



INTERNATIONAL LASER CLASS ASSOCIATION NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

July 12-15, 2018

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club
Long Beach, California, USA



NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The regatta is a World Sailing 100-Point Event. (*Pending WS Approval*)
- 1.3. The requirements of the Qualifying System as published by the Pan-American Sailing Federation (<http://panamsailing.org/1292-2/>) shall apply for all boats competing to qualify their countries in the Laser Radial and Laser Standard for the 2019 Pan American Games, Lima, Peru. The 2018 ILCA North American Championship will qualify the top 7 countries (not previously qualified) in the Laser Radial and Laser Standard events. A competitor may qualify a country only if he or she is eligible to represent that country under IOC rules.
- 1.4. The following prescriptions of US national authority will apply:
 - 1.4.1. RRS 61.4 – Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress – US Sailing prescribes that: – US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.
 - 1.4.2. RRS 67 – Damages – US Sailing prescribes that:
 - (a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not by that action alone admit liability for damages.
 - (b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing Appeals authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
 - (c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of “assumption of risk” for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.
 - 1.4.3. RRS 76.1 – Exclusion of Boats or Competitors – US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason, or for the reason of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.
- 1.5. Under RRS 86, Changes to The Racing Rules the following racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - RRS 35, RRS A4 and RRS A5 will be changed to state that a boat failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish.
 - RRS 62.2 and RRS 66 will be changed to shorten the time limit for a request for redress and for reopening of protest hearings on the last scheduled day of racing.

The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

- 1.6. In all rules governing this regatta;



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- [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee;
- [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the protest committee with a hearing; and
- [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. RRS 60.1(a) will be changed in the Sailing Instructions.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the Laser Standard, Laser Radial and Laser 4.7 classes.
- 3.2. Competitors must be members in good standing of their national Laser Class Association.
- 3.3. Classes of seven boats or more will be given a separate start.
- 3.4. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at <http://www.abyc.org/event.cfm?id=1917> and paying the required fee by July 10, 2018.
- 3.5. After July 10, 2018, entries will only be accepted in person.
- 3.6. Only boats having completed all registration requirements will be allowed to compete.

4. FEES

- 4.1. Entry fee \$200 US (until July 1, 2018), \$250 US (until July 10, 2018). (The entry fee includes refreshments after racing each race day, a regatta dinner and a regatta souvenir.)
- 4.2. Coach Event Registration Fee is \$50 US per person
- 4.3. Refunds for cancelled entries will be 50% up to Tuesday June 10, 2018

5. EVENT FORMAT

- 5.1. 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.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Registration
 - 6.1.1. Wednesday, July 11, 2018, From 1200 To 1700
 - 6.1.2. Thursday, July 12, 2018, From 0900 To 1200
- 6.2. Measurement and Inspection
 - 6.2.1. Wednesday, July 11, 2018, From 1200 To 1700
 - 6.2.2. Thursday, July 12, 2018, From 0900 To 1000
- 6.3. Racing Schedule
 - 6.3.1. Thursday, July 12, 2018
 - 6.3.2. Friday, July 13, 2018
 - 6.3.3. Saturday, July 14, 2018
 - 6.3.4. Sunday, July 15, 2018
- 6.4. A daily coaches and support boat meeting will be held at 0900
- 6.5. A daily competitors meeting will be held at 0930.
- 6.6. Number of races:
 - 6.6.1. Twelve races are scheduled.
 - 6.6.2. No more than 4 races per day shall be sailed.
- 6.7. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day will be 1155.



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- 6.8. On the last scheduled day of racing the first warning signal for a race will not be made after 1600.

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1. All boats shall comply with current ILCA Class Rules and Specifications.
- 7.2. Competitors must present their sails at check in for inspection of national letters, sail numbers and sail buttons to ensure compliance with class rules. Sail numbers must be applied in accordance with ILCA class rules. Numbers and letters drawn on the sail with permanent ink pens are not legal. Refer to www.laserinternational.org/sailnos.htm for detailed instructions.
- 7.2.1. Compliance with RRS 77 will be enforced, which requires that every boat shall carry on her mainsail, (a) the insignia denoting her class; (b) national letters denoting her national authority (c) a sail number [DP]
- 7.3. Additional spot measurement checks may be carried out during the regatta at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. The sailing Instructions will be available electronically on the regatta website. Printed copies will be posted on the official notice board.

9. VENUE

- 9.1. Races will be held in either; 1) the waters of San Pedro Bay outside the Long Beach Breakwater, or 2) inside the Long Beach Breakwater in the vicinity of the Belmont Pier.

10. THE COURSES

- 10.1. A trapezoid course will be used with inner and outer loops and an upwind finish. The target time for the first boat in each race will be 40 minutes.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. Three (3) completed races shall constitute a series.
- 12.2.
- When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 12.3. For purposes of National Olympic Committee (NOC) qualification for Laser Standard (men), Laser Radial (women) events - men and women shall be scored separately.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

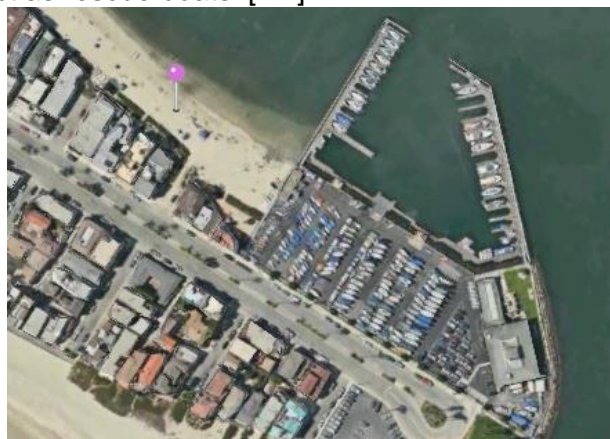
- 13.1. All support boats shall register at the Race Office during the registration period.
- 13.2. All support boats will be required to comply with local legislation and support boat requirements. [DP]

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- 13.3. Coaches are required to complete on-site registration and pay the appropriate fee as per NoR 4.2 at the office or online. [DP]
- 13.4. Support boats shall display their national letters on a flag or outboard covers. [DP]
- 13.5. If called upon support boats will be required to act as rescue boats. [DP]

14. BERTHING

- 14.1. Boats shall be stored overnight on a public beach in Alamitos Bay adjacent to Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. Each boat must have its own trolley. [DP]
- 14.2. After each day of racing, all personal belongings shall either be secured within a boat or removed from the beach area; security patrols will be provided for the beach area however the OA assumes no responsibility for any lost or missing items. [DP]



15. PARKING AND STORAGE

- 15.1. Due to space limitations, vehicle parking on Alamitos Bay Yacht Club grounds is restricted. Off-street parking is available across the street in municipal lots. Participants should obtain vehicle parking passes from the Yacht Club office. [DP]
- 15.2. The Regatta fee includes launching, recovery, and storage for visiting competing boats from the weekend prior to the event until the Wednesday following the event. Alamitos Bay Yacht Club is closed on Monday and Tuesday. [DP]
- 15.3. Visiting competing boats may request extended storage IN ADVANCE by contacting the ABYC office. The cost is \$10 US per day paid in advance. [DP]
- 15.4. Any boat or trailer found on Alamitos Bay Yacht Club property without prior written authorization from Alamitos Bay Yacht Club is subject to impound and associated fees. [DP]

16. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. [DP]

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top positions in each fleet, with one prize awarded for every eight boats registered. A minimum of three and a maximum of ten places will be awarded.
 - a) Bruce Kirby Cup to the highest placing male in Laser Full Rig
 - b) North American Radial Championship Trophy to the highest placing Laser Radial

18. SAFETY

Competitors shall either wear a US Coast Guard-approved flotation device, or a flotation device that conforms to regulations of their own country. [DP]



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19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

20. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
 - a) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - b) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - c) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

Additional useful information regarding accommodations, travel, boat charters, equipment services and area recreation are available at www.abyc.org or contact the ABYC office abyc@abyc.org or +1 562 434 9955.

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