

Clearwater Yacht Club

Notice of Race: Laser Midwinter's East

February 20 – 24, 2019

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

The Organizing Authority for the 2019 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 R8. See NOR 15.

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 to compete in the 2019 World Sailing Youth Championships must meet the eligibility criteria outlined in US Sailing's Athlete Selection System and Requirements. (<https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/YWQ-2019-selection-criteria-Final.pdf>)

Age: All prospective athletes shall be under the age of 19 years on 31 December 2019.
(Born after 31 December 2000)

Citizenship: Unless otherwise approved by the IOC or World Sailing Board, all prospective Athletes shall be a national of the USA and present proof of nationality (passport) or approved exception. The athlete's passport shall not expire for six months after the conclusion of the 2019 Youth Worlds.

World Sailing ID: Must have a registered "World Sailor ID" on the World Sailing website.

US Sailing Membership: Competitors must have a US Sailing individual or family membership in good standing and shall not be otherwise ineligible to compete under the laws, regulations, policies and rules of the USOC or its affiliated organizations.

Gender: Prospective athletes must meet the gender requirements of the respective event

- 2.3. Coaches shall register with the organizing authority and pay the required Coach Registration fee.
- 2.4. 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 20, 2019. Registrations not fully paid by this time and 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 13, 2019 will be charged a \$50 USD late fee.
- 3.3 Coaches shall register on line via Regatta Network's website per 3.1. Registration fee is \$50 USD. A \$50 late fee will be charged for Registration after February 18. An additional \$50 USD flag deposit will be collected at registration and will be refunded when the flag is returned on February 24. Coaches will prominently display their flags.
- 3.4 Spectator boats are required to Register at CCSC (no fee) and pay a refundable \$50 flag deposit. They are not permitted to have contact with the Sailors or enter the Coaching area. Spectators shall prominently display their assigned numbered flag and be respectful of the course area. Boats without flags will be discouraged from approaching the course by the Safety and Coast Guard boats.
- 3.5 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 at 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 20	Registration & Measurement Release Forms must be signed	0900 – 1300 1600 - 2000
	Thursday February 21	Late Check-in & Measurement Only For Paid Registered Competitors Skippers Meeting First Warning (Races to follow)	0800 - 0900 0930 1100
	Friday February 22	First Warning (Races to follow)	1030
	Saturday February 23	First Warning (Races to follow) Dinner at CYC	1030 1830 - 2100
	Sunday February 24	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 1630 except on Sunday, February 24, when no warning signal will be made after 1430.
- 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 check-in.

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 coaching area.
Safety Boats will fly an orange numbered flag.
Spectator Boats will fly a green numbered flag (available for \$50 deposit)
Spectator Boats are not permitted in the coaching 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 19. Competitors wishing to arrive earlier than February 19 or leave later than Monday February 25 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 18th or after closing on Tuesday February 19 or Wednesday February 20 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. **PROCEDURES FOR PROTECTED COMPETITIONS**

15.1 US Sailing Regulation 12.03, Protected Competitions, will be in effect for the Laser Radial class. The following Rules and Procedures will apply:

- (a) The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 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 Other rule changes

- 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. Reopening a Hearing, second sentence is deleted and replaced by:
"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.
- (c) Rule 70.2 is deleted.

15.3 Expedited appeals procedure

The expedited appeals system in rule R8, Expedited Appeals, will be used. See: <https://www.ussailing.org/w-p-content/uploads/2018/01/2017-Expedited-Appeals.pdf>

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

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Directions and a list of area hotels may be obtained from the Clearwater Yacht Club web site.