



South Whidbey Yacht Club (SWYC) Notice of Race (NOR) for Laser Spring/Summer Series 2022

Competition Period - May 18 through September 7, 2022
The Organizing Authority (OA) - the South Whidbey Yacht Club
Location - Holmes Harbor/Freeland Park, Freeland, Washington

SPECIAL PARTICIPATION NOTICE - All persons participating in races conducted under this NOR, whether as a competitor or in a support role, must act responsibly with respect to their own health and their potential impact on the health of others. If you have or have recently had a fever or any other COVID-19 symptoms or are under a self quarantine advisory due to COVID-19 virus exposure, **STAY HOME**, get well and keep us all safe. Additionally, participants are advised to follow state and county public health guidelines which are in effect on race days.

1 RULES

1.1 - **Racing** under this NOR will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024*.

1.2 - For the purposes of the definition of *rule*, the Class rules shall be the rules of the Laser one design class.

1.3 - Certain rules may be changed and these changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. Of particular note, 360 degree penalties will apply for ALL rule of part 2 or rule 31 infractions. This modifies rule 44.1

2 **VENUE** - The racing venue will be Holmes Harbor and the boat launch area of Freeland Park in Freeland, WA.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 - Racing participation in the Laser Spring/Summer Series is restricted to international Laser one design sailboats. Other classes of sailing dinghies may sail the courses for fun and practice, but are asked to keep clear of the Lasers who are racing for series points and trophies. A separate start is anticipated for non-Laser participants.

3.2 - All boats eligible under 3.1 above are welcome to participate in our races. SWYC members are eligible to be scored for series points and awards without preregistration; just show up and check in with the Race Committee ashore or at the Committee Boat. For SWYC non-members to be scored for series points and be eligible for series awards, skippers must preregister prior to the second race day on which they compete for series points by submitting the registration form (See Attachment 1.), and paying the guest racing fee of \$25.00. Registration form and payment can be made to the Race Committee of the day or to Bill Brown or Mike Scott. Make checks payable to SWYC. Make sure the Committee knows who is skipper, as scoring will be by skipper and not by boat.

3.3 - All boats must have a sail number unless a boat is specifically authorized to sail without one by the Race Committee of the day. Approval to sail without a sail number on any race day does not constitute approval for future race days, and such approval must be each race day.

4 CLASSIFICATION

4.1 - Only Lasers will be eligible to race for score in this series. Lasers with less than full rig are allowed but will race against full rigged boats with no allowance or handicap.

4.2 - Competitors are encouraged to bring their own boats. There are a limited number of Lasers available for loan to SWYC members. Contact Michael Scott (360) 331-2795 chaiwood@hotmail.com to make arrangements to borrow and race one of these boats:

4.3 - Competitors will be responsible for their boats being in compliance with the Class rules. (See 1.2)

5 SCHEDULE

5.1	May 18	Wednesday	4:23 p.m. First Warning – Holmes Harbor
	June 1	Wednesday	4:23 p.m. First Warning – Holmes Harbor
	June 15	Wednesday	4:23 p.m. First Warning – Holmes Harbor
	June 29	Wednesday	4:23 p.m. First Warning – Holmes Harbor
	July 13	Wednesday	4:23 p.m. First Warning – Holmes Harbor
	July 27	Wednesday	4:23 p.m. First Warning – Holmes Harbor
	August 10	Wednesday	4:23 p.m. First Warning – Holmes Harbor
	August 24	Wednesday	4:23 p.m. First Warning – Holmes Harbor
	September 7	Wednesday	4:23 p.m. First Warning – Holmes Harbor

5.2 - The number of races on each race day will be determined by wind conditions. No races will be started after 6:30 p.m.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available from the Race Committee and will also be posted on the SWYC Website.

7 VENUE & LAUNCH FACILITIES - HOLMES HARBOR - Located at the Freeland Park boat launch, Freeland, WA

8 COURSES - Course diagrams and corresponding course numbers will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

9 SCORING - In that skipper/boat pairings may vary over the course of the season, scores will be accumulated by skipper.

9.1- RACE DAY SCORING - Class fleets will be scored for the day on the low point system per RRS, Appendix A.

9.2 - SERIES SCORING - The Laser Spring/Summer Series will be scored as a series, and will consist of the races listed in 5.1 above provided at least three (3) Class boats compete in a race and at least five (5)

such 3 or more boat races are sailed. The series will be scored using the low point system per RRS, Appendix A, including A5.3 replacing A5.2. A5.3 is further modified to specify that boats that did not come to the starting area will be scored points for the finishing position one more than the number of boats that did come to the starting area.

9.3 - For series scoring, 15% (rounded down) of all competitors worst scores will not be counted.

10 AWARDS

10.1 - **SERIES AWARDS** - Series trophies will be awarded for the first three positions in the Laser Class provided at least five (5) qualifying races per 9.2 above are sailed. The SWYC Laser championship rotating trophy will be awarded to the SWYC member who places highest in the Laser Fleet standings.

11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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 racing.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact
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