



Ottawa Valley Laser Masters Championships

August 24-25, 2019
Britannia Yacht Club
2777 Cassels St, Ottawa, ON, Canada

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

- The Organizing Authority (OA) is Britannia Yacht Club (BYC)

2. RULES

- The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and these Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- The fundamental rule under Part One of the Laser Class Rules shall apply except as follows: The sail and spars may be manufactured by the licensed builder or other builder/sail maker so long as it retains equivalent conformity and is in accordance with the Laser design specification.
- Racing Rule 40 is changed as follows: Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices (code flag Y need not be displayed).
- 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).

3. ADVERTISING

- Competitor advertising shall be restricted to the current ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code.
- Boats may be required to display advertising and/or bow numbers chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- The regatta is open to all boats of the Laser class whose skippers have reached the age of 35 by the regatta start date. Competitors shall be assigned to the following age divisions based on their age on the first day of the regatta:
 - 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
- Eligible competitors may enter by completing the online registration form and fee payment via the Britannia Yacht Club's event website <https://byc.ca/sail/2019-laser-masters> on or before Friday 23rd August 2019. On-site registration will be open on Saturday 24th August 0800 – 1000 (cash or cheque only).

- Competitors will be required to agree to a waiver of liability as a condition of eligibility. This waiver may be completed either during online registration or at the event check-in.

5. CLASSIFICATION

- This event is open to sailors of all classifications as described in ISAF Regulation 22, Sailor Classification Code.

6. FEES

- The entry fee is \$60 for entries completed with payment on or before 2nd August 2019.
- An entry fee of \$80 will be charged for entries completed or paid after 3rd August 2019.
- Entries will not be accepted after 1000 on 24th August 2019.
- Entry fees include berthing during the regatta, post-racing refreshments and dinner on Aug 24.

7. SCHEDULE

Saturday August 24	0800 - 1000	Check-in & registration
	1000 – 1030	Competitors Meeting
	1130	First Race Warning
	1600 – 1700 (approx.)	Happy Hour
	1700 (approx.)	Dinner
Sunday August 25	1000	First Race Warning No warning signal will be made after 1400
	1500 (or as soon as possible after sailing)	Awards presentation

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- The Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website <https://byc.ca/sail/2019-laser-masters> or at event check-in on Saturday 24th August, 2019.

9. VENUE

- Britannia Yacht Club, 2777 Cassels St, Ottawa, ON, Canada

10. COURSES

- The courses will be around buoys set by the race committee as described in the Sailing Instructions.

11. SCORING

- The Low Point Scoring System (Appendix A) shall be used, as modified below.
- The number of races scheduled is nine.
- When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- The ILCA-NA Masters handicap system will be used to determine the overall series winner. For each race counted in the competitor's final score, the following points will be added: Apprentices, 3 points; Masters, 2 points; Grand Masters, 1 point; Great Grand Masters, 0 points. The competitor's overall score will be the sum of his or her included finishes plus his or her total handicap points.
- Divisional positions are determined by extraction from the overall results without re-scoring.
- When two or more competitors are tied on points, the tie shall be broken as follows:
 - Within an age division, a tie will be broken as described in Appendix A, Section A8.
 - Across the age divisions, a tie will be broken in favour of the sailor from the older division.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

- Support and coach boats must register at the Race Office during the check-in period. During racing, support boats shall monitor the race committee VHF channel and remain more than 50 yards from the course area, except when asked to assist by the race committee.
- Support and coach boats shall berth in Britannia harbour, specific berthing shall be advised upon arrival.

13. BERTHING

- Boats shall be kept in the designated areas of Britannia Yacht Club as directed at check-in.

14. PRIZES

- Prizes will be given to the overall winner (lowest score after handicap points), 2nd overall, 3rd overall, first woman overall, and top 3 finishers in each of the four age divisions.
- The number of prizes may be adjusted to suit the number of competitors pre-registered in each division. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

15. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, & PERSONAL CONDUCT

- Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk (see 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.
- Competitors will accept full responsibility for all their actions during any activity related to this event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

16. INSURANCE

- Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of CAN\$1,000,000 per event or the equivalent. Competitors shall be prepared to supply proof of insurance on request.

17. RIGHT TO USE NAME & LIKENESS

- By participating in this event, all competitors automatically grant the organizers and sponsors the right to make, use and show, at any time and at their discretion, any photographs or videos of him or her produced during the period of the event without compensation.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

- Further event information and useful information regarding accommodations, travel, boat charters and area recreation is available online at <https://byc.ca/sail/2019-laser-masters>.
- For more information, please contact Regatta Chairman via OttawaValleyLaserMasters@gmail.com.