

ILCA & US SINGLEHANDED
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
(O'Day / Hanley / Barrett Trophies)
LASER, LASER 4.7, LASER RADIAL OPEN
OA: Norfolk Yacht and Country Club,
Big Blue Sailing Academy at Old Dominion University
Lower Chesapeake Laser Fleet 12
June 17-20, 2021 (Race days: June 18-20)
Norfolk, Virginia
NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta is organized under the authority of the Big Blue Sailing Academy and NYCC. The regatta will be governed by the current *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of the classes competing as they apply to that class except as any of these are changed by the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions and properly posted amendments thereto. [US Sailing Regulation 10](#) applies to the US Sailing National Championship. The US Sailing Prescriptions are available at www.ussailing.org.
- 1.2. The regatta will conform to the current World Sailing Regulation 20 and the respective Class Rules, found at <http://www.laserinternational.org/>.
- 1.3. RRS Appendix P, will apply. The title of RRS P2.2, "Second Penalty" is changed to "Second and Subsequent Penalties". When a boat is penalized a second time during the regatta, she shall promptly retire, unless her penalty was signaled after she finishes, in which case she shall promptly notify the race committee at the finish line that she is retiring.
RRS P2.3 is deleted.
- 1.4. RRS 40.1 Personal Flotation Devices shall apply, with the additional requirement, [DP] that each competitor shall wear a USCG approved life jacket that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on or before Thursday, June 18, 2021 at the Official Notice Board located on the event website.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/RE55JpGbFE>.
- 3.2. The race office is located at Old Dominion University Sailing Center.
- 3.3. [DP] All support boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on USA channels.
- 3.4. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1. The event is open to boats of the International Laser Radial (open), International Laser Standard, and Laser 4.7 classes. Each class must have a minimum of 5 entries. Competitors who are members of the ILCA-NA (International Laser Association-North American Region),



- or their National Laser Class Association may enter.
- 4.2. Competitors shall enter by completing the online entry form available on the event website on <https://theclubspot.com/register/regatta/RE55JpGbfE/class>, or <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2021-u-s-singlehanded-championship/> and paying the required fees. On-line entry opens on March 6, 2021. Entry in the event is not final until registration is completed.
 - 4.3. All competitors must check in on-site to complete registration.
 - 4.4. Competitors who are also competing for the U.S. Singlehanded Championships must comply with [U.S. Sailing Championship Conditions](#) and [U.S. Sailing Singlehanded Conditions](#).
 - 4.5. In addition to the requirement described in 4.4, 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 2021 and at the time of registration and during the event, all competitors that are US citizens shall be members of US Sailing, and all non-citizen shall either be members of US Sailing or members of their World Sailing recognized MNA.
 - 4.6. When registering, those competing for the U.S. Singlehanded Sailing Championship must provide a current U.S. Sailing membership number.
 - 4.7. On Site Registration and Check-in for competitors and coaches is scheduled for Thursday, June 17 between 1400-1830 and on Friday, June 18th between 0800-0900 at the ODU Sailing Center.
 - 4.8. All entries must be received by 1830 on June 17, 2021.
 - 4.9. The regatta will initially be capped at 175 boats, after which time a waitlist will be formed. The OA may choose to expand the regatta's size if health and safety conditions allow, and federal, state, and local restrictions on gathering sizes are eased for outdoor sporting events. Participants will be moved off the waitlist in order of registration.

5. ENTRY FEES

- 5.1. Fees are stated in US Dollars and include Virginia State Sales Tax. Entries for all classes received by 1900, May 18, 2021 will qualify for the early entry fee of \$180. Entries received after 1900, May 18, 2021 will have an entry fee of \$205. Support/Coach Boats will have a registration fee of \$50. Fee will include an event t-shirt and it may include one event meal ticket.

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

7. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 7.1. The event may consist of a qualifying series and final series for one or more classes.

8. SCHEDULE

June 17, 2021 0800		Venue Opens
June 17	1400-1830	On-site check-in & sail inspection
June 17	1900	Competitors' Briefing via Zoom (https://odu.zoom.us/j/91317530131 or +16465588656,,91317530131#)
June 18	0800-0900	On-site check-in & sail inspection
June 18-20	1030	First Warning
June 20	1500	No warning signal after Awards ceremony following the close of protest deadline.

- 8.1. No more than four races per fleet will be scheduled for each day,
- 8.2. A minimum of one (1) race shall constitute a regatta. A maximum of eleven (11) races, in total, are scheduled for the entire regatta.



9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1. [DP] Sail inspection will be required at this event. Each boat shall comply with the equipment measurement rules of the Class and may be inspected at any time during the event at the discretion of the Protest Committee or the Organizing Authority. [DP] National letters are not required. But if used, national letters must comply with class rules. Numbers and letters that have been drawn on the sail with permanent ink pen are not legal. Refer to www.laser.org (Rules and Regulations, Sail Numbers) for detailed instructions.
- 9.2. [DP] In the case of charter boats, the sail number maybe different from the hull number if the race committee approves prior to the start of racing on June 18.

10. VENUE

- 10.1. There are two racing areas at this venue. Area A is off the ODU Sailing Center in the Lafayette River. Area Bis near Craney Island and Middle Ground Lighthouse and approximately 4nm from the Sailing Center. While proceeding to race Area B, competitors shall be towed or escorted by the across the Elizabeth River shipping channel in proximity to G17. Competitor launching will be from the ODU Sailing Center, 4551 Powhatan Ave, Norfolk, VA 23529



11. COURSES

- 11.1. Windward/Leeward with an offset and a gate above the starting line, finishing to weather of the committee boat between a staff and an orange mark. Designated by W and a number indicating the number of legs. W4 would be 4 legs.
- 11.2. Trapezoid with an inner and outer loop with gates, finishing upwind to a separate finish line below the starting line. Designated by a T with a 1 to indicate Outer and 2 to indicate Inner.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. The Low Point System, RRS Appendix A, will apply, modified so that each boat's regatta score will be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded if more than five races have been completed.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1. [DP] All support boats must register online and pay the \$50 registration fee. All support boats will receive an assigned slip and trailer parking spot.
- 13.2. [DP] Coach and Support boats are required to monitor the course channel on a VHF radio and be available to assist with safety when requested.
- 13.3. All support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-switch (kill switch) which should always remain attached to the support person while the engine is running. Failure to comply may be misconduct and/or result in expulsion from the event.
- 13.4. [DP] Coach and Support boats shall be berthed as instructed at Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, free of charge for vessels under 25' LOA. Trailers are to be parked in the designated



lot(s) at Old Dominion University.

14. PRIZES

14.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top 5 boats in each class, top female in the Radial and 4.7 and, Top Master in each category for the Laser Standard class, and one prize in the Laser Standard fleet for a junior who shall not have had their 18th birthday before the first day of racing.

14.2. US SAILING SINGLEHANDED CHAMPIONSHIPS:

George D O'Day Trophy to the overall highest placing male in the Laser Standard Class. Helen Willis Hanley Trophy to the highest placing female in the Laser Radial Class. Peter J Barrett Sportsmanship trophy may be awarded. US Sailing medals will be awarded to the top finishers in each fleet. Only U.S. citizens or resident aliens throughout the Championship Final event may be declared the U.S. National Champion in each fleet.

15. RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1. Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3 Decision to Race. The Big Blue Sailing Academy, Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, Old Dominion University, and organizers will not be liable for material damage, loss, death, or personal injury (including but not limited to, illness related to COVID-19) in conjunction with the event.

16. SAFETY

16.1. All competitors, coaches and other support persons will be required to follow all local, state and federal regulations regarding health and safety. This may include masking, distancing, and gathering requirements. Additionally, the OA may choose to impose additional regulations at their discretion. These additional regulations will be posted in the form of an amendment to the NOR.

16.2. It is the responsibility solely of the parent(s)/guardians of the competitors who are under the age of 18 at the start of the competition to decide if the competitor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. Parents of competitors under 18 not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their child.

17. CHARTER BOAT INFORMATION

17.1. Limited Charters may become available.

18. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

18.1. For further information, please contact Regattas@bigbluesailingacademy.com,
Or ODU Sailing Center 757-683-3387

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