

Clearwater Yacht Club

Notice of Race: Laser Midwinter's East

February 22 – 26, 2017

This Event is a Youth World's Team Qualifier for Boys & Girls Radial Classes

The Organizing Authority for the 2017 Laser Midwinter's East is the Clearwater Yacht Club (CYC), 830 South Bayway Blvd, Clearwater FL 33767. The event will be held from 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 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply
- 1.3 The Radial Fleet will sail in a "Protected Competition" per US Sailing Regulation 12.03. See NOR 15.
- 1.4 The expedited appeal process is available for those in the "Protected Competition", under Appendix R, Procedures for Appeals and Requests, Rule 8. See NOR 16.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Laser, 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 Sailors seeking to qualify for the 2017 World Sailing Youth Championships:
Shall not reach their 19th birthday by December 31, 2017
Must be individual or family members of US Sailing at the time of the Championships
Must be US Citizens or eligible permanent residents with written authorization from World Sailing under World Sailing Regulation 24.5.4
- 2.2 Coaches shall register with the organizing authority and pay the required Coach Registration fee.
- 2.3 Competitors shall complete the Liability Release and Medical Consent forms as part of the Regatta Network registration. Minors will need to download the Liability Release Form for Parental Signature and bring it to Registration.

3 REGISTRATION

- 3.1 Competitors shall register on-line via Regatta Network's website www.regattanetwork.com
- 3.2 The Entry Fee for each Competitor is \$210 USD. Competitors who have not paid the Entry Fee by midnight February 14, 2017 will be charged a \$50 USD late fee.

- 3.3 The Coaches registration fee is \$50 USD. An additional \$35 USD flag deposit will be collected at registration. Coaches shall prominently display their assigned coach flag.
- 3.4 The fee includes water and food at CCSC daily before and after racing, a regatta souvenir and Saturday night dinner at CYC. Participants may obtain a CYC Regatta Membership Card at Registration for additional use of CYC.

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 Medical & Release Forms Required	0900 – 1300 1600 - 2000
	Thursday February 23	Late Check-in & Measurement Only For Registered Competitors Skippers Meeting First Warning Races to follow	0800 - 0900 0930 1100
	Friday February 24	First Warning Races to follow	1030
	Saturday February 25	First Warning Races to follow Dinner & Music at CYC	1030 1830
	Sunday February 26	First Warning Races to follow Closing Ceremonies and Awards to follow at CCSC	1030

- 5.2 No more than three races per fleet will be scheduled for each day.
- 5.3 No warning signal will be made after 1400 on Sunday, February 26.
- 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 inspection will be required at this regatta. Each boat shall comply with the equipment measurement rules of the class and may be inspected at any time during the regatta at the discretion of the Protest Committee or Organizing Authority.
- 6.2 Please ensure that your sail numbers are applied in accordance with ILCA class rules. National letters are not required but if used must also comply with class rules. Numbers and letters drawn on the sail with permanent ink pen are not legal. Refer to www.laserinternational.org (then Rules & Regulations, then Sail Numbers) 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 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10.3 There will be Class Scoring (Standard / Radial / 4.7) for Trophies.

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 and Spectator Support 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. Competitors wishing to arrive earlier than February 21 or leave later than Monday February 27 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 20th or after closing on Tuesday February 21 or Wednesday February 22 may leave their boats & trailers in the Clearwater Yacht Club (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.

ADDENDUM A – Applicable to all Radial Sailors

15. PROCEDURES FOR PROTECTED COMPETITIONS

15.1 US Sailing Regulation 12.03 Protected Competitions, will be in effect for this event, as follows. US Sailing shall ensure that the Organizing Authority includes the following rules and procedures in the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for a Protected Competition:

- a) The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2, and 63.4 shall apply to a Protected Competition, except that the words “when practicable” in the first sentence of the prescription to rule 63.4 are deleted.
- b) Protest committees shall include 20% "sailor-athlete" representation. "Sailor-athlete" has the meaning of "athlete" set forth in USOC Bylaw, Section 8.8.2 (the 10-year rule) or Level A or B Sailor-Athlete as defined by US Sailing Sailor Athlete Council (SAC) Bylaws 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 (except that the US Sailing member class referred to in SAC Bylaw 3.3.2.3 shall be an international class recognized by WORLD SAILING at the time of the sailor-athlete's qualification).
- c) The right of appeal will not be denied under rule 70.5 (a), (b), or (c), but an expedited appeal process may be used that balances the needs of the competitor for certainty with respect to berths in future competitions and sufficient time to prepare the arguments and evidence for the appeal.
- d) Any boat that is a party to a redress hearing may be represented by up to two individuals. This changes rule 63.3(a).
- e) If a hearing is scheduled after the event is concluded and after the sailors and officials have left the venue, it will be scheduled as soon as possible, and in a place and manner chosen with deference to the competitor's preferences or circumstances; and parties to the hearing have the right to be present telephonically or via video feed as appropriate, provided all participants can hear and speak to each other.

15.2

The following rule changes shall be made:

- a) Rule 65.2 is changed as follows: “seven days” is changed to “24 hours”; and “promptly” is changed to “, within 24 hours”.
- b) Rule 66 is deleted and replaced by:

Rule 66 REOPENING A HEARING

- i. The protest committee may reopen a hearing when it decides that it may have made a significant error, or when significant new evidence becomes available within a reasonable time. However, if an appeal of its decision has been sent to the national authority, the hearing shall not be reopened unless the national authority requires reopening under rule R5.4 or decides the appeal cannot be considered.
 - ii. A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 24 hours after being informed of the decision.
 - iii. When a hearing is reopened, a majority of the members of the protest committee shall, if possible, be members of the original protest committee.
- c) Rule 70.2 is deleted, as permitted in rule 86.3.

16. EXPEDITED APPEALS PROCEDURE

Rule R8 is added as follows:

R8 EXPEDITED APPEALS

These provisions may be used as an expedited appeals process for US Sailing Protected Competition, as defined in US Sailing Regulation 12.03 and permitted by Regulation 12.03, Section B, Procedures for Protected Competitions.

APPELLANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

R8.1 An appeal of a protest committee's decision or its procedures shall be sent by e-mail to the US Sailing Race Administration Director (director) at submitappeal@ussailing.org, with a copy to the protest committee chairman.

R8.2 The appeal shall be sent no later than 24 hours after the protest time limit on the last day of the event, or 24 hours after receiving the written decision being appealed or the protest committee's decision not to reopen a hearing, whichever is latest.

R8.3 The appeal shall include: a) the grounds for the appeal; i.e., why the appellant believes the protest committee's decision or its procedures were incorrect; and b) the names and e-mail addresses of the parties to the hearing and the chairman of the protest committee.

R8.4 US Sailing charges a fee of \$25 for an appeal by a member of US Sailing or another national authority, and \$75 for all others. The fee must be paid before the appeal will be considered, and can be paid by credit card online: http://bit.ly/appeal_fee. The fee can also be paid by contacting the director.

US SAILING RACE ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

R8.5 Upon receipt of the appeal, the director will as soon as reasonably possible

- a) forward the appeal to the US Sailing Appeals Committee,
- b) send a written acknowledgement of the appeal via email, and
- c) send a copy of the appeal via email to the parties to the hearing and the protest committee chairman unless satisfied that they already have received it.

In the acknowledgement letter, the director will inform the parties and protest committee chairman of the name and contact information of the chairman of the appeals committee.

PROTEST COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

R8.6 The protest committee shall e-mail to the chairman of the appeals committee as soon as reasonably possible the following documents and information:

- (a) a copy of the decision being appealed;
- (b) the written protest(s) or request(s) for redress;
- (c) a diagram if relevant, prepared or endorsed by the protest committee, that conforms to rule R2.2(c);
- (d) the notice of race, sailing instructions, any other documents governing the event, and any changes to them, unless previously sent to the appeals committee chairman; and
- (e) any other relevant documents.

R8.7 The protest committee shall, within the deadline set by the appeals committee, supply any additional documents, facts or other information when requested to do so by the appeals committee. If directed to do so by the appeals

committee, the protest committee shall at the first reasonable opportunity conduct a hearing of the protest or request for redress, or reopen the hearing of the protest or request for redress. The appeals committee may direct the protest committee to conduct a hearing to consider redress for the appellant or other party to the hearing.

COMMENTS

R8.8 The parties to the hearing and the protest committee may make comments on the appeal or on any of the documents listed in rule R8.6 and R8.7. Comments shall be sent by e-mail to the appeals committee, with copies to the parties to the hearing and the protest committee chairman. The comment period for the appeal and each document is 72 hours from the time the appeals committee sends the appeal or document unless the appeals committee sets a different deadline.

APPEALS COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

R8.9 The appeals committee shall send by e-mail to all parties to the hearing, and to the protest committee, copies of all relevant documents and comments it has received, except those supplied by that party or committee.

R8.10 The appeals committee shall accept the protest committee's finding of facts except when it decides they are inadequate. In that case it shall require the protest committee to provide additional facts or other information, or to reopen the hearing and report any new finding of facts, and the protest committee shall do so at the first reasonable opportunity.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

Clearwater Yacht Club 830 South Bayway Blvd Clearwater, FL 33767
www.clwyc.org/regatta email: office@clwyc.org Ph 727-447-6000

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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.