

CANADIAN LASER MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021

(Incorporating the Ottawa Valley Masters Championships 2021)

August 20-22, 2021

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

NOTICE OF RACE

You are cordially invited to attend the Canadian Laser Masters Championships 2021 Regatta, being held at Britannia Yacht Club, Ottawa, on August 20 - 22, 2021. Competitors, coaches and their families are welcome before and after these dates. The Organizing Authority (OA) is Britannia Yacht Club (BYC).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by rules as defined by the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
 - 1.1.1. Appendix T will apply.
- 1.2. The following documents that apply can be seen at:
 - 1.2.1. Prescriptions of Sail Canada: https://www.sailing.ca/uploads/2020/10/Sail-Canada-Prescriptions-to-the-RRS_2021-2024.pdf.
 - 1.2.2. ILCA Laser Class Rules: <http://www.laserinternational.org/rules-and-regulations/laser-class-rules/> with the exception of Rule 28(d) as noted in section 4.3.
- 1.3. Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wetsuits and drysuits are not personal flotation devices. Code Flag Y may not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.
- 1.4. The Britannia Yacht Club Code of Conduct will apply as it relates to measures to address Covid-19. This code can be seen at https://www.byc.ca/images/BYC_Code_of_Conduct_COVID_V9.pdf.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions posted on the official regatta notice board.
- 2.2. The Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official regatta notice board before August 20, 2021.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official regatta notice board will be located in the clubhouse outside the Bruce Nook on the windows on the west side of the clubhouse.
- 3.2. An online notice board is located at <https://byc.ca/sail/2021-canadian-laser-masters-championships>. Where there is a conflict between the online notice board and the official notice board, the official notice board will prevail.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors and support personnel on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.4. [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat will not be permitted to make voice or data transmissions and or to receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1. 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 will be assigned to the following age divisions based on their age on the first day of the regatta:

Category	Age Range
Apprentice	35-44 years of age
Master	45-54 years of age
Grand Master	55-64 years of age
Great Grand Master	65-74 years of age
Legends	75+ years of age

- 4.2. All competitors must be current members of ILCA North America or their equivalent national Laser Class Association. Non-members can join the class by completing registration online at www.laser.org.
- 4.3. Classes will be as follows:
- 4.3.1. If less than 12 Laser Standard or less than 12 Laser Radial boats have been entered by the pre-registration deadline, all boats will start and finish together and be scores as a single fleet. Competitors may choose Standard, Radial or 4.7 rigs at their discretion, and change rigs throughout the regatta, provided that all rig changes are made on shore and all sails have the same number (Rig-Swapping Rule turned on).
- 4.3.2. Providing that a minimum of 12 Standard and 12 Radial entries has been received by the pre-registration deadline, the Laser Radial fleet shall be given a separate start and shall be scored separately from the Standard fleet (Rig-Swapping Rule turned off). Rig-Swapping between Radials and 4.7s shall always be in effect and any competitors choosing to sail with a 4.7 rig will be considered a Laser Radial for the purposes of class numbers and results.
- 4.3.3. This changes ILCA Class Rule 28(d) by permission of the International Laser Class Association of North America.
- 4.4. 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/2021-canadian-laser-masters-championships>) on or before Wednesday 18th August 2021. On-site registration will be open on Thursday 19th August 2021 from 1800 to 2000 and Friday 20st August 2021 from 0800 to 1030 (cash or cheque only).
- 4.5. 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.
- 4.6. Entries will not be accepted after 0930 on Friday 20st August 2021.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry fees are as follows:

On or before Friday July 31 st , 2021	CA \$150.00 + HST
After Friday July 31 st , 2021	CA \$190.00 + HST

- 5.2. Entry fees include berthing during the regatta, regatta souvenir, light breakfast, dinner on Friday and Saturday evenings and admission to all scheduled social events. (Regatta souvenirs are subject to availability and are not guaranteed for registrations after the pre-registration deadline of July 31st, 2021).

6. ADVERTISING

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

7. SCHEDULE

7.1. Registration and racing schedules are as follows:

Thursday August 19	1800-2000	Check-in & registration
Friday August 20	0800 – 1030	Check-in and registration Breakfast (bagels/coffee)
	1030	Competitors Meeting
	1200	First Race Warning
Saturday August 21	0800 - 0930	Breakfast (bagels/coffee)
	1030	First Race Warning
Sunday August 22	0730 - 0900	Breakfast (bagels/coffee)
	1000	First Race Warning
	1400	Deadline for last Race Warning
	1500 (or as soon as possible after sailing)	Awards presentation

7.2. For every class, a maximum of 9 races through the regatta, and four per day, will be scheduled.

8. INSPECTION & MEASUREMENT

8.1. All boats will be required to comply with current ILCA Class Rules and Specifications.

9. VENUE

9.1. The regatta is to be held at Britannia Yacht Club, 2777 Cassels St, Ottawa, ON, Canada. NoR Addendum A shows the plan of the event venue and the location of the racing areas.

10. COURSES

10.1. The courses will be around buoys set by the race committee as described in the Sailing Instructions. They will include windward and leeward legs and may include reaching legs.

11. SCORING

11.1. The Low Point Scoring System (RRS Appendix A) will be used, as modified below:

11.1.1. One or more completed race will constitute a series.

11.1.2. When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

11.1.3. When 6 or more a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11.2. 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, 4 points; Masters, 3 points; Grand Masters, 2 points; Great Grand Masters, 1 points; Legends, 0 points. The competitor's overall score will be the sum of his or her included finishes plus his or her total handicap points.

11.3. Divisional positions will be determined by extraction from the overall results without re-scoring. When two or more competitors are tied on points, the tie will be broken as follows:

- a) Within an age division, a tie will be broken as described in RRS Appendix A, Section A8.
- b) Across the age divisions, a tie will be broken in favour of the sailor from the older division.

12. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 12.1. Support person vessels will be required to be marked with a numbered flag provided by the Race Committee during the registration or check-in period.

13. BERTHING

- 13.1. Boats and support person vessels are to be kept in the designated areas of Britannia Yacht Club as directed at check-in.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1. Prizes will be given to the overall winner (lowest score after handicap points), first woman overall, and top finishers in each of the five age divisions (in each fleet if there are two fleets).
- 14.2. The overall winners of both fleets will also be named winners of the Ottawa Valley Laser Masters Championships 2021.
- 14.3. The number of prizes will 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

- 15.1. 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.
- 15.2. Competitors will accept full responsibility for all their actions during any activity related to this event. This includes onshore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

16. INSURANCE

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

17. RIGHT TO USE NAME & LIKENESS

- 17.1. 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.

We look forward to welcoming you to a weekend of keen competition and good sportsmanship in our Nation's Capital. For information regarding accommodation's and area recreation etc. please visit (<https://byc.ca/sail/2021-canadian-laser-masters-championships>)

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