

Clearwater Yacht Club

Notice of Race: Laser Midwinter's East February 17-21, 2010

The organizing authority for the 2010 Laser Midwinter's East is the Clearwater Yacht Club (CYC). The event will be held at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center (CCSC), 1001 Gulf Boulevard, Clearwater 33767.

1 Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

1.2 RRS Appendix P, Immediate Penalties for Breaking Rule 42, will apply.

2 Inspection and Measurement

Sail measurement will be required at this regatta. Please ensure your sail numbers are applied in accordance with ILCA class rules. National letters are not required, but if used, must also comply with the 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.

3 Eligibility and Entry

3.1 Laser, Radial and Laser 4.7 competitors who are members of the ILCA or their National Laser Class Association, may enter by completing registration with the organizing authority and paying the required fees.

3.2 Coaches shall register with the organizing authority and pay the required coach registration fee.

3.3 ISAF Eligibility shall apply to men sailing Laser Full rigs and women sailing Laser Radials. These athletes shall be registered as ISAF Sailors on the ISAF website. <http://www.sailing.org/isafsailor>

3.4 Competitors shall present signed and completed release and medical consent forms at registration. The forms are available for download on the event website.

4 Event Format

If any fleet has a large number of entries, the Organizing Authority may divide that fleet. Divided fleets will sail a qualifying series, prior to being split into a Gold/Silver final series.

5 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely 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.

6 Schedule of Events

6.1

Wednesday, February 17

1500 – 1900 Registration & Sail Measurement

Thursday, February 18

0800 – 0900 Registration & Sail Measurement

0930 Skippers Meeting

1100 First warning signal, races to follow

Dinner served after racing at CCSC

Friday, February 19

1100 First warning signal, races to follow

Saturday, February 20

1100 First Warning signal, races to follow

1830 Dinner served at CYC

Sunday, February 21

1000 First warning signal, races to follow

Awards to follow ASAP after last race.

6.2 No race shall start after 1400 on Sunday.

6.3 Ten (10) races are scheduled, of which a minimum of three races must be completed to constitute a regatta.

7 Advance Registration

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

Laser Midwinter's East, Clearwater Yacht Club, 830 South Bayway Blvd, Clearwater Florida 33767.

8 Fees

8.1 Required Fees (checks should be made payable to Clearwater Yacht Club Youth Sailing):

The entry fee for each competitor is \$180 USD with a \$30 late fee after February 9th, 2010. The coaches fee is \$40 USD.

8.2 The fees include lunch on each race day, two dinners and a regatta souvenir.

9 Sailing Instructions

The sailing instructions will be available during on-site registration.

10 Courses & Racing Area

10.1 The racing area will be the Gulf of Mexico off Clearwater Beach.

10.2 The courses will be Trapezoid or Windward/Leeward.

11 Scoring

11.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A2, will be used except as modified below.

11.2 There will be one discard when six or more races are completed. When 9 or more races are completed there will be two discards.

12 Radio Communication

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

13 Administrative

Competitors will be welcome to arrive at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center on Wednesday, February 17th. Competitors wishing to arrive earlier may be subject to a nominal launching/storage fee and should make the arrangements directly with the Clearwater Community Sailing Center.

14 Further Information

For Regatta Information please contact:

David Billing (Event Registrar) phone (727) 560-1752 or email david@bauassoc.com

Clearwater Yacht Club 830 South Bayway Blvd Clearwater FL 33767
phone: (727) 447-6000 or email office@clwyc.org

Clearwater Community Sailing Center 1001 Gulf Blvd Clearwater, FL 33767
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Directions and a list of area hotels may be obtained from the Clearwater Yacht Club web site www.clwyc.org