

2017 Pete Milnes Memorial Regatta

Laser Fleet 413

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

Date: Sunday, April 30, 2017

Location: Boats launch from Sail Newport and sailing takes place in / around Newport Harbor

First Warning Signal: 12 p.m., skippers meeting 11 a.m.

Registration: Sailors must register and complete waivers before sailing. Competitors under 18 years of age must have a waiver signed by a parent or guardian. Registration will be available on the Fleet 413 website www.NewportLaserFleet.org. In person registration is at 10 a.m. on the deck of the Sail Newport office.

Waivers: All competitors must sign a liability waiver before sailing. Failing to properly sign a waiver will nullify registration. Participants under 18 must have a waiver signed by their parent or guardian.

Entry Fee: The entry fee is paid at the time of registration. If you register online it makes the process much easier. Web address is www.NewportLaserFleet.org. Go to Racing/Regattas/ P Milnes Regatta. The fee is \$35/person. Out-of-state competitors receive a discount (\$25). Juniors (18 and under) get free sailing but must pay \$10 toward regatta shirt.

Eligibility: Open to registered sailors in Laser and Laser Radial rigs. Competitors are welcome to switch between Full and Radial rigs as conditions dictate, however sail numbers **MUST** be the same regardless of the rig used. Sailors using multiple sail numbers create an incredible burden for the scorer. **If a minimum 10 radials register, the race committee may start and/or score them separately.**

Safety & Responsibility: Frostbiting can be dangerous. Competitors choose to sail in this regatta entirely at their own risk. Sailors are required to wear adequate protective gear to ensure their own safety and to gauge their own suitability to participate. Sailors agree to indemnify and hold harmless Sail Newport, Fleet 413 and any and all officers, employees and members of these organizations.

Sail Newport Notice: Competitors are reminded to respect Sail Newport facilities and staff. We are dependent on this facility for the fleet's continued success.

Parking: Parking is allowed only in designated spots along the back of the boat park, by the Mule Barn, or in the overflow lot to the SW of the Sail Newport offices. **DO NOT** park along the curb or on the grass.

Starts: Starts will be 3-minute dinghy starts.

Finish: The finish line will be between the race committee boat and a small buoy set on the opposite side of the RC boat from the starting line.

Marks: Large orange balls will be used for the windward, reach, and leeward marks. The pin will be a stick with a flag.

Courses: Courses will generally include:

- W – Windward / Leeward with start/finish in the middle.
- T – Triangle with start/finish in the middle. If a leeward gate is set, competitors are to round the gate mark on the same side of the gate as the reach mark, and leave it to the same side as the windward and reach marks. (i.e. for a normal port-triangle, the right-hand gate—looking downwind—will be used as the leeward mark and left to port)
- H – Windward – Reach Mark – RC Boat (to starboard) – leeward – Finish
- M – Windward – Leeward – Finish Line (as a gate) – Leeward – Finish
- When the M is the second letter in a course designation it adds to the course the following: Finish Line (as a windward gate) – Leeward – Finish

The RC has discretion to combine courses (i.e. HW), make courses with multiple laps (i.e. W2), and finish races at any mark. In addition the RC may announce course modifications or courses other than those outlined herein. The RC's decision on courses is entirely at their discretion.

The RC has the option of using gates for leeward marks and offsets at windward marks. The RC may choose to use the I-, Z-, or Black-flag starting penalties.

Sail Numbers: Sailors are required to have UNIQUE sail numbers. Please use your full sail number to ensure that it is the only one in the fleet. The RC and organizers WILL NOT listen to any complaints about sail numbers that are duplicates. It takes 20 minutes to put the full sail number on your sail. It can take hours for the organizers to sort out duplicates.

Jury Observation: The race committee/jury may observe the racing, particularly around the windward mark. If a Jury member witnesses what he or she believes to be an infringement of a Rule of Part 2, Rule 42, or Rule 31, this may be signaled with one whistle from a Jury boat and the hail of the last 3 digits of a infringing boat's sail number.

Protests: 360 turns are required of boats that foul. In the spirit of Pete Milnes and Fleet 413 frostbiting, protests must be settled on the water. Should a protest not be resolved amicably on the water, a race committee official may be available for consultation after racing. If you foul and don't do your penalty turns (or later withdraw) you have cheated everyone else and yourself. Remember, "If in winning the race you have lost the respect of your fellow competitors then you have not won at all." – Paul Elvström

Scoring: Low-point scoring, with no throw-outs. One race will constitute a regatta.

Festivities: Begin promptly at the IYAC on Thames Street immediately after sailing.