

**2008 Laser Radial Women's World Championship**  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2008**  
**Takapuna Beach, North Shore, New Zealand**

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**Notice of Race**

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The Organising Authority is the Takapuna Boating Club in conjunction with the International Laser Class Association

**1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The prescriptions and special regulations of Yachting New Zealand will not apply except the prescription relating to rule 68 - Damages  
*The findings of fact, and decisions of protest committees, shall be relevant only for the purposes of the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing. A claim for damages arising from breaches of any of these rules are matters for other jurisdictions. A boat that retires from a race, or accepts a penalty, does not, by that action alone admit liability.*
- 1.3. The Laser class rules Rule 7 (a) is restricted as follows:  
*Only one person onboard whilst racing. The person shall be named on the entry form.*
- 1.4. Add to rule A11: ARB means scoring penalty after arbitration, PTS scoring penalty for a yellow flag after finish.
- 1.5. Advertising - The organising authority may require competing boats to carry event sponsor advertising on the hull.
- 1.6. Sails shall have the full sail number and national letters in accordance with the class rules and the RRS. Charter boats will have the sail numbers and national letters supplied.
- 1.7. Paragraph 20.3.3 of the ISAF Advertising Code will apply. Individual advertising is permitted on the sail on payment of an extra £300 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.

**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 to competitors who are, or will be at least 15 years old in the year in which the championship is held i.e. born in or before 1993.
- 2.4. Entry is restricted. Entry is by allocated places using allocation codes issued by ILCA through national Laser Class Associations. Details of allocated places and entry forms are available at [www.laserinternational.org](http://www.laserinternational.org)
- 2.5. Before 1<sup>st</sup> March 2008 each sailor under 18 years old on 13th March 2008 shall send to ILCA a completed parent/guardian consent form provided by the organisers. <http://events.laserinternational.org/en/documents/store/100z12>
- 2.6. For the duration of the championship, each sailor under 18 years old on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2008 shall be accompanied by a responsible adult who is named on the parent /guardian consent form.
- 2.7. Each responsible adult and coach, if applicable, and each competitor shall register on site at the race office before 1800 Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

- 2.8. 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.
- 2.9. 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.

### 3. ENTRIES, ENTRY AND CHARTER FEES

- 3.1. The entry fee is £150 English pounds. A £50 English pounds late payment fee will apply to payments to payments received after 19 January 2008.
- 3.2. Entries must be made online at [www.laserinternational.org](http://www.laserinternational.org) using the official entry form.
- 3.3. Full payment of entry and charter fees shall be made by internet 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 CANCELTION BEFORE 19 JANUARY. AFTER 19 JANUARY NO ENTRY FEES ARE REFUNDABLE
- 3.5. 70% OF CHARTER FEES ARE REFUNDABLE FOR A CANCELTION BEFORE 19 JANUARY ONLY IF A BOAT IS 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. If you pay by credit card the card shall be valid until after 1 May 2008 to avoid delay in refunds and extra bank charges.
- 3.7. ALL entry communication must be sent only to: International Laser Class Association, Email: [office@laserinternational.org](mailto:office@laserinternational.org) Website: [www.laserinternational.org](http://www.laserinternational.org)
- 3.8. All competitors shall fulfil the ISAF nationality criteria in ISAF Regulation 17.5 available at [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org). Each competitor shall be a national of the country of the national authority they represent.
- 3.9. 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: <http://www.sailing.org/isafsailor/register.asp>
- 3.10. No resale of entries will be allowed.

### 4. ENTRY CLOSING DATE

- 4.1. **Allocated Place** entry closing date: 2259 GMT 7 December 2007. (Late payment penalty 50 English Pounds).
- 4.2. **Extra Place** entry closing date: 2259 GMT 19 January 2008.
- 4.3. Countries may reserve an **Allocated** or **Extra Place** entry by paying the appropriate non-refundable entry fee before the appropriate entry closing date
- 4.4. LATE ENTRIES MAY BE ACCEPTED AFTER 19 January only at the discretion of ILCA upon payment of an additional late entry fee of £50 (english pounds)

### 5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1. Copies of Sailing Instructions will be available at the Race Office from Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

### 6. VENUE

- 6.1. Attachment A shows the location of the regatta base and the location of the racing areas.

### 7. RACE OFFICE

- 7.1. The Race Office is situated at Takapuna Boating Club and will be open from 0900 on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March until 1830 on non race days and from 0900 until 30 minutes after the close of Protest Time on race days unless extended at the discretion of the Race Committee.

**8. MEASUREMENT/INSPECTION**

- 8.1. 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.
- 8.2. Inspection will take place at the boat park between the following times: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 0900-1200 and 1300-1800 Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 0900- 1200 and 1300 -1800
- 8.3. Inspection outside these times may be allowed at the discretion of the Regatta Measurer and will be charged NZD40 per boat (except in the event of damage).
- 8.4. Wet clothing, inspection and equipment checks may be made throughout the Regatta at the discretion of the Race Committee or International Jury.

**9. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT**

- 9.1. 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 sail.
- 9.2. 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.
- 9.3. Competitors may be invited to wear a sponsors bib provided by the event organisers.
- 9.4. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organising authority.
- 9.5. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places at the venue.
- 9.6. Access to the boat park may be restricted during certain hours including the hours of darkness.

**10. PROGRAMME**

Date	Item
Thursday 13 March 2008	Registration, Measurement
Friday 14 March 2008	Registration, Measurement, Practice Race (1st warning signal 14:30)
Saturday 15 March 2008	Racing - 2 qualifying races (1st warning signal 1100)
Sunday 16 March 2008	Racing - 2 qualifying races
Monday 17 March 2008	Racing - 2 qualifying races
Tuesday 18 March 2008	Racing - 2 qualifying/finals races
Wednesday 19 March 2008	Racing - 2 qualifying/finals races
Thursday 20 March 2008	Racing - 2 qualifying/finals races Prize giving and Closing Ceremony

- 10.1. No warning signal will be made after 1600 hours on thursday 20th march.

**11. RACING FORMAT**

- 11.1. The fleet may be split into two groups and sail a qualifier and a finals series. The qualifying series will finish at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> racing day providing at least 4 races are completed. If 4 races are not completed additional days will be used for qualifying

races until at least 4 races are completed. The split for finals race will only be made at the completion of a day's racing.

**12. IMMEDIATE PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULE 42**

- 12.1. Appendix P will apply with the following changes:
- 12.2. On the first protest, if protested after she has finished, she will be given a scoring penalty of 8 points without a hearing.
- 12.3. RRS P 3 is modified to read "If a boat has been protested for the second time under Rule 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 she 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 Rule P1 and the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, Rule P 2.3 applies".
- 12.4. Action taken by the jury under Appendix P will not be grounds for redress by a competitor.

**13. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES**

- 13.1. 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.

**14. SCORING**

- 14.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 14.2. 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 14.3. A qualifier race will not count until all qualifier fleets have completed that race.
- 14.4. One score will be excluded when calculating the division into the finals fleets if at least three races are sailed.
- 14.5. The qualifier races and final races will count for total points in the championship.
- 14.6. When 5 or more races are completed 1 race score will be excluded; when 10 or more races are completed 2 races 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.
- 14.7. 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.

**15. INTERNATIONAL JURY**

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

**16. WHISTLE SYSTEM**

- 16.1. 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.

**17. APPEALS**

- 17.1. There shall be no appeal from the decisions of protests.

**18. PRIZES**

- 18.1. Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the Honour Award By-law.

**19. COURSES**

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

**20. SAFETY**

- 20.1. Competitors shall wear a life jacket or other adequate personal buoyancy at all times when afloat.
- 20.2. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

**21. LAUNCHING RESTRICTIONS**

21.1. All boats will be required to launch and retrieve from Takapuna Beach in the vicinity of Takapuna Boating Club except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

**22. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

22.1. A boat shall neither make radio communication while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

**23. DRUG TESTING**

23.1. Competitors are required to comply with the rule 5 and ISAF Regulation 21, which ban the use of drugs.

23.2. Drugs testing may take place during the event.

**24. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT**

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

**25. INSURANCE**

25.1. Charter boats are insured by Performance Sailcraft Australia for third party liability with a minimum cover of NZD 750,000. A competitor is wholly and exclusively responsible for any additional third party liability insurance on the boat that she is sailing and for her personal accident and health insurance.

**26. SUPPORT BOATS**

26.1. Support boats shall be registered at the race office during registration times up to 1800 on the day before the first race of the class supported. They shall 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 the number flag allocated by the organising authority at all times while afloat.

26.2. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel will be required to comply with the Championships Coach Boat Regulations.

26.3. The movements of support boats may be restricted

**27. PROHIBITED ANCHORING AREA**

27.1. Boats and support boats shall comply with the Government Regulation "Submarine Cables and Pipelines Protection Act 1996". This regulation prohibits anchoring in the certain areas in the vicinity of Takapuna Beach as indicated in attachment A.

**28. LIABILITY WAIVER AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

28.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Racing Rule (RRS) 4, Decision to Race. . It is the responsibility of each sailor, and where applicable the nominated responsible adult, to decide to participate in a race or to continue racing. By entering in the Championship and deciding to race a competitor warrants that he or she is in good health and a competent sailor capable of racing a Laser Radial in open water in 25 knot winds. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**29. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further local information contact (except entries and charter):

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