



Laser Class U.S. Nationals
And
U.S. Singlehanded Sailing Championship
Houston Yacht Club (OA), La Porte, Texas
June 30th – July 3rd, 2018
NOTICE OF RACE Revision 2

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (U.S. SAILING) will apply
- 1.3 The rules of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA) will apply.
<http://laserinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/2017-Laser-Class-Rules.pdf>
- 1.4 Racing rules 40, 61.1, A2.1 and appendix P will be changed as follows:
 - Rule 40 Competitors are required to wear a life jacket or other adequate personal flotation device while racing. Code Flag “Y” will not be displayed.
 - Rule 61.1 is changed to require a competitor to notify the finish boat after finishing of any protest(s).
 - A2.1 is changed so that six (6) races shall be completed before a boats score can be excluded.
 - Appendix P will be changed so that P2.3 will not apply.
- 1.5 Competitor advertising will be limited to that permitted by the current World Sailing Regulation 20:
[http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/2017AdvertisingCodeRegulation20-\[21690\].pdf](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/2017AdvertisingCodeRegulation20-[21690].pdf)
and the ILCA class rules.
- 1.6 Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, applies.

1.7 Competition will take place on Galveston Bay, north of the Houston Yacht Club, La Porte, Texas

1.8 Competitors who are also sailing for the U.S. Singlehanded Championship must comply with U.S. Sailing's Championship conditions:

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/championship-conditions/> and the Conditions for the U.S. Singlehanded Championship

<https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Singlehanded-Conditions.pdf>

2. LANGUAGE

The official language for this regatta will be English.

3. INSPECTION AND MEASUREMENT

Sails may be inspected prior to racing and may 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://laserinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Sail_Number_Instructions.pdf for detailed instructions.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 Laser, Laser Radial, and 4.7 competitors who are members of the ILCA-NA (International Laser Association-North American Region), or their national Laser Class Association may enter by completing the online entry form at: https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=15758

4.2 In addition to the requirement described in 4.1, to be eligible to be scored in the U.S. Singlehanded Sailing Championship competitors must be at least age 17 in the calendar year of 2018, and be a current member of U.S. Sailing. Additionally, these competitors must be a member of a Sailing Club, Sailing Organization, or District Laser Class Association (LSO), belonging to a Regional Sailing Association (RSA) recognized by U.S. Sailing; or a sailing club, sailing organization, or Laser Class Association, belonging directly to U.S. Sailing, or a Community Sailing Program (CSP) which is a member of an RSA recognized by U.S. Sailing.

4.3 When registering, those competing for the U.S. Singlehanded Sailing must provide a current U.S. Sailing membership number.

5. FEES

5.1 For all classes, entry fee is \$200 if received on or before June 23, 2018.

5.2 A late fee of \$50 will be assessed to all entries received on or after June 23, 2018.

5.3 Coaches entry fee \$50 if received by June 23rd, 2018. A late fee of \$25 will be assessed to all coach entries on or after June 23, 2018.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE TIME

Friday, June 29

- 1200 Registration and Measurement opens for competitors, coaches, and support boats
- 1700 Welcome social party, heavy appetizer, tent
- 1800 Registration closes

Saturday, June 30

*0800 Registration and Measurement

*0900 Registration Closes

*0930 Skippers Meeting

*1200 First warning signal, races to follow

*1800 Following races TBD

Sunday, July 1

*1200 First warning signal, races to follow

*1800 Following races, TBD

Monday, July 2

*1200 First warning signal, races to follow

*1800 Following races Regatta banquet

Tuesday, July 3

- 1200 First warning signal, races to follow
- Awards to follow immediately after racing
- No warning signal will be made after 1600 on the final day of the regatta

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on-site and online at <http://www.regattanetwork.com> by no later than 1700 hours on Friday, June 2nd, 2018.

8. COURSES & RACING AREA

8.1 Courses will be standard ILCA-NA courses as described in the ILCA-NA Regatta Guidelines.

8.2 The intended race area will be on the North Galveston Bay, near the Houston Yacht Club, utilizing inflatable marks.

9. SCORING

9.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A4, will be used except as modified in 9.2 and 9.3.

9.2 11 races are scheduled; a minimum of 3 races must be completed to constitute a regatta.

9.3 When six or more races are completed sailors may discard their worst score.

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors shall participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (see Rule 4 DECISION TO RACE). The organizing authority does not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

11. PRIZES

11.1 Laser Class U.S. Nationals: Prizes will be awarded to the top five (5) finishers in the Laser, top eight (8) in the Laser Radial, **and three (3) in the 4.7's.**

11.2 U.S. Singlehanded Sailing Championship:

George D. O'Day Trophy to the overall highest placing male in the Laser Full Rig class, Helen Willis Hanley Trophy to the overall highest placing female in the Laser Radial class, Peter J. Barrett Sportsmanship Trophy may be awarded. U.S. Sailing medals will be awarded to the top three finishers in each fleet

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

Event Chair: Darren Rose – Darren_Rose@sbcglobal.net

Co-Event Chair: **Sandra Baldrige – srbaldrige10@gmail.com**

Principal Race Officer – Jim Tichenor

Chief Judge – Tony Nunes

