommodation information www.tourismhamilton.ca