

**2013 Laser Master Gulf Coast
Championship
May 17-19, 2013
Fort Walton Yacht Club, Fort Walton, FL**

1 Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, the rules of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA) and this Notice Of Race, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions or any appendices to the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 The organizing authority is the **Fort Walton Yacht Club**. The event will be held at **Fort Walton Yacht Club**.

1.4 Unless a minimum of 15 Radial entries has been received by the pre-registration deadline, all entrants shall start and finish together and be scored as a single fleet. Competitors may choose Standard, Radial or 4.7 rigs at their discretion, provided that all rig changes are made on shore and all sails have the same number (Rig-Swapping Rule turned on). If a minimum of 15 Radial entries has been received by the pre-registration deadline, the Radial fleet shall be given a separate start and shall be scored separately from the Standard Rig fleet (Rig-Swapping Rule turned off). This changes ILCA Class Rule 27(d) by permission of the International Laser Class Association of North America.

2 Language

The official language for this regatta will be English.

3 Inspection and Measurement

Sail measurement will be required at this regatta. Please ensure your sail numbers are applied in accordance with ILCA 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.

4 Eligibility and Entry

Competitors who are members of the International Laser Class Association and who have reached the age indicated in the categories below by **May 18, 2013** are eligible to compete. Competitors who are not members of the ILCA-NA or their national Laser Class Association, may enter by completing registration with the organizing authority.

4.1 Masters shall be divided into the following categories:

- Apprentice – 35-44 years of age
- Master – 45-54 years of age
- Grand Master – 55-64 years of age
- Great Grand Master – 65+ years of age

4.2 Category shall be determined by competitor's age on May 18, 2013.

5 Risk

It is the competitor's decision to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race. The competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks. The competitor will accept full responsibility for all his/her actions during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

6 Schedule of Events

Friday, May 17

6:00-9:00pm - Welome Party @ Fudpuckers, across from Ramada Plaza on the Island Regatta Packet, & Late Registration

Saturday, May 18

10:30 - Skippers Meeting

11:55 - First Warning Signal

Races to Follow

6:00 - Yellow Birds and dinner after race

Sunday, May 19

11:55 - First Warning Signal

Races to Follow

Awards to Follow after last race.

6.2 No warning signal will be made after 15:00 on Sunday on the final day of the regatta.

7 Advance Registration

Competitors may register in advance by completing the standard ILCA-NA registration form and sending it, with the appropriate fees to <https://RegattaTech.com/events/LaserFleet490/GCMaster13>. Advance registration will be in the drawing for a new Standard Laser Sail.

8 Fees

8.1 Required Fees (checks should be made payable to: Fleet 490).

The entry fee is \$65.00.

A late fee of \$10.00 will be added to the entry fee after May 13, 2013.

8.2 The entry fee includes food and fresh water for the competitors during each race day, dinners on scheduled evenings and a regatta souvenir.

9 Sailing Instructions

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

10 Courses & Racing Area

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

10.2 The racing area will be Choctawhatchee Bay.

11 Scoring

11.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A4, will be used except as modified below.

11.2 5-8 races are scheduled, a minimum of 3 races must be completed to constitute a regatta.

11.3 When (typically 6) or more races are completed a sailor may discard their worst score.

11.4 NA Masters handicap system will be in place to determine the overall series winner. For each race counted in the competitor's final score, add the following points: Apprentices, 3 points; Masters, 2 points; Grand Masters, 1 point; Great Grand Masters, 0 points. Results are recalculated and competitors ranked from lowest to highest score after handicap points have been added.

12 Additional Useful Information

Additional useful information to include: accommodation information (hotel, motel, camping), nearest airports, boat charter contacts, etc.

Lodging

Special Room Rates are available at Ramada Plaza Beach Resort, 850-874-8962;

Closest Airport, Okaloosa Regional Airport; Charter boats available from Sayre Sailing,

John Sayre 843-883-9070 or 843 534-0560. There will be a new standard Laser Sail

awarded to the 1st overall winner. Other lodging facilities are available by visiting

www.emeraldcoastfl.com.

xx Further Information

For Regatta Information please contact:

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Register online at: <https://regattatech.com/events/Laser490/GCMasters13>

Appendix IV - STANDARD ENTRY FORM

REGATTA ENTRY FORM

Regatta name _____

Dates of event _____

Name of Competitor _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Sex _____

Street address _____

City _____

State/Prov. _____ Post code/ zip code _____

Country _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Home Yacht Club _____

Member of the Laser Class? _____ Expiration date _____

Check enclosed? _____ Amount? _____