

Notice of Race

European Laser Standard Senior Championship & Trophy 2010

4 - 11 June 2010

Venue: Tallinn, Estonia

Organising Authority: Tallinn "Kalev" Yacht Club (Organiser) in Conjunction with 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. Laser class rule 7 (a) is restricted as follows:
Only one person shall be onboard whilst racing. The person shall be named on the entry form.
- 1.3. Add to RRS A11: ARB means scoring penalty after arbitration, PTS scoring penalty for a yellow flag after finish.
- 1.4. Appendix P will apply, with the following amendments:
 - 1.4.1. P3 "Postponement, General recall or Abandonment": If a boat has been penalised under rule P1 and the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, the penalty is not cancelled and is still counted to determine the number of times she has been penalised during the regatta.
If this is the first penalty she may start when the race is re-started or sailed again if she has taken the Two-Turn Penalty under rule 44.2 even if it is after a postponement, general recall or abandonment. If she has failed to take the penalty then she shall not start when the race is re-started or sailed again and shall be disqualified without a hearing.
If it is a second penalty she shall not start when the race is re-started or sailed again and shall be scored DNF.
If it is the third or subsequent penalties she shall not start when the race is re-started or sailed again and shall be scored DSQ which cannot be excluded.
 - 1.4.2. P4 is amended to also allow redress when initiated by the jury. Sailors or other parties cannot request redress under P4.
- 1.5. Advertising - The organizing authority may require competing boats to carry event sponsor advertising on the hull and / or sail.
- 1.6. Sails shall display 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 championship.
- 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. Each sailor shall apply using the official online application form (see paragraph 3).
- 2.6. Each sailor shall be registered as an ISAF Sailor. The ISAF sailor number is required to enter the Championship. To register as an ISAF sailor go to: <http://www.isaf.org/isafsailor.php>
- 2.7. Entry is restricted to experienced sailors who are, or will be at least 17 years old in the year of the championship i.e. born in 1993 or before. Proof of age will be required at registration.
- 2.8. Each sailor under 18 years old on 4th June 2010 shall send to ILCA a completed parent/guardian consent form before 11th May 2010. 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) and competitors shall register together on site at the race office before 18:00 on 5th June 2010.
- 2.11. The total number of entries is restricted to 160 sailors.

3. ENTRY APPLICATION & ENTRY PROCESS

- 3.1. Applications for entry will be accepted from 5th January 2010 until 23:59 GMT, 9th February 2010 with payment of the €20 (Euros) application fee which may be deducted from the entry fee or will be refunded under certain circumstances as detailed in 3.10.
- 3.2. Application for entry shall be made at: <http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z42>
- 3.3. After the 9th February 2010 the National Laser Association will rank the applications from their country. All sailors who are ranked within the country allocation limit (see

<http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z42>) will receive a place offer. Applications ranked lower than the country allocation limit will be added to the waiting list. National Laser Associations can decline a sailor's application based upon ability or non ILCA membership.

- 3.4. All applications will be responded to by the 16th February 2010, being informed by email that:
 - a. a place has been offered,
 - b. the application has been added to the waiting list, or
 - c. the application has been declined by the National Laser Association.
- 3.5. Extra places will be offered to sailors on the waiting list if available from the 16th March 2010.
- 3.6. Sailors offered a place will have 2 weeks to complete entry. If the sailor fails to enter the application fee will be lost and the place will be offered to the next ranked sailor.
- 3.7. The entry fee is €210 Euros.
- 3.8. Entry will only be accepted after 17th May 2010 at the discretion of ILCA and upon payment of a late entry fee of €260 Euros (€210 + €50 Euros).

LATE APPLICATION

- 3.9. Sailors who do not apply before 9th February 2010 have very little chance to attend the championship. A sailor who has not applied may make a late application from the 17th February 2010 until the 13th April 2010 and, if the application is accepted and ranked by the National Laser Association, will be automatically added to the waiting list.

CANCELLATION & REFUND

- 3.10. The full **application fee** will be refunded if:
 - a. the application is refused by the National Laser Association,
 - b. the application is cancelled via the ILCA web site before the application is ranked by the sailor's District,
 - c. the sailor is not offered an allocated place in the initial place round, the application is automatically added to the waiting list for an extra place and the sailor decides to cancel via the ILCA web site within two weeks of being put on the waiting list, or
 - d. the applicant is not offered a place.In all instances above the sailor will receive an automatic email confirming the refund within 24 hours. If a confirmation email is not received the ILCA office must be contacted immediately, if no confirmation email is received the sailor may lose the application fee.
- 3.11. 50% of the **entry fee** paid is refundable for cancellations received before 17th May 2010.
- 3.12. **No entry fee is refundable after the 17th May 2010.**
- 3.13. If your cancelled place is able to be filled by another sailor a refund of the full entry fee paid less a €40 (Euros) bank and administration charge will be refunded to you on the 4th June 2010.
- 3.14. In all instances refunds are processed on the credit card used to pay for application or entry. **Please ensure the expiry date of the credit card used for payment is after the 13th July 2010.** ILCA do not store your credit card details, so we are not able to refund to another card. If your card expires and a refund is required the refund will be by another method at the expense of the sailor.

4. CHARTER BOATS

- 4.1. A limited number of Charter boats are available, sailors must indicate their need for a charter boat when completing an application.
- 4.2. Charter boats will be available from the 4th June 2010.
- 4.3. Further details regarding Charter boats will be available on the championship website:
<http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z42>

PRE-CHARTER

- 4.4. Charter boats will be available for a pre-charter training period from 10:00am on the 28th May to 3rd June 2010.
- 4.5. Further details regarding pre-charters will be available on the championship website:
<http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z42>

5. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 5.1. 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.
- 5.2. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places at the venue.
- 5.3. Boats may be required to display identification numbers.
- 5.4. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organising authority.
- 5.5. Access to the boat park may be restricted during certain hours including the hours of darkness.

6. PROGRAMME

- 6.1. 28 May – 3 June Pre-charter period for on-site training.
- 4 June 09:00 - 18:00 Registration, Measurement, Charter Boat allocation
- 5 June 09:00 - 18:00 Registration, Measurement, Charter Boat allocation
15:00 Practice Race followed by an opening reception and buffet meal
- 6 June 2 races back to back, (Qualifying series)
- 7 June 2 races back to back, (Qualifying series)
- 8 June 2 races back to back, (Qualifying series)
- 9 June 2 races back to back, (Qualifier/Finals series)
- 10 June 2 races back to back, (Qualifier/Finals series)
- 11 June 2 races back to back, (Qualifier/Finals series) followed by the Prize giving party and buffet meal.
- 6.2. The time of the first warning signal for the Practice Race will be: 15:00
- 6.3. The time for the first warning signal on the first day will be: 11:30
- 6.4. Each day succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
- 6.5. Any race whose warning signal is not given by 15:00 on the last day of the championship will be abandoned and not re-sailed.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Copies of Sailing Instructions will be available from the Race Office during registration and from the ILCA Championship web site from 7th May 2010.

8. RACE OFFICE

- 8.1. The Race Office is located at: Olympic Sailing Centre, Tallinn, Estonia
- 8.2. The Race Office is open:
4 & 5 June from 09:00 to 18:00
6 to 11 June from 09:30 until 30 minutes after the close of the Protest Time unless extended at the discretion of the Race Committee.

9. MEASUREMENT / INSPECTION

- 9.1. Information on measurement will be posted on the official notice board. Boats shall be presented derigged with all equipment that shall be used in the championship.
- 9.2. Measurement / Inspection will take place at the boat park between the following dates and times:
4 & 5 June - 09:00 to 12:00 and 13:00 to 18:00
- 9.3. Measurement / Inspection outside these times will only be possible at the discretion of the Regatta Measurer and on payment of €20 (Euros).
- 9.4. 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.

10. COACH REGISTRATION & TEAM/COACH/SUPPORT BOATS

- 10.1. To book on-water parking for coach boats and to receive an entry pack coaches shall register online at <http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z42> before 17th May 2010.
- 10.2. There will be a Coaches meeting at the Race Office 2.5 hours before the first scheduled start time of the first race each day. The objectives of these meetings are to receive feedback from the coaches on the regatta organization, exchange view points and inform the coaches about changes in the sailing instructions and regatta organization in general.
- 10.3. Support boat drivers shall register their boats at the Race Office and submit names and sail numbers of the sailors they are supporting.
- 10.4. Each coach/support boat shall be clearly identified with a number supplied by the Organising Authority. No other individual support boats shall be used.
- 10.5. Each coach/support boat is recommended to carry a vhf radio capable of transmitting and receiving all international ship to ship channels.
- 10.6. The movements of support boats may be restricted.

11. RACING FORMAT

- 11.1. A Qualifying series will be sailed followed by a Finals series.
- 11.2. If 4 races have not been completed by the end of the third scheduled racing day the qualifying series will continue until the end of the racing day when a 4th qualifying race is completed.

12. COURSES

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

An international jury will be appointed in accordance with rule 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. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

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.

16. APPEALS

There shall be no appeal from the decisions of protests.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

18. ANTI DOPING & DRUG TESTING

- 18.1. Competitors are reminded of rule 5 and ISAF Regulation 21 Anti Doping Rule and Anti Doping Code, which ban the use of drugs.
- 18.2. Drugs testing may take place during the event.

19. SAFETY

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.

20. SCORING

- 20.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 20.2. A total of 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 20.3. A qualifying race will not count until all qualifying fleets have completed that race.
- 20.4. One race score will be excluded when calculating the division into the finals fleets.
- 20.5. The qualifying races and final races will count for total points in the championship.
- 20.6. 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. Only one race score may be excluded from the Finals races and only if at least 2 Finals races are completed.
- 20.7. The split for Finals racing will only be made at the completion of a day's racing.
- 20.8. The overall fleet results shall be provided for information only.
- 20.9. The results will be published for each of the championship titles listed below calculated by extraction from the overall results without recalculation.
- 20.10. 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. PRIZES

- 21.1. Prizes for the European Trophy will be awarded to the top three competitors overall, regardless of their nationality.
- 21.2. For each category below, prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th etc. on a ratio of one prize for every ten competitors rounded up-to the nearest ten competitors but limited to a minimum of three and a maximum of ten prizes.
- 21.3. The categories that prizes will be awarded to are:
 - European Laser Standard Senior Championship (for all European sailors competing);
 - European Laser Standard Under 21 Championship (for all European sailors competing who will not become 21 or older in 2010).
- 21.4. ILCA cube prizes will be awarded in accordance with the ILCA Honour Award By-Law.

22. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

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.

23. LIABILITY

- 23.1. The Estonian Laser Classes Association and ILCA 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 Championship and competitors take part in the championships at their own risk.

- 23.2. 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.
- 23.3. The sailor shall have arranged a charter boat and certifies that it is in a safe and seaworthy condition.
- 23.4. A competitor shall 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.
- 23.5. It is the responsibility of each sailor to decide to participate in a race or to continue racing.
- 23.6. The participating boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims of at least €1,500,000 (1.5 million Euros).
- 23.7. A competitor is recommended to have personal accident and health insurance that covers them while attending the regatta and whilst racing.

24. INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, each competitor agrees to indemnify and hold the International Laser Class Association and Tallinn "Kalev" Yacht Club, 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.

25. LOCAL CONTACT (excluding entry and entry payment)

Website: <http://www.laser2010tallinn.eu/web/>

26. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

This Notice of Race may be subject to amendments which will be identified in the Notice of Race and noted on the ILCA championship web site.