



LASER MIDWINTERS WEST

IN CONJUNCTION WITH

Ullman/Frost Series #4

Thursday through Sunday, March 26 - 29, 2015
Marina del Rey, California USA



NOTICE OF RACE

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Organizing Authority is California Yacht Club (CYC), located at 4469 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292
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1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), and for those competing in the Ullman/Frost #4, the [2014/2015 Ullman and Frost Perpetual Series Notice of Race](#).
- 1.2. The "class rules" for the purposes of the definition of rules are the [Laser Class Association Rules](#).
- 1.3. This regatta is an International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Grade 2 event.
- 1.4. RRS 82 will not apply. Competitors must submit the standard [CYC Entry Form](#), available at Regatta Network.
- 1.5. RRS 63.1, A4.1 and A5 will be changed to provide that, without a hearing:
 - 1.5.1. A boat failing to check in properly prior to the Warning Signal for the first race each day may be given a twenty percent (20%) scoring penalty in that race.
 - 1.5.2. A boat that starts more than five (5) minutes after her Starting Signal will be scored DNS.
- 1.6. RRS 35, 63.1, A4.1, and A5 will be changed to provide that a boat failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored, without a hearing, a finishing place two more than the last boat to finish that race.
- 1.7. In addition to the requirements of RRS 40 and its US Sailing Prescription, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a US Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD), or a PFD approved by the country of the competitor's citizenship or residence, properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFDs do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Violation of this provision will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 40, its US Sailing Prescription and the Preamble to RRS, Part 4.
- 1.8. RRS 62.2 and 66 will be changed to shorten the time limit for filing requests for redress based upon actions of the jury and requests to reopen a hearing on the last day of racing.
- 1.9. Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply.
- 1.10. Appendix T, Section C, Expedited Hearings, rules T3 and T4 will apply, except rule T4.6.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. This regatta is open to all Laser and Laser Radial class boats that meet International Laser Class Association (ILCA) rules.
- 2.2. Each boat must be entered by an individual who is a member of the ILCA.
- 2.3. Each entrant shall complete the [online Registration process](#) and pay all fees prior to 1800 hours on Wednesday, March 25, 2015. For entrants under the age of eighteen (18), registration must be completed by their parent or guardian. Late entries may be accepted only with the prior approval of a Regatta Chair.
- 2.4. As part of the online registration process, the parent or guardian of each competitor under the age of eighteen (18) must complete a [CYC Parental Consent Form](#) by 1000 hours on Friday, March 27 if competing in the Laser Midwinters West, or by 1000 hours on Saturday, March 28 if competing only in the Ullman/Frost #4.

3. CHECK IN

- 3.1. To complete check in, each entrant shall have met all eligibility and entry requirements, paid the entry fee and completed the prescribed Measurement process for this regatta.
- 3.2. For entrants competing in the Laser Midwinters West, only those who have completed check in prior to 1000 on Friday March 27, 2015 will be eligible to race.
- 3.3. For entrants competing only on Saturday and Sunday in the Ullman/Frost #4, only those who have completed check in prior to 1000 hours on Saturday March 28, 2015 will be eligible to race.
- 3.4. Late check in may be allowed only with the prior approval of a Regatta Chair.

4. FEES

- 4.1. The early entry fee will be \$150.00 USD per boat for entries received by 1800 hours on Wednesday March 11, 2015 (Early Entry Deadline). The fee for entries received after that date will be \$190.00 USD.
- 4.2. The entry fee entitles each competitor to: snacks and fresh water each race day, refreshments after racing on Friday and Sunday, a complimentary dinner on Saturday, and regatta gear.

5. SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 11	1800 hrs	Early Entry Deadline
Wednesday, March 25	1800 hrs	Entry Deadline
Thursday, March 26	1530 – 1830 hrs	Check In and Sail Inspection
Friday, March 27	0800 – 1000 hrs 1000 hrs 1015 hrs 1030 hrs 1255 hrs	Check In and Sail Inspection Check In closes Support Boat Registration and Briefing Competitors' Meeting at the Pool Patio Warning Signal for 1st race of the day – Subsequent races to start ASAP
Saturday, March 28	0800 – 1000 hrs 1000 hrs 1155 hrs	Check In and Sail Inspection for those competing in Ullman/Frost #4 Check In closes for those competing in Ullman/Frost #4 Warning Signal for 1st race of the day – Subsequent races to start ASAP
Sunday, March 29	1155 hrs After racing	Warning Signal for 1st race of the day - Subsequent races to start ASAP Awards Presentation in CYC Clubhouse

Nine (9) races are scheduled: three (3) races on Friday, four (4) races on Saturday, and two (2) races on Sunday. The Race Committee (RC) may run fewer races at its discretion.

6. MEASUREMENT

- 6.1. All boats and equipment must meet ILCA rules and may be inspected by the Race Committee (RC) and/or Protest Committee for compliance with the rules at any time during the regatta.
- 6.2. Sail Inspection will take place in the Epicurean Room (downstairs in the CYC clubhouse). Note that numbers and letters drawn on the sail are unacceptable substitutes for class required numbers.
- 6.3. For those competing in the Laser Midwinters West, Sail Inspection shall be completed prior to 1000 hours on Friday, March 27, 2015. For those competing only on Saturday and Sunday in the Ullman/Frost #4, Sail Inspection shall be completed prior to 1000 hours on Saturday, March 28, 2015.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be posted at [the regatta webpage](#) by 1800 hours on Sunday, March 22 and will be available at Check In.

8. VENUE

The racing area will be on Santa Monica Bay approximately one (1) nautical mile northwest of the Marina del Rey breakwater.

9. THE COURSES

Courses will be primarily a trapezoid configuration.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will be modified as follows: When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores; when six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 10.2. Nine (9) races are scheduled; three (3) races must be completed to constitute a regatta.

11. SAFETY AND ADULT RESPONSIBILITY

- 11.1. It is the sole responsibility of the parent(s) of any competitor under the age of eighteen (18), or in the instance of the competitor who is eighteen (18) or over, the competitor, to decide if the competitor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event.
- 11.2. Parents of competitors under eighteen (18) not personally attending any part of the event shall ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their child. The parent or guardian of each competitor under eighteen (18) shall submit a [CYC Parental Consent Form](#), signed by their parent or guardian, which indicates the parent or adult representative that will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.
- 11.3. The designated adult shall accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

12. COACH/SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1. Only coach/support boats that have registered with the RC and prominently display identification provided by the RC will be allowed in the racing area. There will be a refundable deposit of \$20 required for each identification flag.
- 12.2. Each coach/support boat must carry and monitor a VHF radio. Each individual on such registered boats is required to wear a PFD.
- 12.3. The conduct of registered coach/support boats and all other boats including spectator boats will be governed by the Sailing Instructions.
- 12.4. Coach/support and spectator boats shall remain in the water from the time they are launched at CYC until the completion of the regatta.
- 12.5. Competitors who wish to keep coach/support boats at CYC must make arrangements with the Dockmaster for use of the hoist, trailer storage and in-the-water berthing. Contact CYC Dockmaster, Ty Olsen at ty.olsen@calyachtclub.net or at 310.823.4567.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1. Prizes will be awarded after racing on Sunday in accordance with the Laser class guidelines.
- 13.2. Thirty (30) Grand Prix points will be awarded.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers (organizing authority, host yacht club, race committee, protest committee, sponsors, and any others acting in an official capacity for this event) from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

Charters

For charter information, contact Michael Bradley at Vela-LA: Vela-LA.com, Michael@vela-la.com or 562.243.8820.

Boat Launching

Competitors are invited to utilize the hoists and dinghy dock at CYC during the regatta.

Boat Storage

For information and arrangements regarding boat and/or trailer storage immediately preceding and following the regatta contact CYC Dockmaster, Ty Olsen at ty.olsen@calyachtclub.net or 310.823.4567.

Hospitality

Competitors and their guests are invited to use club facilities on race days. Snacks and fresh water will be provided for skippers each race day, a complimentary dinner for competitors will be provided on Saturday (families and guests may purchase tickets) and complimentary refreshments will be provided following racing on Friday and Sunday.

Information

For additional information: please contact the Regatta Chairs at Lasermw2015@gmail.com or Marylyn Hoenemeyer at 310.617.3870, Denise George at 310.490.9432 or JoAnn Meebos at 310.612.4555.