

Notice of Race

Laser Masters U.S.A. National Championship Regatta

Saturday, 12 August, 2006 – Monday, 14 August, 2006

[Richmond Yacht Club](#)
Richmond, California

1 Rules:

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the [ILCA Class Rules](#), the prescriptions of the Master's of the ILCA-NA, and this Notice Of Race, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions or any appendices to the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 The organizing authority is the [Richmond Yacht Club](#).

2 Language:

The official language for this regatta will be English.

3 Inspection and Measurement:

Sail measurement may be required at this regatta. Please ensure your sail numbers are applied in accordance with ILCA class rules. Sails may be measured prior to racing, and may also be spot checked at any time during the regatta. Note that numbers and letters drawn on the sail with permanent ink pens are not legal. Refer to <http://www.laserinternational.org/sailnos.htm> for detailed instructions.

4 Eligibility:

Competitors who are members of the International Laser Class Association and who have reached the age indicated in the categories below by Saturday, August 12, 2006 are eligible to compete in the 2006 Master's US Nationals:

4.1 Masters Categories:

- 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

You must achieve the proper age by the first day of the regatta.

5 Risk:

It is the competitor's decision to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race. The competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks. The competitor will accept full responsibility for all his/her actions during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

6 Schedule of Events:

6.1

<i>Saturday, 05 August, 2006</i>	<i>1730</i>	Early Entry Deadline
<i>Friday, 11 August 2006</i>	<i>1300</i>	Practice-Race
<i>Friday, 11 August 2006</i>	<i>1500 - 1800</i>	Registration
<i>Friday, 11 August 2006</i>	<i>1800</i>	Club Dinner (extra charge)
<i>Saturday, 12 August, 2006</i>	<i>0830 - 1030</i>	Registration
<i>Saturday, 12 August, 2006</i>	<i>1030</i>	Skipper's Meeting
<i>Saturday, 12 August, 2006</i>	<i>1300</i>	First Warning for 4 Races
<i>Saturday, 12 August, 2006</i>	<i>1800</i>	<u>Special Banquet (included)</u>
<i>Sunday 13 August, 2006</i>	<i>1300</i>	First Warning for 4 Races
<i>Sunday 13 August, 2006</i>	<i>1800</i>	Club Dinner (extra charge)
<i>Monday 14 August, 2006</i>	<i>1300</i>	First Warning for 2 Races
<i>Monday 14 August, 2006</i>	<i>1600</i>	Awards & Competitor Raffle

6.2

No warning signal will be made after 1500 on the final day of the regatta.

6.3

The Race Committee may adjust the number of races each day to accommodate weather conditions.

7 Registration:

7.1 Competitors may register in advance by completing the registration form and sending it with the appropriate fees to:

Richmond Yacht Club
Laser Masters USA National Championship
P.O. Box 70295
Pt. Richmond, CA 94807-0295
Phones: 510-237-2821, Fax: 510-237-8100

7.2 Late registration will be available at the regatta site until 10:30 am on Saturday, August 12, 2006 (late fees will apply after Saturday, August 5, 2006).

8 Fees:

8.1 Required Fees (checks should be made payable to):

Richmond Yacht Club.

The entry fee is for is \$130.00 USD .

A late fee of \$30.00 USD will be charged to entries received after 1730, Saturday, 05 August, 2006

8.2 The entry fee includes fresh water for the competitors during each race day, dinners on scheduled evenings and a regatta souvenir.

8.3 Hospitality

- There will be a gourmet dinner provided for all competitors on Saturday evening.
- Competitors and their guests are invited to use club facilities on race days.
- Refreshments will be provided following racing on Saturday and Sunday.
- A no-host bar is also located on the premises and will be open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- There will be dinners on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings. The entry fee covers the dinner for a competitor on Saturday.

9 Sailing Instructions:

The sailing instructions will be available on the Richmond Yacht Club website (<http://www.richmondyc.org/>) on or about August 1st, 2006. A final version will be available at on-site registration.

9.1 Rig Switching Rule. The competitors will all compete in one fleet. Masters regatta competitors have the option to swap rigs (from full to radial or 4.7 and back) at their discretion, provided that all rig changes are made on shore and all sails have the same number. All competitors shall start and finish together as a single fleet.

10 Courses & Racing Area:

10.1 Courses will be Standard ILCA-NA Master's Courses.

10.2 The racing area will be Northeast of the Berkeley Circle on San Francisco Bay.

11 Scoring:

11.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A2, will be used.

11.2 Ten (10) races are scheduled, and a minimum of two (2) races must be completed to constitute a regatta.

11.3 NA Master handicap system. You add the following points to each race to find the overall series winner.

- Apprentices - add 3 points
- Masters - add 2 points
- Grand Masters - add 1 point
- Great Grand Masters - add 0 points

The results are recalculated and the person with the lowest score wins, etc.

12 Additional Information:

12.1 Accommodations

Limited RV parking and berths on boats in local yacht basin may be available – contact Jonathan Howell (510-835-4626) for details.

Closest hotels: ***Reserve early***

[Hotel Mac - Point Richmond](#) - (510-235-0010)

[Quality Inn - Point Richmond](#) - (510-237-3000)

[Expedia Travel](#)

[Yahoo Travel](#)

12.2 Charters:

Contact Alex Jordan at [Svendsen's Boat Works](#) 510-521-8454 to coordinate charters.

12.3 Support Boats:

Only boats which have registered with the Race Committee (RC) and carry assigned identification will be allowed in the racing area. All individuals on such registered boats are required to wear PFDs.

12.4 Pets:

Pets must be kept under positive control at all times. Owners are expected to clean up after their pets.

12.5 For Additional Information:

Contact:

- David LaPier at dlapier@cisco.com or leave message, 408-525-6396.
- Jonathan Howell at jonathan@technicalwizardry.com, 510-835-4626
- Simon Bell at Simon_A_Bell@yahoo.com, 916-358-3877
- Richmond Yacht Club at antonia@richmondyc.org, 510-237-2821