

**Notice of Race**  
**European Laser Standard Youth Championship & Trophy 2010**  
**17 - 24 July 2010**

Venue: Gdynia, Poland

**Organising Authority: Miejski Klub Żeglarski "Arka", Gdynski Osrodek Sportu i Rekreacji (Organisers) 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 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. This is an allocated place event. Each sailor shall apply using the official online application form (see paragraph 3).
- 2.5. 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>
- 2.6. Entry is restricted to competitors who are, or will be at least 17 years old but not 21 years or older in the year of the championship i.e. born in 1990, 1991, 1992 or 1993. Proof of age will be required at registration.
- 2.7. Each sailor under 18 years old on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2010 shall send to ILCA a completed parent/guardian consent form before 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010. This consent form will be automatically emailed to each sailor upon completing the online entry form.
- 2.8. For the duration of the championship, each sailor under 18 years of age shall be accompanied by the responsible adult who is named on the parent/guardian consent form.
- 2.9. The responsible adult and competitors shall register together on site at the race office before 18:00 on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2010.
- 2.10. The total number of entries is restricted to 125 sailors.

**3. ENTRY APPLICATION & ENTRY PROCESS**

- 3.1. Applications for entry will be accepted from 5<sup>th</sup> January 2010 until 23:59 GMT, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 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/100z45>
- 3.3. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 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/100z45>) 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 16<sup>th</sup> March 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 as available from the 13<sup>th</sup> April 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 15<sup>th</sup> June 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 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2010 have very little chance to attend the championship. A sailor who has not applied may make a late application from the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2010 until the 11<sup>th</sup> May 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 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010.
- 3.12. **No entry fee is refundable after the 15<sup>th</sup> June 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 17<sup>th</sup> July 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 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2010.** ILCA do not store credit card details and not able to refund to another card. If the 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 17<sup>th</sup> July 2010.
- 4.3. Further details regarding Charter boats will be available on the championship website:  
<http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z45>

#### **PRE-CHARTER**

- 4.4. Charter boats will be available for a pre-charter training period from 10:00am on the 9<sup>th</sup> July to 16<sup>th</sup> July 2010.
- 4.5. Further details regarding pre-charters will be available on the championship website:  
<http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z45>

#### **5. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT**

- 5.1. All competitors shall use only one hull, sail, battens, mast, boom, centreboard and rudder all of which shall be identified during measurement/inspection.
- 5.2. 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.
- 5.3. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places at the venue.
- 5.4. Boats may be required to display identification numbers.
- 5.5. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organising authority.
- 5.6. Access to the boat park may be restricted during certain hours including the hours of darkness.

#### **6. PROGRAMME**

- 6.1. 9 - 16 July Pre-charter period for on-site training.

17 July	09:00 - 18:00 Registration, Measurement, Charter Boat allocation
18 July	09:00 - 18:00 Registration, Measurement, Charter Boat allocation, Practice Race at 15:00 followed by an opening reception and buffet meal
19 July	2 races back to back, (Qualifying series)
20 July	2 races back to back, (Qualifying series)
21 July	2 races back to back, (Qualifying series)
22 July	2 races back to back, (Qualifying series)
23 July	2 races back to back, (Finals series)
24 July	2 races back to back, (Finals series) followed by the Prize giving and 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 race day will be: 14:00
- 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 16:00 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 19<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

## 8. RACE OFFICE

- 8.1. The Race Office is located at: Miejski Klub Żeglarski "Arka", Al. Jana Pawła II 13 D, 81-345 Gdynia
- 8.2. The Race Office is open:  
17 & 18 July from 09:00 to 18:00  
19 to 24 July 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:  
17 & 18 July from 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/100z45> before 15<sup>th</sup> June 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 fourth scheduled racing day the qualifying series will continue until the end of the racing day when a 4<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Youth Championship (for all European sailors competing);
  - European Laser Standard Youth Under 19 Championship (for all European sailors competing who will not become 19 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 competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

#### **23. LIABILITY**

- 23.1. The Miejski Klub Żeglarski "Arka", Gdynski Osrodek Sportu i Rekreacji 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 own or 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 Miejski Klub Żeglarski "Arka", 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. 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.