

2008 LASER STANDARD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
4 to 13 February
Terrigal, New South Wales, Australia

Organising authority: Gosford Sailing Club Ltd in conjunction with the International Laser Class Association.

Championship website for local information and accommodation:
<http://aus08.laserinternational.org/>

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The prescriptions of the National Authority will not apply.
- 1.2 Add to rule A11: ARB means scoring penalty after arbitration, PTS scoring penalty for a yellow flag after finish.
- 1.3 Advertising. The organising authority may require competing boats to carry event sponsor advertising on the hull.
- 1.4 Paragraph 20.3.3 of the ISAF Advertising Code will apply. Individual advertising is permitted on the sail on payment of an extra £300 English Pounds damage deposit. This will be refunded if the sail is returned with the advertising removed and no damage/marks as a result of the advertising.
- 1.5 Laser class rule 7 (a) is restricted as follows "only one person shall be on board whilst racing. The person shall be named on the entry form"

2. ENTRY REGULATIONS

- 2.1 Only current fully paid members of the International Laser Class Association may enter the regatta.
- 2.2 Crew substitution of the entered sailor is not permitted.
- 2.3 Entry is restricted. Entry is by allocated places using allocation codes issued by ILCA through national Laser Class Associations who shall define and organise national selection trials. Details of allocated places and entry forms are available at www.laserinternational.org.
- 2.4 Before 1 January 2008 each sailor under 18 years old on 4 February 2008 shall send to ILCA a completed parent/guardian consent form provided by the organisers. The form can be downloaded from <http://events.laserinternational.org/en/documents/store/100z10>
- 2.5 For the duration of the championship, each sailor under 18 years old on 4 February 2008 shall be accompanied by the responsible adult named on the parent/guardian consent form.
- 2.6 Each responsible adult and coach, if applicable, and each competitor shall register on site at the race office before 1800 Wednesday 6 February
- 2.7 Each competitor shall use only one hull, sail, mast, boom, centreboard and rudder which shall be chartered from Performance Sailcraft Australia using the championship charter form. The boat shall be identified during the equipment inspection period specified in paragraph 7.1.
- 2.8 Charter Lasers from Performance Sailcraft Australia shall not be towed unless flag "T" is displayed ashore or on the Race Committee starting boat. When flag "T" is displayed a tow shall not exceed 8 knots.
- 2.9 All competitors shall fulfil the ISAF nationality criteria in Regulation 17.5. Each competitor shall be a national of the country they represent.
- 2.10 Each competitor shall be registered as an ISAF sailor. This information is required to enter the Championship. To register as an ISAF Sailor go to: www.sailing.org/isafsailor/register.asp

3. ENTRY/CHARTER FEES

- 3.1 The entry fee is £175 English pounds. A £50 English pounds late entry fee applies to payments received after 14 December 2007. The charter fee is £450 English pounds plus a £150 English pounds damage deposit for a 9 day charter. A 6 day charter extension is available for £150 English pounds. See online entry form and conditions of charter for further information. A 10% late charter payment fee will be made for all charter payments received after 14 December 2007.
- 3.2 Entries must be made online at www.laserinternational.org using the official entry form,
- 3.3 Entries, together with full payment of entry fees shall be made via the web site by the entry closing date. NO ENTRY WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL FULL PAYMENT IS MADE.
- 3.4 50% of entry fees are refundable for a cancellation before 14 December 2007. After 14

December no entry fees are refundable.

- 3.5 70% of charter fees are refundable for a cancellation before 14 December only if the boat is re-chartered. No refund is available if the boat is not re-chartered.
- 3.6 Damage deposits that were paid by credit card will be refunded (less any deduction for damage) to the credit card charged for the deposit provided the card does not expire before the end of April 2008. Otherwise the refund will be issued by other means to be agreed.
- 3.7 Damage deposits that were paid by International Money Order, Bank Draft, or by Bank Transfer will be refunded (less any deduction for damage and bank charges) either by International Money Order or by Bank Draft.
- 3.8 ALL entry communication must be sent to: International Laser Class Association:
Email: office@laserinternational.org Website: www.laserinternational.org
- 3.9 No re-sale of entries will be allowed.

4. ENTRY CLOSING DATE

- 4.1 **Allocated Place** entry closing date: 2359 GMT 14 November 2007
- 4.2 **Extra Place** entry closing date: 2359 GMT 14 December 2007.
- 4.3 Countries may reserve an **Allocated** or **Extra Place** entry by paying the appropriate non-refundable entry fee £175 before the appropriate entry closing date. Contact: office@laserinternational.org
- 4.4 The names of competitors and other details required by the entry form for reserved places shall be sent to ILCA by 14 November 2007
- 4.5 LATE ENTRIES MAY BE ACCEPTED AFTER 14 December only at the discretion of ILCA upon payment of an additional late entry fee of £50 English Pounds.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Copies of Sailing Instructions will be available at the Race Office from Monday 4 February 2008.

6. RACE OFFICE

The Race Office is situated at The Terrigal Trojans Rugby Club at the Haven Oval, Terrigal and will be open from 0830 daily. Attachment A (available 1 September) shows the location of the Race Office and the approximate location of the racing area.

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 All competitors shall present their boats for inspection by the Regatta Measurer before the start of the first race. Boats shall be presented fully rigged with all control lines in position.
Inspection will take place at the boat park between the following times:
Monday 4 February 1200 - 1800 Tuesday 5 February 0900 - 1800
Wednesday 6 February 0900 - 1200
Inspection outside these times may be allowed at the discretion of the Regatta Measurer and will be charged AUS\$ 30 per boat (except in the event of damage).
- 7.2 Wet clothing, inspection and equipment checks may be made throughout the Regatta at the discretion of the Race Committee or International Jury.

8. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 8.1 In the event of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the written permission of the Regatta Measurer. If the damage occurs later than 90 minutes before the first scheduled start on a racing day and before the start of the last race of the day, provisional verbal permission shall be obtained from the Regatta Measurer, Jury or Race Committee and the written permission of the Regatta Measurer shall be applied for before the end of Protest Time at the end of the day in which the substitution takes place.
- 8.3 Competitors must provide their own ropes, boom vang, mainsheet block, traveller blocks and tiller. Competitors may use their own compass, sail tell tales and wind indicators, provided they do not pierce or mark any of the hull, deck, spars or sails.
- 8.4 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park.
- 8.5 Access to the boat park may be restricted during certain hours including the hours of darkness.

9. PROGRAMME

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Item</u>
Monday 4 February	Registration, Boat Allocation, Inspection
Tuesday 5 February	Registration, Boat Allocation, Inspection
Wednesday 6 February	Registration, Boat Allocation, Inspection
Wednesday 6 February	Practice Race. 1 st Warning signal 1430.

Thursday 7 to Sunday 10 February Qualifier races (2 races scheduled per day). 1st warning signal 1300.

Monday 11 to Wednesday 13 February Finals (2 races scheduled per day). 1st warning signal 1300.

Wednesday 13 February Prize Giving

9.2 No warning signal will be made after 1600 hrs on Wednesday 13 February.

10. RACING FORMAT

A Qualifying series will be sailed followed by a Finals series.

11. IMMEDIATE PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULE 42

11.1 RRS Appendix P will apply with the following changes:

11.2 On the first protest, if protested after she has finished, she will be given a scoring penalty of 8 points without a hearing.

11.3 RRS P3 is modified to read "If a boat has been protested for the second time under RRS P1 and the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, the boat shall not sail in this race, if it is re-started or re-sailed. If the boat does race, she shall be disqualified without a hearing and her score shall not be excluded. If a boat has been protested for the third time under RRS P1 and the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, RRS P 2.3 applies".

11.4 Action taken by the jury under Appendix P will not be grounds for redress by a competitor.

12. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

For protests where only a rule of Part 2 is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing may be offered prior to any formal protest hearing.

13. SCORING

13.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

13.2 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

13.3 A Qualifier race will not count until all Qualifier fleets have completed that race.

13.4 One score will be excluded when calculating the division into the finals fleets.

13.5 The Qualifier races and final races will count for total points in the championship.

13.6 When 5 or more races are completed 1 race score will be excluded; when 10 or more races are completed 2 race scores will be excluded. However no more than one score will be excluded from the Finals series races and only when two or more Finals series races have been completed.

13.7 If a points scoring penalty for a breach of rule 42 or under the Arbitration System would result in a score worse than DSQ, the penalty will be that corresponding to DSQ. The scores of other boats will not be changed

14. INTERNATIONAL JURY

An international jury will be appointed in accordance with rule Appendix N and perform the duties listed in Rule N2.

15. WHISTLE SYSTEM

To encourage boats to take penalties afloat, jury members may blow a whistle when they see what they believe to be a breach of a rule.

16. APPEALS

There shall be no appeal from the decisions of protests.

17. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the Honour Award By Law.

18. COURSES

Trapezoid courses will be used with inner and outer loops and an upwind finish.

19. SAFETY

Competitors shall wear an adequate securely fastened lifejacket or buoyancy aid at all times when afloat. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate buoyancy aids.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

While racing, a boat shall not make or receive radio communications that are not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

21. DRUG TESTING

- 21.1 Competitors shall comply with RRS 5 and ISAF Regulation 21, which ban the use of drugs,
21.2 Drug testing may take place during the championship.

22. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

By entering the Championships competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in a race and/or using the Championship facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, re-use, publication and re-publication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or use thereof.

23. LIABILITY

The Gosford Sailing Club, the International Laser Class Association and their officers, members and volunteers do not accept liability for loss of life or property, or personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the 2008 Laser World Championship, and competitors take part in the championship at their own risk.

The establishment of the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibilities of a competitor being solely and entirely responsible for the management of a boat he or she is sailing.

By entering in the championship and deciding to race a competitor warrants that he is in good health and a competent sailor capable of racing a Laser in open water in 25 knot winds.

It is the sole responsibility of each sailor, and where applicable the nominated responsible adult, to decide to participate in a race or to continue racing.

A competitor is wholly and exclusively responsible for third party liability insurance on the boat that he or she is sailing and for his or her personal accident and health insurance. Charter boats are insured by Performance Sailcraft Australia Pty.Ltd. for third party liability cover to a limit of AUS \$10 million.

24. COACHES, COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 24.1 There will be a Coaches meeting at the Race Office 2.5 hours before the first scheduled start time of the first race each day.
- 24.2 Coaches and Coach and Support Boats shall be registered at the Race Office during registration times up to 1800 before the first race. They shall clearly display either an identification flag of minimum size 50 cm x 40 cm with their national letters or their national letters in black on a white background on the hull or on the cover of their outboard engine. In addition they shall display a number flag provided by the organisers at all times while afloat.
- 24.3 The NSW Maritime Authority (NSW MA) has exempted certain power vessels and their drivers from the normal registration and licence requirements provided certain conditions are met, including the following:
- 1) the vessel/driver has been in NSW for less than three months
 - 2) the vessel and driver are registered with the Organising Authority
 - 3) the driver must carry his or her passport or a certified copy (or a boat licence form his or her home state) at all times while on the water
 - 4) the vessel (and driver) must carry documentation showing that it has registered with the Organising Authority
 - 5) the driver must have read and understood NSW MA's Safe Boating Handbook.
- Overseas and interstate support boats and drivers should read the exemption in full to ensure they comply with all the conditions - see http://aus08.laserinternational.org/pdf/Oseas_Exemption_12_07.pdf.
For NSW MA's Safe Boating Handbook, see www.maritime.nsw.gov.au/sbh_pdf.html.
The Handbook also contains safety equipment requirements and obligations for all power boats.

Attachment A

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Race Office and Course Area

