

**2008 Laser Radial Men's and Youth
World Championships
Saturday 22nd March to Saturday 29th March 2008
Takapuna Beach, North Shore, New Zealand**

Notice of Race

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.
- 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 deleted and replaced by:

The Laser shall be raced by one person onboard. The crew shall not change during the event.
- 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.
- 1.7. Paragraph 20.3.3 of the ISAF Advertising Code will apply.

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 registered sailor is not permitted.
- 2.3. **Entry to both the Men's and Youth Championship is restricted to Allocated places using allocation codes issued by ILCA through national Laser Class Associations and Extra Allocated Places applied for by national Laser Class Associations and allocated by ILCA. Extra Allocated Places are issued subject to availability. Details of allocated places and entry forms are available at www.laserinternational.org**
- 2.4. For the Men's Championship 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.
- 2.5. For the Youth Championship entry is restricted to competitors who are, or will be at least 15 years old but not 19 years old in the year of the championship i.e. born in 1990, 1991, 1992 or 1993. Proof of age will be required at registration.
- 2.6. Before 17th February 2008 each sailor under 18 years old on 22nd March 2008 shall fax to ILCA a completed parent/guardian consent form provided by the organisers. <http://events.laserinternational.org/en/documents/store/100z14>
- 2.7. For the duration of the championship, each sailor under 18 years old on 22nd March 2008 shall be accompanied by a responsible adult who is named on the parent /guardian consent form.
- 2.8. Each responsible adult and coach, if applicable, and each competitor shall register on site at the race office before 1800 23rd March 2008.

3. ENTRIES AND ENTRY FEES

- 3.1. The entry fee is £150 English pounds. A £50 English pounds late payment fee will apply to payments received after the appropriate entry closing date.
- 3.2. Entries must be made online at www.laserinternational.org using the official entry form.
- 3.3. Full payment of entry shall be made by internet by the entry closing date. NO ENTRY WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL FULL PAYMENT IS MADE.
- 3.4. 50% OF FEES ARE REFUNDABLE FOR CANCELATIONS BEFORE 1st FEBRUARY. AFTER 1st FEBRUARY NO ENTRY FEES ARE REFUNDABLE.
- 3.5. ALL entry communication must be sent only to: International Laser Class Association: Email: office@laserinternational.org Website: www.laserinternational.org
- 3.6. Each competitor shall be registered as an ISAF Sailor. To register as an ISAF Sailor go to: www.sailing.org/isafsailor/register.asp
- 3.7. No resale of entries will be allowed.

4. ENTRY CLOSING DATE

- 4.1. **Allocated Place** entry closing date: 2259 GMT 7th January 2008 (Late payment penalty £50 English pounds).
- 4.2. Final **Extra Allocated Place** entry closing date: 10th February 2008 (Late payment penalty £50 English Pounds)
- 4.3. Countries may reserve an **Allocated Place** or **Extra Allocated Place** by paying the appropriate non-refundable entry fee before the appropriate entry closing date.
- 4.4. LATE ENTRIES MAY BE ACCEPTED AFTER 10th FEBRUARY ONLY AT THE DISCRETION OF ILCA.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1. Copies of Sailing Instructions will be available at the Race Office from Saturday 22nd 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 from Saturday 8th 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 AND 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: Saturday 22nd March 0900-1200 and 1300-1800 Sunday 23rd 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. All competitors shall use only one hull, sail, mast, boom, centreboard and rudder all of which shall be identified during inspection.
- 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. Female Competitors shall place a red diamond on each side of their sail (back to back). The diamond shall be 240mm high and 180mm wide +/-5mm and shall be located in the centre of the sail immediately above the top batten.
- 9.4. Boats may be required to display regatta sponsor advertising.
- 9.5. Competitors may be required to wear bibs provided by the organising authority.
- 9.6. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organising authority.
- 9.7. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places at the venue.
- 9.8. Access to the boat park may be restricted during certain hours including the hours of darkness.

10. PROGRAMME

10.1.

Date	Item
Saturday 22 March 2008	Registration, Measurement
Sunday 23 March 2008	Registration, Measurement
Monday 24 March 2008	Racing - 2 qualifying races (1st warning signal 1100)
Tuesday 25 March 2008	Racing - 2 qualifying races
Wednesday 26 March 2008	Racing - 2 qualifying races
Thursday 27 March 2008	Racing - 2 qualifying races
Friday 28 March 2008	Racing - 2 finals or qualifying races
Saturday 29 March 2008	Racing - 2 finals or qualifying races Prize giving and Closing Ceremony

10.2. No warning signal will be made after 1600 hrs on Saturday 29th March.

11. RACING FORMAT

- 11.1. For the Youth Championship there will be separate fleets if there are 35 or more sailors entered in both the boys and girls fleets.
- 11.2. Youth or Youth male fleet may be split into two or more groups and sail a qualifier and a finals series. All fleets will race on the same course.
- 11.3. If a qualifying series is used it will finish at the end of the 4th racing day provided at least 4 races have been 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 races will only be made at the completion of a days 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. If fleets are split a qualifier race will not count until all qualifier fleets have completed that race.

14.4. If fleets are split one score will be excluded when calculating the division into the finals fleets if at least 4 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.

14.7. If fleets are split 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.

14.8. 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 for Men, Youth male and youth female. If the youth fleet is not split into male and female the respective fleet scores for male and female will be extracted from the overall Youth Fleet score to determine the award of prizes. A prize will be awarded for the first male and female youth sailor born in 1992 or later (under 17 as defined in the ILCA Handbook)

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. A competitor is wholly and exclusively responsible for any addition third party liability insurance on the boat that he or she is sailing and for his or 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

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. CHARTER BOATS

- 29.1. A limited number of charter boats from Performance Sailcraft Australasia are available for each fleet through application to the International Laser Class Association. For further information www.laserinternational.org

30. FURTHER INFORMATION

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