



Notice of Race

Hard Rock ILCA Dinghy Masters Regatta October 23-24, 2021

The Rock Hall Yacht Club, on the Chesapeake's picturesque Eastern Shore, will host the Hard Rock ILCA Laser Masters Regatta on Saturday, October 23 and Sunday, October 24, 2021. The RHYC is a full-service club and a great place to sail, with plenty of open water on the Chester River, relatively limited motorboat chop, beach launching and plenty of grass on which to park, rig and camp. The RHYC is excited for your attendance after a multiyear hiatus.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) the prescriptions of US Sailing and the International Laser Class Association (ILCA) rules, except as any of these rules are changed by the Sailing Instructions or any appendices to the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. Notices: changes to the sailing instructions will be discussed at the Skippers meeting and posted on the official bulletin board in the clubhouse.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. The event is open to all competitors who are members in good standing of the ILCA-NA, or their national Laser Class Association may enter by completing registration with the organizing authority.
- 2.2. All ILCA Dinghy Masters sailors 35 years or older as of the first day of the regatta are welcome.
- 2.3. All boats must conform to ILCA Rules for rigs ILCA-7, 6 and 4.
- 2.4. Fleet scoring will be divided as follows: Apprentice 35-44, Master 45-54, Grand Master 55-64, Great Grand Master 65-74, and Legend 75+.

3. FORMAT

- 3.1. Unless a minimum of 12 ILCA-7 and 12 ILCA-6 entries have been received by the pre-registration deadline (to be determined by the Organizing Authority), all entrants shall start and finish together and be scored as a single fleet. Competitors may choose ILCA-7, ILCA-6 or ILCA-4 rigs at their discretion, and change rigs throughout the regatta, provided that all rig changes are made on shore and all sails have the same number (Rig-Swapping Rule turned on).
- 3.2. Providing that a minimum of 12 ILCA-7 and 12 ILCA-6 entries have been received by the pre-registration deadline, both fleets shall be given separate starts (Rig-Swapping Rule turned off). Rig-Swapping between ILCA-6 and ILCA-4s shall always be in effect.
- 3.3. This changes ILCA Class Rule 28(d) by permission of the International Laser Class Association of North America.
- 3.4. Back-to-back races.
- 3.5. No starts after 1500 on Saturday
- 3.6. No starts after 1300 on Sunday.



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4. RISK
 - 4.1. All competitors are ultimately responsible for the inherent risks associated with sailboat racing. It is the competitor's decision to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race. Each competitor will accept full responsibility for all his/her actions during any activity related to the event. This includes onshore activities before, during, and after the regatta.
5. REGISTRATION
 - 5.1. Eligible participants may register for the Regatta at www.theclubspot.com or at the RHYC website at www.rockhallyachtclub.org by following the link to "Regattas" and online registration. There will be on-site registration and check-in Saturday 10/23/2021 from 0800 until 0900.
6. FEES
 - 6.1. The entry fee is \$60 per boat. Online or on-site entries received on or after 8/27/2021 will be charged a \$10 late fee.
 - 6.2. All RHYC facilities including the RHYC Log Canoe Bar & Grill shall be available to competitors and their families/friends.
 - 6.3. There will be a \$15 charge for electrical hookup for RV campers, payable at the registration desk or to the RHYC Manager.
 - 6.4. Saturday Dinner will be available onsite (cost not included in registration).
7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday 10/23	Sunday 10/24
0800 –0900: Registration/Check-in	1000: First warning signal, races to follow
0930: Skippers Meeting	No race will start after 1300
1100: First warning, races to follow	Awards as soon as possible following racing
No race will start after 1500	
1700: Bar is Open, Dinner available	
8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
 - 8.1. The sailing instructions will be available at the on-site registration desk.
9. SCORING
 - 9.1. The Low Point Scoring System as described in the RRS will be used to score the regatta except as modified below.
 - 9.2. Fleet scoring will be divided as follows: Apprentice, Master, Grand Master, Great Grand Master, and Legend.
 - 9.3. ILCA-NA Master handicap system will apply. All awards will be determined by each competitor's overall finish after handicap points have been applied.
 - 9.4. A minimum of one race must be completed to constitute a regatta.
10. AWARDS
 - 10.1. Prizes will be awarded in each age group, for first female and first overall. If the rig-swapping rule is turned off, prizes will be awarded to the top sailor in each fleet in each age category, first female and overall Laser Masters ACC Champion.



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11. FACILITIES & LODGING

11.1. Beach launching, dock with bulkhead and plenty of room to park and spread out (no overhead power lines), full-service clubhouse with a pool, bar and meals, restrooms and showers are open 24/7.

11.2. Camping is available and welcome at the club but please check with a club representative for instructions on where to camp or park your RV.

11.3. Additional area accommodations can be found by checking the website for the town of Rock Hall and Chestertown at <http://www.rockhallmd.com/> and <http://www.chestertown.com/>

12. DIRECTIONS

12.1. Directions to our club can be found at: <http://www.rockhallyachtclub.org>

12.2. Rock Hall Yacht Club 22759 McKinleyville Road, Rock Hall, MD 21661

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

13.1. For regatta information please contact: regattas@rockhallyachtclub.org or call the Todd Steffes, Regatta Chair at 610-306-0026.

13.2. For information on the club amenities or lodging, call the RHYC at 410-639-2182