



South Whidbey Yacht Club (SWYC) Notice of Race (NOR) for Laser Spring/Summer Series 2023

Competition Period - May 16 through September 5, 2023
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 (ILCA) 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 (ILCA) 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.

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. 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 (ILCA) will be eligible to race for score in this series. Lasers with non-standard rigs (Radial or 4.7) are allowed but will race against standard rigged boats with no allowance or handicap.

4.2 - Competitors are encouraged to bring their own boats. There are a limited number of SWTC Club Lasers available for loan to SWYC members. Contact Zak Malbin or Carol Dean 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	Series I	May 16	Tuesday	4:27 p.m. First Warning – Holmes Harbor
	Series I	May 30	Tuesday	4:27 p.m. First Warning – Holmes Harbor
	Series I	June 6	Tuesday	4:27 p.m. First Warning – Holmes Harbor
	Series I	June 13	Tuesday	4:27 p.m. First Warning – Holmes Harbor
	Series I	June 20	Tuesday	4:27 p.m. First Warning – Holmes Harbor
	Series I	June 27	Tuesday	4:27 p.m. First Warning – Holmes Harbor
	Series I	July 11*	Tuesday	4:27 p.m. First Warning – Holmes Harbor
	Series II	July 18*	Tuesday	4:27 p.m. First Warning – Holmes Harbor
	Series II	July 25*	Tuesday	4:27 p.m. First Warning – Holmes Harbor
	Series II	August 1	Tuesday	4:27 p.m. First Warning – Holmes Harbor
	Series II	August 8	Tuesday	4:27 p.m. First Warning – Holmes Harbor
	Series II	August 15	Tuesday	4:27 p.m. First Warning – Holmes Harbor
	Series II	August 22	Tuesday	4:27 p.m. First Warning – Holmes Harbor
	Series II	August 29	Tuesday	4:27 p.m. First Warning – Holmes Harbor
	Series II	September 5	Tuesday	4:27 p.m. First Warning – Holmes Harbor

* SWYC Lasers will be engaged in youth lessons on these dates. SWYC loaner boats will not be available on these dates.

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 - Series I and Series II per 5.1 above will be scored as two separate 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 in each series. 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 for each series will not be counted.

10 AWARDS

10.1 - SERIES AWARDS - Series trophies will be awarded for the first three positions in each series 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 with the lowest combined score in both series after individual series throw-outs per 9.3 above..

11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in all races entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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
Zak Malbin or Carol Dean