

**International Laser Class Association**  
**European Laser 4.7 Championship 2007**  
**Dun Laoghaire, Ireland 21 – 27 July 2007**

The Organising authority is the National Yacht Club, in conjunction with the European Region of the International Laser Class Association.

Championship web site for local information and accommodation: [www.nyc.ie](http://www.nyc.ie)

## **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 RRS 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 Sails shall have the full sail number and National Letters in accordance with the Class Rules and RRS.

### **2. ENTRY REGULATIONS**

- 2.1 Only current fully paid members of the International Laser Class Association may enter the regatta. During registration each sailor will be required to show clear written evidence of current membership of his or her national Laser Association. If a sailor is unable to present this, he or she will be charged a fee of € 70 (payable in local currency), € 10 of which will be retained by the collecting club and € 10 by ILCA, to cover administration. € 50 will be passed on to the sailor's district, which may refund it to the sailor if he/she is already a current member, or may put it towards that sailor's membership fee if he/she is not a member.
- 2.2 Crew substitution of the registered sailor is not permitted. By entering the championship a competitor and their parent guardian warrants that the competitor is in good health and is a competent sailor capable of racing a Laser 4.7 in open water in 25 knot winds.
- 2.3 Age limit:  
Entry is open to experienced sailors who are or will be 12 years old but not 18 years old in the calendar year in which the championship is held; i.e., a competitor for the 2007 Championship must be born in 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994 or 1995. Proof of age will be required at registration.
- 2.4 Before 1 July 2007 each sailor shall fax to ILCA a completed parent/guardian consent form that will be automatically emailed to each complete entry received. The fax number will be advised on the entry form.
- 2.5 For the duration of the championship, each sailor shall be accompanied by a responsible adult who is named on the parent/guardian consent form.
- 2.6 Each responsible adult and coach, if applicable, and each competitor shall register together on site at the race office before 1800 Sunday 20 July 2007.

### **3. ENTRY AND ENTRY FEES**

- 3.1 The entry fee is £140 (English pounds).
- 3.2 Full payment of entry fees and entry shall only be made online at [www.laserinternational.org](http://www.laserinternational.org) using the official entry form.
- 3.3 50% of the entry fees are refundable before 8 June 2007. NO ENTRY FEES ARE REFUNDABLE AFTER 8 June 2007.
- 3.4 No resale of entries will be allowed
- 3.5 All entry communications must be sent to: International Laser Class Association, email: [office@laserinternational.org](mailto:office@laserinternational.org).

### **4. ENTRY CLOSING DATE**

- 4.1 The entry closing time/date is: 2359 on 8 June 2007 or on the date when for females the female entry reaches 80 before the entry closing date or for males the male entry reaches 200 before the entry closing date.
- 4.2 Late entries may be accepted after the entry closing time/date only at the discretion of ILCA on payment of a late entry fee of £50 (English pounds).

### **5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Copies of Sailing Instructions will be available at the race office during registration.

## 6. RACE OFFICE

The Race Office is situated at the National Yacht Club and will be open from Friday 20 July from 0900 until 1800 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.

## 7. MEASUREMENT

7.1 All competitors shall present their boats for scrutiny by the Regatta Measurer before the start of the first race. Boats shall be presented fully rigged with all control lines in position.

Measurement will take place at the boat park between the following times:

Friday 20 July 0900 – 1300 and 1400 to 1800

Saturday 21 July 0900 – 1200 and 1300 to 1500

Measurement outside these times may be allowed at the discretion of the Regatta Measurer and will be charged €20 per boat, payable in local currency (except in the event of damage).

7.2 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.

## 8. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

8.1 All competitors shall use only one hull, sail, mast, boom, centreboard and rudder, which shall be identified during measurement.

8.2 In the event of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the written permission of the Regatta Measurer, Jury or Race Committee. 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, 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.

8.3 **Female** competitors shall place on their sails 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.

8.4 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places at the venue.

8.5 Boats may be required to carry identification numbers.

## 9. PROGRAMME

<u>Date</u>	<u>Item</u>
Friday 20 July	Registration, Boat Allocation, Measurement 0900 – 1800,
Saturday 21 July	Registration, Boat Allocation, Measurement 0900 – 1200, Practice Race; warning signal: 1400 Opening Ceremony: 1800
Sunday 22 – Friday 27 July	Race Days (2 races scheduled per day); 1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal: 1200
Friday 27 July	Prize giving

9.2 Any race for which a warning signal is not given by 1500 on the last day of the regatta will be abandoned and not re-sailed.

## 10. RACING FORMAT

10.1 If there are more than 35 male and 35 female entries the fleet will be split into male and female fleets.

10.2 If necessary the male fleet will be divided into groups and sail a Qualifying series followed by a Finals series.

## 11. IMMEDIATE PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULE 42

11.1 Appendix P will apply with the following changes:

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

11.2 RRS P 3 is modified as 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 restarted or re-sailed. If she does sail, 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".

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

## 12. SCORING

12.1 The regatta will be scored as provided in RRS Appendix A using the Low Point System.

- 12.2 A total of 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 12.3 A qualifier race will not count until all qualifying fleets have completed that race.
- 12.4 One race score will be excluded when calculating the division into the finals fleets.
- 12.5 The qualifying races and final races will count for total points in the championship.
- 12.6 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.
- 12.7 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.
- 12.8 Competitors in each of the prize categories will be identified in the overall results with no re-scoring.

**13. INTERNATIONAL JURY**

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

**14. 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.

**15. APPEALS**

There shall be no appeal from the decisions of protests.

**16. PRIZES**

The first male and female sailors on the overall scoring will be the Laser 4.7 Male/Female European Champion.

Individual prizes will be awarded in accordance with ILCA Honour Award By Law for the following events:

Overall Male

Overall Female

Special prizes will be award to places 6<sup>th</sup> onwards according to the number of entries and for the first competitor born in each of the following years;

1990,1991, 1992, 1993, 1994 and 1995

**17. COURSES**

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

**18. 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 any use thereof.

**19. LIABILITY**

The National Yacht 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 2007 Laser 4.7 European Championships, including any pre-championship training at the championship site, and competitors take part in the championship entirely 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.

A competitor must be of good health and an experienced sailor capable of racing a Laser 4.7 in 25 knot winds in open water.

It is the responsibility of each sailor and their 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.

**20. CHARTER BOATS**

A limited number of charter boats (hull, spars and foils) are available for competitors travelling long distances. Please apply by email to [office@laserinternational.org](mailto:office@laserinternational.org) before 21 April.

