



South Whidbey Yacht Club (SWYC) Notice of Race (NOR) for 2026 Laser Racing

Competition Period - May through September 2026
The Organizing Authority (OA) - the South Whidbey Yacht Club
Location - Holmes Harbor/Freeland Park, Freeland, Washington

1 RULES

1.1 - Racing under this NOR will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028*.

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

1.2.1 - Non class-legal sails (example - Intensity sails) and rigging are allowed.

1.2.2 - Any Laser sail size may be used interchangeably. All competitors will be started and scored together regardless of sail size.

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 Series I & II 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.

There will be a fee of \$50 per racing series for club members. Those racers who are not members of SWYC will not be scored unless they pay an annual fee of \$100, plus a racing fee of \$50 per series, a total of \$200 per year if participating in both series. These fees help to defray club expenses.

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 - Lasers Standard/Full (ILCA 7), Laser Radial (ILCA 6), and Laser 4.7 (ILCA 4) will be eligible to race for score in this series, and will be started and scored together.

4.2 - Competitors are encouraged to bring their own boats. There are a limited number of SWYC Laser Fleet Club Lasers available for rent/loan to SWYC members. Contact Carol Dean to make arrangements to borrow and race one of these boats for a fee.

5 SCHEDULE for 2026

5.1 First race start time shall be **5:30 PM**.

▪ Series I

- May 19
- May 26
- June 2
- June 9
- June 16
- June 23
- June 30
- NO SAILING - July 7
- July 14

▪ Series II

- July 21
- July 28
- August 4
- August 11
- August 18
- August 25
- September 1
- September 8
- September 15

5.2 - The number of races on each race day will be determined by the Race Committee based on wind conditions and other variables. No races will be started after 8:00 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

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 per the below:

DNF (started but didn't finish) = last place +1

DNS (in parking lot, or on water, but didn't race/start) = last place +2

DNC (did not show up) = last place + 3

DSQ = last place + 3

9.3 - For each series, 20% rounded down, of each skippers worst scores will be excluded. This modifies RRS A2.1.

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 _____

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