

GREENWICH LASER RACING (GLR) SAFETY PLAN

- 1. GLR participants shall wear U.S. Coast Guard approved PFDs at all times when on the water.
- 2. In May and June, when water temperature, wind speed and air temperature so require as determined by the Fleet Captains, GLR participants shall wear wetsuits or similar apparel to prevent hypothermia. Additional insulation is needed for water temperatures in the 60's and wind speeds in excess of 15+ MPH.
- 3. The Fleet Captains may cancel/abandon races for any reason affecting the safety of the competitors. High winds or approaching storms are the most typical reasons. The Fleet Captains shall monitor the weather in advance of racing and shall decide before the harbor start (unofficially 1300 hrs.) whether or not the fleet, in whole or in part, shall race. The harbor start can be postponed if additional time is needed to determine whether it is safe to sail. Inexperienced sailors will be discouraged from sailing when wind speed averages exceed 18+ MPH. Racing will be canceled for all competitors when wind speed averages or gusts exceed 30+ MPH.
- 4. A Fleet Captain or his designee shall carry a VHF radio tuned to channel 74 in the event there is the need for assistance. Prior to the fleet going on the water, a representative from the group should contact the dock house to inform them that all safety procedures are in order, and to confirm a radio check.
- 5. In the event there is an emergency requiring medical assistance, upon notification, the dock staff will call 911 and notify the General Manager.
- 6. The Laser fleet shall strive to go out to the race course and return as a group or in groups and not have stragglers.
- 7. In order to facilitate head counts after racing, all Laser dollies shall bear the names of the boat owners. The Fleet Captains will account for all sailors after racing who launch from RYC and will notify the dock house when all such sailors have returned.