

Hyannis Yacht Club
490 Ocean Street
Hyannis, MA 02601
Oktoberfest Laser Regatta
Notice of Race
Sunday October 8, 2017
Hyannis Yacht Club is the organizing authority

1. Rules:

- 1.1 The Oktoberfest Laser Regatta will be governed by rules as defined by “The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020”.
- 1.2 The 2017-2020 US Sailing Prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 ISAF Regulations – Regulation 20
- 1.4 Racing Rule 40 will be changed - All Competitors are required to wear an approved PFD at all times while racing. Racing Rule 44 will be changed - For boats racing in Lewis Bay a boat may take a one turn penalty as soon after the incident as possible rather than the prescribed two turn penalty. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.5 Laser standard and radial classes are subject to their class rules.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 These races are open to Laser Standard and Radial rigs. There will be a junior division in both fleets. Junior competitors must be under the age of 18.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing a Registration Form available on the HYC Website (www.hycracing.org). No boat will be scored unless a registration form, applicable fees (and a Medical Release Form for all competitors under the age of 18) have been received. A medical Release Form for competitors under age 18 must be signed by a parent or guardian.

3. Decision to Race

I understand that the decision to participate in any event of the Hyannis Yacht Club is my sole responsibility and not that of the Hyannis Yacht Club. I do for myself, my executors, heirs, and assigns waive any and all claims as may accrue to me or them against the Hyannis Yacht Club, its officers, trustees, members, employees, agents arising from my participation in any event at the Hyannis Yacht Club or any of its related activities. At all yachting events I hereby warrant that my boat will have all required equipment on board, that it will be seaworthy in hull, rig and gear, and that it will be competently manned.

4. Fees.

Required fee will be \$50 per boat registered. Fees include racing fee, Oktoberfest memorabilia and after race cookout. There will be a cash bar available following racing.

5. Schedule

5.1 Registration will begin at Hyannis Yacht Club at 0830. Harbor start is at 1015 with first warning at 1100.

5.2 Parking is available in the lot adjacent to the Hyannis Yacht Club. Parking will begin at 0700 on October 8, 2017. Boats must be removed from the lot at the end of the day.

5.3 Following races, there will be an Oktoberfest cookout at HYC followed by awards.

6. Sailing Instructions

The sailing instructions will be available prior to the first race at registration and on the HYC website.

7. Courses

The sailing area of the regatta will be in Lewis Bay. Courses to be sailed will be described in the sailing instructions.

8. Scoring

The Low Point System, Appendix A will apply, except that a boat's worst score will be discarded after completing five (5) races.

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9. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded as follows: 1st place for laser standard and laser radial and 1st place in each division for junior competitors

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GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

The Hyannis Yacht Club encourages good sportsmanship. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule they will promptly take a penalty or retire. The basic principal is often described as "Corinthian", but no matter what words you use to describe the concept, it is fundamental to how our sport operates. Good sportsmanship is expected of all competitors. Foul and abusive language on the race course by a member of a boat's crew or skipper, may result in protest by the race committee and disqualification from the entire series.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in these events are participating entirely at their own risk. **See RRS 4, Decision to Race.** The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after this event. By participating in these events, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

