

NOTICE OF RACE

BAHAMAS LASER JR. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

April 13th & 14th, 2024

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:

Nassau Yacht Club in co-operation with the Bahamas International Laser Class Association (ILCA) and the Bahamas Sailing Association.

1. RULES:

The regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1 The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2024.
- 1.2 The International Laser Class Rules.
- 1.3 Under PART 4 Rule 40; BSA prescribes that competitors racing in single-handed boats shall wear personal floatation devices that shall be properly fastened the entire time they are on the water, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 1.4 A boat shall neither make nor receive radio, telephone or other electromagnetic transmissions or communications while racing.
- 1.5 In all rules governing this regatta:
 1. Both “athlete” and “competitor” mean a person competing or intending to compete in the regatta.
 2. [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat and for which the jury may refuse to hold a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
 3. [DP] denotes a discretionary penalty applied by the jury.

2. ADVERTISING:

- 2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY:

- 3.1 Competitors may enter by completing the Registration Form before 0845 Hrs. on the first day of the event, paying the entry fee and completing all waiver requirements.
- 3.2 Competitors must be paid up members of an MNA and ILCA
- 3.3 The classes competing at this event are the ILCA 6 and ILCA 4. There must be a minimum of 4 boats in each class in order to be recognized and scored as a separate class/fleet.

3.4 Competitors at Bahamas Laser Jr. National Championship shall be under 21 years of age. To be eligible to compete, a competitor shall meet these age limits on 31 December of the year of the event.

4. REGISTRATION & FEES:

- 4.1** Registration will be at NYC on April 13 between 0800 and 0845.
- 4.2** Regatta registration fee is \$30.00 and is due at time of registration.
- 4.3** Regatta fees do not cover lunch expenses. Coaches and competitors are responsible for making their own arrangements accordingly.

5. REGATTA FORMAT:

- 5.1** Six races are planned for the series. A minimum of three is required for the series to stand and the worst score will be dropped if six races are completed.

5.2 SCHEDULE:

Saturday, April 13

- 0800 to 0845 - Registration at NYC
- 0900 - Competitors meeting
- There will be no lunch break for sailors to return to shore
- 1030 - Warning Signal – 1st Race
- 2nd Race to follow
- 3rd Race to follow

Sunday, April 14

- There will be no lunch break for sailors to return to shore
- 1000 - Warning Signal - 4th Race
- 5th Race to follow
- 6th Race to follow
- 1500 - Presentation at NYC.

NOTE: Warning signal for the last race may not take place after 1300 on Sunday, April 14.

6. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT:

- 6.1** There will be no measurement of boats or equipment. Sailors are expected to abide by the class rules.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration on April 13th, 2024.

8. VENUE.

- 8.1** The host club is NYC
- 8.2** The sailing course will be in Montagu Bay

9. COURSE:

9.1 The course to be sailed will be an outer trapezoid with windward finish.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 RRS 44.1 & 44.2 will be in effect for this regatta.

10.2 A boat that has taken a penalty under rule 31 or 44.1 shall report it to the RC promptly upon finishing that race.

11. SCORING

11.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRE Appendix A will apply.

11.2 There is separate scoring for ILCA 6 and ILCA 4 once there are a minimum of 4 boats in each class, otherwise they will be scored as one.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta 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, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

13. SAFETY AND ADULT RESPONSIBILITY [NP][DP]

13.1 The parent, guardian or designated adult is responsible for the safety of their child/sailor. It is the responsibility solely of this adult to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks.

13.2 Parents not personally attending any part of the event shall ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor, and each competitor shall indicate in writing the parent or adult representative that will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.

13.3 The designated adult shall accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

14. CODE OF CONDUCT

Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with reasonable requests of a regatta official.

15. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Optimist Sail Shed of the NYC and may be posted on a WhatsApp group which may be created for the event.

16. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishers overall in each class.

17. QUALIFICATION EVENT

17.1 This regatta is a qualifier event for 2024 Youth Sailing World Championships.

17.2 Competitors at the 2024 Youth Sailing World Championships shall be above the age of 12 years and under the age of 19 years. To be eligible to compete, a competitor shall meet these age limits on 31 December of the year of the event. Born after December 31, 2005, and no later than December 31, 2012.

For completeness, consult the Notice Board for the 2024 Youth Sailing World Championships for additional eligibility requirements.

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