

Clearwater Yacht Club

Notice of Race: Laser Midwinter's East

February 21 – 25, 2018

The Organizing Authority for the 2018 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

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 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 & Coaches shall register on-line via Regatta Network's website www.regattanetwork.com before 8 pm February 21, 2018. Registrations not fully paid by this date will be rejected.
- 3.2 The Entry Fee for each Competitor is \$220 USD. Competitors who have not paid the Entry Fee by midnight February 14, 2018 will be charged a \$50 USD late fee.
- 3.3 The Coaches shall register on line via Regatta Network's website per 3.1. Registration fee is \$50 USD. An additional \$50 USD flag deposit will be collected at registration. Coaches shall prominently display their assigned coach flag.
- 3.4 The registration 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 21	Registration & Measurement Medical & Release Forms Required	0900 – 1300 1600 - 2000
	Thursday	February 22	Late Check-in & Measurement Only For Pre-Paid Registered Competitors Skippers Meeting First Warning (Races to follow)	0800 - 0900 0930 1100
	Friday	February 23	First Warning (Races to follow)	1030
	Saturday	February 24	First Warning (Races to follow) Dinner at CYC	1030 1830 - 2100
	Sunday	February 25	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 1600 except on Sunday, February 25, when no warning signal will be made after 1400.

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 and are permitted in the staging area.

Safety Boats will fly an orange numbered flag.

Spectator Boats will fly an orange numbered flag (available for \$50 deposit)

Spectator Boats are not permitted in the staging area

Boats without the above flags will be diverted from the racing area

12 ADMINISTRATIVE

Competitors will be welcome to arrive at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center on Tuesday February 20. Competitors wishing to arrive earlier than February 20 or leave later than Monday February 26 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 19th or after closing on Tuesday February 20 or Wednesday February 21 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.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

Clearwater Yacht Club www.clwyc.org/regatta	830 South Bayway Blvd email: office@clwyc.org	Clearwater, FL 33767 Ph 727-447-6000
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Directions and a list of area hotels may be obtained from the Clearwater Yacht Club web site.