

Welcome, Laser Sailor!

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Dear Laser Sailing Student,

Congratulations on completing your Beginner's Sailing Course. We are glad that you have chosen to continue your sailing experience at the UCLA MAC. The Laser sailboat is by far the most popular dinghy in the world, and it is an excellent choice to perfect your boat handling skills. This class will familiarize you with the vessel, and introduce you to dinghy sailing at its finest.

I recommended that you read pages 43-60 of our sailing manual before coming to the class (Listed as Sailing II: Laser Manual on the website). You can download a copy of the manual here: <http://www.macsailing.org/SailingClasses/manual.htm>. Don't be concerned with memorizing every detail in the manual, as your US Sailing Certified Instructor will prepare you to sail on your own through both lectures and on-the-water drills. The Laser is an athletic boat that keeps you very close to the water. Be prepared to get wet each day! Dress appropriately for the forecasted conditions as hypothermia is always a concern. The UCLA Marina Aquatic Center provides live "Weather Updates" and a Webcam at <http://www.marinaaquaticcenter.org>. Wetsuits are highly recommended during the class, and are available for free day use from the MAC.

The UCLA Sailing Staff look forward to seeing you on your first day of class. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call us at (310) 823-0048. You can also reach us via e-mail at mac@recreation.ucla.edu.



Fair winds and following seas,

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