



51ST ANNUAL LOTSA LASERS NOTICE OF RACE

INVITATION - Harbor Island Yacht Club cordially invites you to attend the 2026 Lotsa Lasers Regatta on Saturday, October 3rd and Sunday, October 4th, 2025 at Harbor Island Yacht Club on Old Hickory Lake in Old Hickory, TN.

1. RULES

1.1. The race will be governed by the rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the rules of the International Laser Class Association. RRS Appendices T (Arbitration), U (Audible Signal Racing System) and V (Alternative Penalties) will apply.

1.2. Changes to the following RRS sections will be made for this regatta: 26 (Starting Races), 29.1 (Individual Recall), 33(a) (Changing the Next Leg of the Course), 35 (Time Limit and Scores), 44.1 (Taking a Penalty), 44.2 (Two-Turns Penalty), 61.1 (Informing the Protestee), 62.1(a) (Redress), A2 (Series Scores), A5.1 and A5.2 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee), U4 (code flag X will be displayed to signal individual recalls), Race Signal AP (Postponement).

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1. The regatta will be open to all sailors properly registered with HIYC. Participants are strongly encouraged to pre-register online at www.hiyc.org/racing and will need to complete registration at the designated table in the clubhouse between 10:00 am and 11:30 am (before the skippers' meeting) Saturday morning.

3. CLASSES

3.1. The following classes are anticipated: Laser (ILCA 7), Laser Radial (ILCA 6), Laser 4.7 (ILCA 4). Those sailors competing in the standard Laser (ILCA 7) class may continue to sail and be scored in that fleet with a smaller sail in any race.

3.2. More than one boat of the same kind will constitute a class.

3.3. The Race Committee may combine or split classes for starts.

4. FEES – The registration fee is \$50 which includes lunches Saturday and Sunday, dinner Saturday night and breakfast Sunday morning.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. SATURDAY, October 3, 2026

10:00-11:00 am: Registration

11:30 am: Skippers' Meeting and self-serve lunch

12:55 pm: Warning Signal for first race, with others to follow

6:00 pm: Lasagna Dinner

SUNDAY, October 4, 2026

8:00 am: Breakfast

9:55 am: Warning Signal for first race, with others to follow. There will be no starts after 1:00 pm

2:00 pm: Awards

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board, online at hiyc.org/racing, and available at the registration table.

7. RACING

7.1. The racing will consist of buoy courses.

7.2. One race will constitute a series.

8. THE SITE, RACING AREA AND COURSE

8.1. Harbor Island Yacht Club will be the site of all shore-side activities.

8.2. The racing area is between mile Cumberland River 216.5 and mile 227 on Old Hickory Lake. The course will be further described in the Sailing Instructions.

8.2.1. The "Upper Course" is approximately one mile Northeast of the harbor entrance, above Two Foot.

8.2.2. The "Lower Course" is just West of the harbor entrance, between the mouth of Shute's Branch and the mouth of Drake's Creek.

8.2.3. The "Harbor Course" is inside the harbor at HIYC.

8.3. The Upper and Lower courses, set on Old Hickory Lake, may intersect the navigational channel. Commercial traffic (barges) and deep-draft craft in the channel have right-of-way over sailboats and must be treated with utmost respect. When a boat sailing under these rules meets a vessel that is not, the rules of Part 2 (When Boats Meet) are replaced by the Inland Navigation Rules. Any boat impeding the passage of a right-of-way vessel is subject to protest by the race committee or the protest committee.

9. SCORING

9.1. Each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races, excluding her worst score if six or more races are completed. This changes rule A2.

9.2. A boat starting later than 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.1.

10. PRIZES

10.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first four skippers in the regatta's final overall standings...and to the first junior (under 18, which amends ILCA definition), first new participant ("first timer"), first apprentice (35-44), first master (45-54), first grand master (55-64), first great grand master (65-74), first Legend (75 and over) and first lady.

10.2 The Middle of the Pack award will be presented to, for example, the fifth place skipper if there are nine boats...or to the sixth place skipper if there are ten boats.

10.3 The "Bookend Award" will be presented to the skipper who starts in every race and

finishes with the highest point total.

10.4 There will be awards for the first Laser Radial (ILCA 6) and Laser 4.7 (ILCA 4) skippers.

10.5 Thoseskippers also wishing to compete as featherweights (60 kg or 132 pounds or less) or as Clydesdales (80 kg or 176 pounds or more) will have the option to do so.

11. WAIVER - Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. Competitors agree that the race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. As an inducement to the race organizers to produce the regatta, each competitor agrees that by participating in this event each competitor is deemed to have waived all claims against and released the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law and is deemed to have warranted that they have obtained this same release of the race organizers by each crew member.

13. ACCESS - Access to the club is through a security gate at the entrance of the causeway. Non-HIYC members may scroll down to and dial CLUB on the gate control panel and ask that it be opened. If you plan to arrive Friday night please call Bruce prior to arrival to obtain the code to open the gate.

FURTHER INFORMATION - For further information please contact Bruce Richards (615) 347-0721 or email: rich4302@comcast.net.