



2011 AREA K ELIMINATIONS FOR THE U.S. SINGLEHANDED MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SAILING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Organizing Authority: US SAILING Area K

Held in Conjunction with:

2011 White Bear Laser Invitational Regatta

**May 13th (Friday) to May 15th (Sunday), 2011
White Bear Yacht Club - White Bear Lake, MN**

NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

1. Rules
 - 1.1. This event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012, including US Sailing Prescriptions.
 - 1.2. This event will be governed by the rules of the International Laser Class Association. Exception: for sailors not competing in the Area K Eliminations, non-Laser Class certified "practice" sails may be used.
 - 1.3. See Item 18. Of this NOR for rules concerning protests, request for redress, and appeals.
 - 1.4. Rules may be changed by the sailing instructions
2. Advertising
 - 2.1. Advertising will be restricted to category A.
3. Eligibility
 - 3.1. Area K Eliminations Regatta
 - 3.1.1. The Area K Eliminations Regatta is open to Laser Full Rig for the Men's Elimination and to Laser Radial Rig for the Women's Elimination. Competitors must be at least age 16 in calendar year 2011. Declaration of intent to race and be scored for the Area K Elimination must be made prior to the Skipper's meeting. This regatta will be sailed concurrently with and will share starts with the White Bear Laser Invitational Regatta.
 - 3.2. White Bear Laser Invitational Regatta
 - 3.2.1. The White Bear Laser Invitational Regatta is open to all Laser sailors in Full, Radial, and 4.7 rigs. This regatta will be sailed concurrently with and will share starts with the Area K Eliminations Regatta.

4. Registration

4.1.1. Register in advance by mailing the attached registration form with payment to the address listed on the form. Checks payable to White Bear Yacht Club (WBYC).

4.1.2. Note: There is **FREE LUNCH** for those who pre-register (received by May 13).

4.1.3. Register on-site Fri., May 13 from 17:00 to 21:00 or Sat., May 14 from 08:00 to 09:30.

5. Fees

5.1. \$35 for Adults, \$25 for Juniors (Under 18)

5.2. \$5 Credit for US Sailing Members

5.3. Includes snacks for breakfast and on the water

6. Schedule

6.1. Friday, May 13

17:00 to 21:00 Registration

19:00 Practice Race

6.2. Saturday, May 14

08:00 Registration and Rigging

09:30 Skippers Meeting and Launch

10:00 Warning Signal - 1st Race

12:00 Lunch (possibly On the Water)

13:00 - 15:30 Racing Continues

18:00 Social Gathering

6.3. Sunday, May 15

09:30 Launch

10:00 Warning Signal

12:00 Lunch (possibly On the Water)

15:30 Awards and Refreshments

7. Sailing Instructions

7.1. Sailing instructions will be available during on-site registration and will be available on-line at www.wbycsail.org/regatta.html regatta at least two days before the event.

8. Venue

8.1. White Bear Yacht Club

56 Dellwood Ave

Dellwood, MN 55110

651.429.4567

<http://www.wbycsail.org/>

8.2. Trailer Parking

8.2.1. There will be no on-site trailer parking, as the facilities will be shared with other social events this weekend. You will be directed to another nearby lot.

9. Courses

9.1. Primarily Windward/Leeward, but other courses may be used as indicated in the Sailing Instructions. Each race is to last approximately 20-25 minutes.

10. Classes

10.1. Laser Full, Laser Radial, and Laser 4.7. Fleets will start and race together unless there are 5 or more Radials or 4.7's, in which case each fleet may have it's own start.

11. Races Scheduled and Scoring

- 11.1. 9 Races are scheduled and 1 race completed will constitute a regatta.
- 11.2. Scoring will be per RRS Appendix A, Low-point system – each boat's series score will be the total of his/her race scores. If 5 or more races are completed, the worst score will be excluded.

12. Radio Communications

- 12.1. A boat will neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to cellular telephones.

13. Awards

- 13.1. Top 3 Places overall, Top Junior, Top Female (and if 5 or more in a fleet – Top Radial and Top 4.7)
- 13.2. Top Laser Full (Male) and Laser Radial (Female) sailors competing in the Area K Elimination Regatta will qualify to compete in the 2011 U.S. Singlehanded Men's and Women's Sailing Championships, July 21-24, at the Columbia River Gorge.

14. Water Bottles

- 14.1. Please bring non-disposable (re-usable) water bottles. Refills will be available.

15. Disclaimer of Liability

- 15.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race.
- 15.2. 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 regatta.
- 15.3. Due to cold water temperature, wearing wetsuits or drysuits is recommended. Competitors will be required to wear Coast Guard Approved life jackets while on the water.

16. Housing

- 16.1. Limited home hospitality housing will be available. Please contact John Weiss (see below).

16.2. **Best Western White Bear Country Inn**

4940 Highway 61 North
White Bear Lake, MN
Phone: 651-429-5393
www.whitebearcountryinn.com

17. Additional Information

- 17.1. For additional information please contact:

John Weiss (WBYC Laser Fleet Rep)
1070 W Royal Oaks Dr
Shoreview, MN 55126
651.402.9354 (cell)
johnhweiss@comcast.net (note the middle initial)

18. Rules concerning protests, request for redress, and appeals

18.1. DECISIONS OF THE PROTEST COMMITTEE

Under rule 70.5(a), there shall be no appeal of the decision of a protest or request for redress. However, a decision following a hearing under rule 69.1(a) may be appealed. E-mail and phone contact information for each boat entered and for the chairmen of the protest committee and the race committee shall be posted on the official notice board at all times during the event.

18.2. Rule 65.2 is changed as follows:

65.2 A *party* to the hearing is entitled to receive the above information in writing, provided she asks for it in writing and hand-delivers her request to a member of the protest committee no later than the protest time limit on the last day of racing or one hour after being informed of the decision, whichever is later. The committee shall then, within two hours, hand-deliver the information to the *party*, including when relevant, a diagram of the incident prepared or endorsed by the committee.

18.3. Rule 66 is changed as follows:

66. REOPENING A HEARING

66.1 A hearing may be reopened when the protest committee decides that it may have made a significant error, or when significant new evidence becomes available within a reasonable time.

66.2 The protest committee may reopen the hearing. A *party* to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than one hour after being informed of the decision. When a hearing is reopened under rule 66.2, a majority of the members of the protest committee shall, if possible, be members of the original protest committee.

66.3 Area Elimination Reopening

(a) A *party* to a hearing of a *protest* or request for redress may request an Area Elimination Reopening. The request shall be in writing and include the significant error that the *party* believes the protest committee made or the nature of the significant new evidence that is available. The request shall be made no later than 24 hours after the hearing or 24 hours after the protest time limit on the last day of racing, whichever is later. The request, along with copies of the original *protest* or request for redress, the facts found, the decision of the protest committee, any new evidence that cannot be presented verbally, and e-mail and phone contact information for all *parties* to the hearing as well as the chairman of the protest committee, shall be sent by e-mail to the US SAILING Championships Director, LizWalker@USSAILING.org, and the US SAILING Championships Chairman, wrigs@earthlink.net.

(b) The protest committee for an Area Elimination Reopening shall consist of the chairman of the original protest committee plus four certified judges appointed by US SAILING. A majority of the committee's members shall be Senior or International Judges. US SAILING will appoint its chairman.

(c) An Area Elimination Reopening will be conducted by telephone conference call. The time and date for the conference call shall be established by the chairman as soon as practicably possible and no later than seven days after the request for reopening is e-mailed. The chairman will e-mail to the *parties* to the hearing the request for reopening, the facts found, the decision of the protest committee, the time and date of the hearing, the process for joining the call and any other relevant documents.

ENTRY FORM

2011 WBYC SPRING LASER REGATTA - May 13-15, 2011

Name of Competitor _____

Area K Elimination for the US Sailing Singlehanded Championship: Yes ___ No ___

Sail Number _____ Laser Rig Type: Standard___ Radial___ 4.7___

Age _____ Date of Birth _____ M/F _____

Street address _____

City _____

State/Prov _____ Post code/ zip code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Home Yacht Club _____

US Sailing Member Number _____ Expiration date _____

Registration Fee: (\$35 Adults, \$25 Under 18) \$ _____

Lunch - 2 days (\$10, free for pre-register)* \$ _____

Discount (-\$5 for US Sailing Member) -\$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

(Checks payable to WBYC)

* To receive free lunch, registration must be received by May 13 (by mail or on-site Friday).

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By signing this Registration Form, I agree to be bound by the RRS and by all other rules governing this event. I understand the nature of sailing, accounting for both joys and dangers alike, and agree not to sue White Bear Yacht Club, D21, or the NA Laser Class.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (under 18) _____ Date _____

Emergency Contact:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

Mail this form with your entry fee to:

**John Weiss
1070 W Royal Oaks Dr
Shoreview, MN 55126**