



“3rd Annual Sharks with Lasers”
Southern Maryland Sailing Association
Saturday, 22 August 2026

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028, this Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI) as issued and any amendments.
- 1.2 Competitors shall enter as ILCA 7.
- 1.3 While this regatta will **NOT** utilize International Laser Class Association-North America (ILCA-NA) Masters Regatta handicap system scoring, the ILCA-NA Masters Rig-Swapping Rule (as Modified herein) will be utilized. All entrants shall start and finish together and be scored as a single fleet. Competitors may choose Standard, Radial or 4.7 rigs at their discretion, and change rigs throughout the regatta, provided that all rig changes are made on shore (Rig-Swapping Rule turned on). If sails do not have the same number, Race Committee shall be notified of differing sail numbers prior to implementing Rig-Swapping.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 5:00 pm on the day before the race at www.smsa.com.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at www.smsa.com, under the Smallboat Racing link.
- 3.2 All boats may carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channel 72 and 16.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the **ILCA** Class. This will be a One Design event. Other boats may choose to sail in this regatta but will not be scored for the event.
- 4.2 Boats may enter the event by registering online at www.smsa.com.
- 4.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat must complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5 REGISTRATION & FEE

- 5.1 The registration fee for the Sharks with Lasers regatta will be \$25. Entry fees include coffee, juice, and donuts on the morning of racing and 1 meal after racing. Extra meals \$10 per person.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Yard arrival, event staging and happy hour: Friday, 21 August 2026.
- 6.2 On-Site Registration: 8/22/26 from 0830 – 0930. Coffee, juice, and donuts provided.
- 6.3 Competitors’ Meeting: 0945 Saturday, 22 August 2026 at the SMSA Clubhouse.
- 6.4 Racing: Saturday, 22 August 2026. First Warning: 1100 hrs.
- 6.5 Additional races will follow at the discretion of the race committee.

6.6 No warning signal is planned after **1500**.

6.7 Results are anticipated to be announced 1 hour after RC arrives on shore on Saturday.

7 VENUE

7.1 Nor Addendum 1 shows the location of the racing area.

8 COURSES

8.1 Anticipated courses are windward-leeward and/or Olympic Triangle with inflatable drop marks.

9 SCORING

9.1 The scoring system is as follows: Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A.

9.2 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

9.3 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

9.4 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

9.5 Rule A5.3 applies.

10 RISK STATEMENT

10.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

11 PRIZES

11.1 Prizes will be awarded based on the number of registrants.

12 SOCIAL

12.1 There is a gathering at the SMSA clubhouse after racing for a results presentation. Extra meals \$10 per person. Please see SMSA website under the Race column, Smallboat Racing link for schedule, RC information, and possible social activities and food planning. <https://www.smsa.com/>

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

13.1 For further information please contact the SMSA Small Boat Chair at smallboatrace@smsa.com.

Addendum 1

