

Notice of Race

European Laser Standard Senior Championship 2008 European Laser Standard Senior Trophy 2008

12 July 2008 - 19 July 2008

Venue: Nieuwpoort, Belgium

Organising Authority: Koninklijke Yacht Club Nieuwpoort, Belgium (Organiser) in Conjunction with the European Region of International Laser Class Association (ILCA)

In association with Laser Group Belgium, Vlaamse Yachting Federatie

With the assistance of Royal Yacht Club Belgium, Royal Belgian Sailing Club & Koninklijke Liberty Yacht Club

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 RRS A11: ARB means scoring penalty after arbitration, PTS scoring penalty for a yellow flag after finish.
- 1.3. Advertising - The organizing authority may require competing boats to carry event sponsor advertising on the hull.
- 1.4. Sails shall have the full sail number AND NATIONAL LETTERS in accordance with the Class Rules and RRS.
- 1.5. All times mentioned are local summertime (UTC + 2) unless otherwise stated.

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. No resale of entries will be allowed.
- 2.4. The European Championship is restricted to European sailors only. The European Trophy is open to entries from European and non-European sailors.
- 2.5. This is an allocated place event. Entry is restricted. Each sailor must apply using the official online application form (see paragraph 3.2). Places are allocated, after application, by the competitor's National Laser Association for the European Championship and by ILCA for the European Trophy. The limited places for non – European sailors will be allocated by the European Executive Committee taking into account previous results and the number of applications from each country.
- 2.6. Entry is restricted to competitors who are at least 17 years old in 2008, i.e. born in 1991 or earlier. Proof of age will be required at registration.
- 2.7. Each sailor 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.isaf.org/isafsailor.php>
- 2.8. Each sailor under 18 years old on 11 July 2008 shall send to ILCA a completed parent/guardian consent form before 29 June 2008. This consent form will be automatically emailed to each sailor upon completing the online entry form.
- 2.9. For the duration of the championship, each sailor under 18 years old shall be accompanied by the responsible adult who is named on the parent/guardian consent form.
- 2.10. The responsible adult (if applicable), coach and competitor shall register together on site at the race office before 18:00 on 13 July 2008.
- 2.11. The total number of entries is restricted to 160.

3. ENTRY APPLICATION

- 3.1. Applications for entry will be accepted from 3 January 2008.
- 3.2. Application for an entry shall be made at: <http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z19>
- 3.3. Applications for an entry must be received by: 23:59 GMT, 14 March 2008.
- 3.4. Applications for an entry will be responded to by 23:59 GMT, 4 April 2008.
- 3.5. Applications that are accepted but that do not receive an initial allocated entry offer will be automatically added to the waiting list for extra places.

4. ENTRY AND ENTRY FEES

- 4.1. The entry fee is £150 GBP.
- 4.2. Entry can only be made once an application has been accepted and full payment of entry fees and entry has been made only online at www.laserinternational.org using the official entry form.

- 4.3. 50% of entry fees paid are refundable for cancellations received before 23:59 GMT, 11 June 2008.
- 4.4. NO ENTRY FEES ARE REFUNDABLE AFTER 11 June 2008.
- 4.5. Entry opens for initial allocated places: 4 February 2008.
- 4.6. Entry closes for initial allocated places: 23:59 GMT, 28 April 2008.
- 4.7. Extra places will be offered from: 1 May 2008.
- 4.8. Entry closes for extra places: 23:59 GMT, 11 June 2008.
- 4.9. Late entries will only be accepted after 11 June 2008 at the discretion of ILCA upon payment of a late entry fee of £200 GBP (£150 + £50 GBP).

5. PROGRAMME

- 5.1. 12 July 2008 0900 – 19:00 Registration, Measurement
 13 July 2008 0900 – 12:00 Registration, Measurement, and Practice Race followed by an opening reception (buffet meal)
 14 July 2008 2 races back to back, each approx 60 minutes (Qualifying series)
 15 July 2008 2 races back to back, each approx 60 minutes
 16 July 2008 2 races back to back, each approx 60 minutes
 17 July 2008 2 races back to back, each approx 60 minutes
 18 July 2008 2 races back to back, each approx 60 minutes (Finals series)
 19 July 2008 2 races back to back, each approx 60 minutes followed by the Prize giving and party (buffet meal).
- 5.2. The time of the first warning signal for the Practice Race will be: 13:55. The time of the first warning signal each day for the Qualifying and Final Series will be: 11:55
- 5.3. On all days succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
- 5.4. Any race on Saturday 19 July 2008 for which a warning signal is not given by 15:00 will be abandoned and not re-sailed.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1. Copies of Sailing Instructions will be available from the Race Office during registration.

7. RACE OFFICE

- 7.1. The Race Office is situated at: Koninklijke Yacht Club , Krommehoek no.1, 8620 Nieuwpoort, Belgium.
- 7.2. The Race Office is open:
 12 & 13 July 2008: 09:00 to 13:00 and from 14:00 to 19:00
 14 to 19 July 2008: 09:00 to Launching hour +1 and from 16:00 to End of Protest Time +1, unless extended at the discretion of the Race Committee.

8. MEASUREMENT / INSPECTION

- 8.1. Information on measurement will be posted on the official notice board. Boats shall be presented with all racing equipment.
- 8.2. Measurement / Inspection will take place at the boat park between the following dates and times:
 12 July 2008 from 09:00 to 13:00 and from 14:00 to 19:00
 13 July 2008 from 09:00 to 13:00 and from 14:00 to 19:00
- 8.3. Measurement / Inspection outside these hours is possible only at the discretion of the Regatta Measurer and on payment of €20 EUR.
- 8.4. Wet clothing, measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the Regatta at the discretion of the Class Representative, Race Committee or the International Jury.

9. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 9.1. All competitors shall use only one hull, sail, mast, boom, centreboard and rudder which shall be identified during measurement/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 120 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 Jury or Race Committee and the written permission of the Jury or Race Committee shall be applied for before the end of Protest Time at the end of the day in which the substitution takes place.
- 9.3. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places at the venue.
- 9.4. Boats may be required to display identification numbers.
- 9.5. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organising authority.
- 9.6. Access to the boat park may be restricted during certain hours including the hours of darkness.

10. TEAM/COACH/SUPPORT BOATS

- 10.1. Support boat drivers shall register their boats at the Race Office with their passports and submit names and boat numbers of the sailors they are supporting.
- 10.2. Each coach/support boat shall be clearly identified with a number supplied by the Organising Authority. No other individual support boats shall be used.

11. RACING FORMAT

- 11.1. A Qualifying series will be sailed followed by a Finals series. If 4 races have not been completed by the end of the fourth scheduled racing day the qualifier series will continue until the end of the fifth or sixth racing day and the completion of 4 races.

12. COURSES

- 12.1. Trapezoid courses will be used with inner and outer loops and an upwind finish. The target time for the first boat in each race will be 60 minutes.

13. INTERNATIONAL JURY

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

14. WHISTLE SYSTEM

- 14.1. 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.

15. IMMEDIATE PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULE 42

- 15.1. Appendix P will apply with the following changes:
 - 15.1.1. On the first protest, if protested after she has finished, she will be given a scoring penalty of 8 points without a hearing.
 - 15.1.2. RRS P 3 is modified as to read 'If a boat has been protested for the first time under RRS P1 and the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, the penalty from her first protest is cancelled, but the protest is counted to determine the number of times she has been protested during the series. 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 restarted or re-sailed. If the race is abandoned the boat shall not sail in the next race. If she fails to do so, 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'.
- 15.2. Action taken by the jury under Appendix P will not be grounds for redress by a competitor.

16. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

- 16.1. 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.

17. APPEALS

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

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 18.1. 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.

19. DRUG TESTING

- 19.1. Competitors are required to comply with the rule 5 and ISAF Regulation 21, which ban the use of drugs.
- 19.2. Drugs testing may take place during the event.

20. SAFETY

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

21. SCORING

- 1.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 1.2. A total of 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 1.3. A qualifying race will not count until all qualifying fleets have completed that race.
- 1.4. One race score will be excluded when calculating the division into the finals fleets.
- 1.5. The qualifying races and final races will count for total points in the championship.
- 1.6. When 4 or more races are completed 1 race score will be excluded; when 10 or more races are completed, 2 races scores will be excluded.
- 1.7. The overall fleet results shall be provided only for information.
- 1.8. The official results shall be published for each of the championship titles listed below calculated by extraction from the overall results without recalculation.
- 21.1. If a points scoring penalty for a breach of RRS 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.

- 21.2. There will be a daily overall result list for the European Championship, without re-scoring, open only to sailors from European nations, and a separate daily overall result list for the European Trophy, open to all sailors.

22. PRIZES

- 22.1. The first sailor in the European Championship will be the European Laser Standard Senior Champion 2008.
22.2. Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the ILCA Honour Award By-Law for the European Championship.
22.3. Separate prizes will be awarded for the European Trophy.
22.4. Additional prizes may be awarded according to entry numbers.

23. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

- 23.1. By entering the Championships competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or using the Championship 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 competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitors approval of such images or any use thereof.

24. LIABILITY

- 24.1. Koninklijke Yacht Club Nieuwpoort, Belgium and 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 European Laser Senior Standard Championship 2008 and competitors take part in the championships at their own risk.
24.2. 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 is sailing.
24.3. A competitor must be of good health and a competent sailor capable of racing a Laser in open water in 25 knot winds and it is his sole responsibility to decide to participate in a race or to continue racing.
24.4. It is the responsibility of each sailor to decide to participate in a race or to continue racing.
24.5. A competitor is wholly and exclusively responsible for third party liability insurance on the boat that he is sailing and for his personal accident and health insurance. Proof of such insurance must be provided at registration.

25. INDEMNIFICATION

- 25.1. To the fullest extent permitted by law, each competitor agrees to indemnify and hold the International Laser Class Association and Koninklijke Yacht Club Nieuwpoort, Belgium, owners, affiliates, officers, employees, agents, committee persons and race officials acting in their official capacities harmless, from any third party claim to the extent arising from a competitor's acts or omissions.

26. CHARTER BOATS

- 26.1. Please refer to the ILCA web site for information on charter boats:
<http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z19>

27. LOCAL CONTACT (everything except entry and entry payment)

- 27.1. Website: www.kycn.be Email: info@kycn.be Phone Number: 058 23.44.13

28. This Notice of Race may be subject to amendments.