**2017 District 18 Laser Grand Prix**

Hosted by Port Clinton Yacht Club

**May 20 – 21, 2017**

NOTICE OF RACE

1. **RULES**
2. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing

1.3.1. Competitors must already be current ILCA members to be officially scored in the District18 Grand Prix.

Racing rules will be changed as follows:

* + RRS 29.1 and RRS 30.1 are changed to permit the hailing of recall numbers. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress.
  + RRS 40 is changed so that competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard (USCG) approved Type III or V Personal Floatation Device (PFD), inherently buoyant (i.e. not inflatable) while on the water, except for brief periods while changing clothing.
  + RRS 60.1(a) is changed to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of any class rule other than class equipment measurement rules.
  + RRS 61.1(a) is changed so that “A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the race committee finish boat of her intention as soon as possible after finishing, including the boat identification number of the boat(s) being protested.”
  + RRS 64.1 is changed to allow penalties imposed by the Protest Committee, for hearings held under RRS 60.3, as changed, which may range from a reprimand to a dismissal from the regatta.
  + These changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

1. **ELIGIBILITY**
2. Laser, Radial and Laser 4.7 competitors who are members of the ILCA-NA are eligible for Grand Prix points.
3. **QUALIFICATION**
   * A Sailor is defined as all contestants listed on the entry form.
4. **REGISTRATION and ENTRY**
   * Entry is made by completing the registration form and submitting to the Host Club. Registration closes Saturday, May 20th at 0900.
   * An entry fee of $35.00 shall be paid by cash or check at the time of registration. Check shall be made payable to **PCYC Jr. Sail Program**
   * Registrations and entry fees may be mailed to: **Port Clinton Yacht Club, PO Box 127, Port Clinton, OH. 43452 – Attn. Jim Miller, Event Chair**, or delivered in person prior the first morning of the event.
   * No refunds of the entry fee will be made.
   * Tent camping will be allowed in a designated area on the Yacht Club grounds.
5. **SCHEDULE**

Day 1 0830 – 0930 Breakfast (bagels, juice, coffee, fruit) 0900 Registration Closes 0930 Competitor’s Meeting 1045 First Warning (5 Races Maximum) 1730 Dinner Day 2 0830 – 0930 Breakfast

1000 First Warning (No races after 1300) Awards as soon as practical after racing

1. **MEASUREMENT**
   * Each boat shall comply with the equipment measurement rules of its class and may be inspected for compliance at any time during the regatta at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
2. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
   * The sailing instructions will be available at registration.
3. **VENUE**
   * The regatta will be sailed on the open waters of Lake Erie’s Western basin from the Port Clinton Yacht Club beach.
4. **BERTHING**
   * Arrival at the venue will be permitted after 1400 on Friday, May 19,2017
5. **PENALTY SYSTEMS**

Appendix P – Special Procedures for Rule 42 will be announced in the Sailing Instructions.

1. **SCORING**
2. The Low Point System of Appendix A4 will apply. The boat’s score for the series shall be the sum of her scores for all races. This alters RRS A2. 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
3. **PROTEST AND APPEALS**
4. 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.
5. **PERSONAL EQUIPMENT**
   * The only gear, rigging, or equipment that a sailor may take aboard a boat shall be: magnetic card compass, flags, plastic bucket or bailer, normally equipped ditty-bag, personal effects, including PFDs and protective clothing.
   * Electronic fluxgate compasses and GPS devices of all varieties, styles and combinations are specifically banned.
6. **PRIZES**
7. **FURTHER INFORMATION**
   * For further information please contact

District 18 Secretary John Shockey-216.386.1920

All official applications, notices, forms, lists and results for the finals will be posted at <http://www.portclintonyachtclub.com>