



LASER MIDWINTERS WEST
IN CONJUNCTION WITH
51ST OLYMPIC CLASSES REGATTA
AND
2011-2012 ULLMAN/FROST SERIES



March 23 to 25, 2012

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority for the Laser Midwinters West for Laser, Laser Radial and Laser 4.7 boats will be the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club (ABYC), 7201 E Ocean Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90803, phone 562.434.9955. Information about ABYC and this regatta is available at www.abyc.org.

1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. For those competing in the Ullman/Frost #4, the 2011-2012 SCYYRA Ullman-Frost Series Notice of Race will apply. <http://www.scyyra.org>
- 1.3. The regatta is an International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Grade 2 event.
- 1.4. Appendix P – Special Procedures for Rule 42 will apply.
- 1.5. 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 PFD's 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 rule 40, its US SAILING Prescription and the Preamble to Part 4.
- 1.6. US SAILING Prescriptions to rule 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.7. Rule 62.2 and 66 will be changed to shorten the time limit for filing requests for redress and requests to reopen a hearing. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.8. Rule 35, 63.1, A4.1 and A5 will be changed to provide that any boats failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored, without a hearing, a finishing place one more than the last boat to finish that race.
- 1.9. Rule- 82 will not apply.
- 1.10. Appendix A2 has been changed so that when fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code, will apply.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1. This regatta is open to all Laser, Laser Radial and Laser 4.7 class boats that meet the requirements of the ILCA and shall be entered by an individual who is a member in good standing of the North American Region of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA-NA) or their national Laser Class Association.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the [on-line registration at Regatta Network](#) and paying all fees prior to 1800 hours on Thursday, March 22, 2012. Thereafter entries may only be made in person. In-person entries will be accepted until 0930 on regatta morning.
- 3.3. For boats competing only on Saturday and Sunday in the Ullman/Frost #4, only those who have completed registration and check-in prior to 0930 hours on Saturday, March 24, 2012 shall be eligible to race.
- 3.4. Late check-in may be allowed only with the prior approval of the Regatta Chairman.
- 3.5. To complete check-in, each entrant shall have met all eligibility and registration requirements, paid all entry fees, and passed the prescribed measurement check procedure for this regatta.
- 3.6. Five (5) entries are required to establish a class. Establishment of a class will be based on entries received by



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4. FEES

4.1. The following fees apply:

	Early Entry Discount On or before March 18 th	Standard Fee
Laser Classes (includes snacks, 1 Saturday dinner ticket & dry-shirt)	\$ 120.00	\$ 150.0
Coach, Support, Spectator boats (includes snacks, 1 Saturday dinner ticket & dry-shirt)	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
Discounts from Fees Above		
US Sailing Members	\$5	\$5

4.2. If payment is made by check, it must be drawn on a U.S. bank and made payable to Alamitos Bay Yacht Club.

4.3. The entry fee and coach boat fee includes snacks and fresh water for 1 each race day, refreshments after racing on Friday and Sunday, a Saturday night dinner and a regatta dry shirt. Shirt sizes can only be guaranteed on entries submitted prior to March 2nd.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. The regatta schedule is as follows:

Thursday, March 22, 2012	Laser Midwinters West – Registration 1400-1800
Friday, March 23, 2012	Laser Midwinters West – Registration 0800-1000 Laser Midwinters West – Registration Deadline 1000 Competitors' briefing 1030 First warning (three races planned) 1155 Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and no-host bar after racing.
Saturday, March 24, 2012	Ullman/Frost – Registration 0800-1000 Competitors' briefing 1030 First warning (four races planned) 1155 Dinner and no-host bar after racing.
Sunday, March 25, 2012	First warning (three races planned) 1155 Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and awards after racing.

5.2. Ten (10) races are scheduled: three (3) races on Friday, four (4) races on Saturday, and three (3) races on Sunday.

6. MEASUREMENT

6.1. All boats and equipment must meet class rules and may be inspected by the RC and/or Protest Committee for compliance with the rules at any time during the regatta.

6.2. Sail inspection shall be completed prior to 0930 hours on Friday, March 23, 2012. For those competing only on Saturday and Sunday in the Ullman/Frost #4, sail inspection shall be completed prior to 0930 hours on Saturday,



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March 24, 2012. Note that numbers and letters drawn on the sail are unacceptable substitutes for class required numbers.

6.3. Sail inspection will take place upstairs in the ABYC clubhouse.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1. The Sailing Instructions will be posted at [Alamitos Bay Yacht Club - Laser Midwinters West](#) by Sunday, March 17 and will be available at check-in.

8. VENUE

8.1. The regatta will be sailed in the waters of San Pedro Bay off Long Beach, California.

9. THE COURSES

9.1. Courses will be primarily a trapezoid or windward/leeward configuration.

10. SCORING

10.1. Three races must be completed to constitute a series.

10.2. When fewer than five (5) races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

11. SAFETY AND ADULT RESPONSIBILITY

11.1. It is the responsibility solely 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 the age of 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.

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. Competitors who wish to keep coach/support/spectator boats at ABYC must make arrangements with the ABYC Organizing Authority for use of the hoist, trailer storage and in-the-water berthing. After registering the Coach/support/spectator boat online, contact ABYC at (562) 434-9955.

12.2. All Coach/support/spectator boats must register and pay the applicable fee.

12.3. Coach/support boats shall remain in the water from the time they are launched at ABYC until the completion of the regatta.

12.4. Only registered coach/support boats that have paid the applicable fee and prominently display identification provided by the RC will be allowed in the racing area. In addition to the \$40 fee, there will be a refundable deposit of \$20 required for each identification flag. All coach/support/spectator boats must have their own VHF radio and be prepared to monitor a designated VHF channel if requested to do so by the race committee. Coach/support/spectator boats must be prepared to render assistance to any boat in need and perform any other function requested by the race committee. Coach/support/spectator boats shall display an identification flag supplied by the race committee. No other banner shall be displayed.

12.5. Unless otherwise directed by the race committee, coach/support/spectator boats shall not be allowed on the course nor have any communication with competitors between the warning signal for a race and the time the race is either abandoned, postponed or a general recall has been signaled or that competitor has finished the race.

12.6. The penalty for failing to comply with requests by the race committee or requirements stated above or in the sailing instructions will be applied to the competitor's boat associated with the coach/support/spectator boat at the discretion of the protest committee.



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13. PRIZES

- 13.1. Prizes will be awarded following the racing on Sunday to the top competitors in each established class.
- 13.2. Laser Midwinters West:
 - a) Additional prizes given to the top Juniors in their classes and the top sailor in each of the Masters' classes.
 - b) Thirty (30) ILCA-NA Grand Prix points will be awarded to winners of qualified Laser Midwinters West fleets of Lasers, Radials and Laser 4.7 as per current ILCA-NA Grand Prix Rules.
- 13.3. The following perpetual trophies will be awarded:

Laser	Sidney T. Exley, Ocean Racing Trophy
Laser Radial (Open)	California State Senate Trophy
Laser Radial (Women)	Ray Enright Perpetual (First Woman)
Laser 4.7	Ed Edgar Trophy

14. PARKING AND STORAGE

- 14.1. Due to space limitations, vehicle parking on ABYC grounds is restricted. Off-street parking is available across the street in municipal lots. Participants should obtain vehicle parking passes from the ABYC office.
- 14.2. The Regatta fee includes launching, recovery, and storage for visiting competing boats from the day prior to the event until the day following the event. If the event ends on a Sunday, this period is extended to the next day the club is open, as ABYC is closed on Monday and Tuesday.
- 14.3. Visiting competing boats may request extended storage IN ADVANCE by contacting the ABYC office. The cost is \$10.00 per day paid in advance.
- 14.4. Any boat or trailer found on ABYC property without prior written authorization from ABYC is subject to impound and associated fees.

15. HOSPITALITY & SOCIAL

- 15.1. For a list of social events see Section 5. (Schedule). Sailing attire is acceptable in the clubhouse.
- 15.2. Competitors and their guests are invited to use club facilities on race days.
- 15.3. Complimentary refreshments will be provided following racing on Friday and Sunday.
- 15.4. The ABYC Galley will be open from 0800 to 1630 Friday, Saturday and Sunday for breakfast or lunch. Additional Bag lunches will be also be available.
- 15.5. A complimentary dinner tickets is included in the entry for competitors and registered coach boats. Additional Saturday night dinners may be purchased with a boat's entry, either online mail at <http://www.abyc.org>, or in person. Reservations for additional Saturday night dinners on a space-available basis may be made with the ABYC office via phone at (562) 434-9955 or at <http://www.abyc.org>.

16. PARKING

- 16.1. Parking on the ABYC grounds is limited to the time required to disconnect trailers and load and unload sailing gear. Free parking passes are available at the ABYC office for parking directly across the street from ABYC.

17. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE OF RACE

- 17.1. ABYC reserves the right to amend this notice. Any amendments will be made prior to March 12, 2012, and will be posted on the ABYC website, <http://www.abyc.org>. Amendments may be posted on the official regatta notice board.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing



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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.

19. SAFETY

19.1. ABYC recommends that all competitors wear personal flotation devices while on the water. The Y flag (personal flotation required) will be flown at all regattas from October 15 through April 14, and it may be flown at other regattas.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 20.1. Regatta Chairman – For additional information please contact
- a) Ed Spotskey – espotman@aol.com
 - b) Todd Smith – trsmith@raytheon.com