

***Laser Masters European Championship 2007***  
***Breitenbrunn Austria August 17 to 23***

**NOTICE OF RACE**

The Organising Authority is **Yachtclub Breitenbrunn** in association with the European Region of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA)

**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 of race.
- 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 fully paid up 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.
- 2.2. Substitution of a registered sailor is not permitted.
- 2.3. The Championship will be held separately for the Standard Rig and Laser Radial Rig and for each category. In order to compete in an age category the competitors shall reach the following ages during 2007:
  - 35 to compete in the Apprentice Masters (Standard or Laser Radial)
  - 45 to compete in the Masters (Standard or Laser Radial)
  - 55 to compete in the Grand Masters (Standard or Laser Radial)
  - 65 to compete in the Great Grand Masters (only Laser Radial)
  - 35 to compete in the Laser Radial Women
  - 35 to compete in the Laser Radial 4.7 Women

**3. ENTRY FEE**

- 3.1. The entry fee is: **€150.--, if paid before July 15, 2007 (= credit to YCBb Bank Account): €135.--**
- 3.2. The methods of payment are shown on the Entry Form. Only entry applications using the official entry form will be accepted.
- 3.3. Entry applications must be made by the Entry Closing Date. Payment of entry fee for international participation can be made on site, provided the competitor has entered and sent the completed entry form and this has been received by the Entry Closing Date. International competitors who enter on site without having forwarded completed entry form by the entry closing date will be charged the late entry fee.

**4. ENTRY CLOSING DATE**

- 4.1. Entry closing date: **27 July 2007**
- 4.2. Late entries will be accepted until **1200 Saturday 18 August** upon payment of a late additional entry fee of **€20**.

**5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Copies of Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

**6. RACE OFFICE**

The Race Office is situated on the premises of Yachtclub Breitenbrunn.

## 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 17 August : from 1000 to 1800**

**Saturday 18 August : from 0800 to 1200**

Measurement outside these times may be allowed at the discretion of the Regatta Measurer but €15 will be charged (except in the event of remeasurement following 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 on which the substitution takes place.

## 9. PROGRAMME, START TIME AND STARTING SEQUENCE

9.1. <u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Item</u>
<b>Friday 17 August</b>	1000 to 1800	Registration
	1000 to 1800	Measurement
<b>Saturday 18 August</b>	0800 to 1200	Registration
	0800 to 1200	Measurement
	1355	Warning signal practice race
	1700	Announcement of fleet composition
	1800	Opening Ceremony
<b>Sunday 19 to Thursday 23 August</b>	<b>1055 h (first warning signal)</b>	Race days (in principle, 2 races scheduled per day, see 10.3). The second race will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the first race.
<b>Thursday 23 August</b>	Evening	Prize giving

- 9.2. Any race for which a warning signal is not given by 1500 hrs on Thursday 23 August will be abandoned and not re-sailed.

## 10. RACING FORMAT

- 10.1. Up to 10 races will be sailed.
- 10.2. A minimum of 3 completed races is required to constitute the championship.
- 10.3. In principle 2 races are scheduled per day. Exceptionally there can be 3 races in one day, if there is a delay in the schedule.
- 10.4. If possible all Standard boats start together. The Laser Radials will have a separate start if there are 5 boats or more. For 4 boats or less the Laser Radials start with the Standard fleet. In the latter case there is still a separate fleet ranking for the Laser Radial. Fleets might be formed if there are more than approximately 60 participants in the Laser

Standard and/or Laser Radial and/or Laser 4.7. The fleets will be composed of one or several age categories in order to form fleets of approximately 20 to 60 participants. For better understanding the following EXAMPLE shows one possibility: 38 participants in “Fleet 1, Standard Apprentice”, 44 participants in “Fleet 2, Standard Master, Standard Grand Master” and 23 participants in “Fleet 3, Laser Radial”.

10.5. Laser 4.7 Women will start with the Radial rig except if there are 5 or more participating boats. In this case they will have a separate start.

10.6. The composition of the fleets will be announced on Saturday 18 August 1800.

10.7. The Great Grand Masters shall sail with the Laser Radial Rig.

10.8. Each participant shall display a colour band round the mast between the boom vang fitting and the boom to indicate his / her age category as described in the 2006 ILCA Handbook. Bands will be supplied by the organisers.

10.9. Laser 4.7 Women will start with the Radial rig instead they are 10 or more, in this case they will have a separate start.

## **11. IMMEDIATE PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RRS 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 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 restarted or resailed. If the race is abandoned the boat shall not sail in the next race. If she fails to comply, 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”.

11.4. Action taken by the jury under RRS 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 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a championship. When 4 or more races are completed 1 race score will be excluded; when 8 or more races are completed 2 race scores will be excluded.

12.3. The scoring is done separately for each age category as follows:

Laser Standard: Apprentices; Masters; Grand Masters

Laser Radial: Apprentices; Masters; Grand Masters; Great Grand Masters; Women

Laser 4.7: Women

12.4. If two or more age categories in the Laser Standard Rig or Laser Radial Rig sail as one fleet, scores for each category will be taken from the overall position in the fleet but not rescored. If there is no separate start for the Laser Radial Rig the scores for the different categories in the Laser Radial Rig will be taken from the overall position in the combined fleet but not rescored.

12.5. 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.

## **13. INTERNATIONAL JURY**

An international jury has been appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N and perform the duties listed in RRS N.2.

## **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**

As an international jury has been appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N there shall be no appeal from the decisions of protests.

#### **16. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded by category in accordance with the ILCA Honour Award By-Law for the following categories, subject to entry numbers, if there are at least 5 competitors in the category:

Laser Standard: Apprentice, Master, Grand Master.

Laser Radial: Apprentice, Master, Grand Master, Great Grand Master, Women.

#### **17. COURSES**

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

#### **18. LIABILITY**

**Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4** Yachtclub Breitenbrunn and the International Laser Class Association, their officers, members and volunteers do not accept liability for loss of life or property, personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the 2007 Laser Masters European Championship and competitors take part in the regatta 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 in good health and a competent sailor capable of sailing a Laser in strong winds.

It is the responsibility of each sailor 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.

#### **19. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €680.000 per event or the equivalent. **An insurance certificate must be shown upon registration.**

#### **20. This Notice of Race may be subject to amendments.**