

Notice of Race

World & European Laser Radial Men's Championship 2010

6 - 14 July 2010

Venue: Largs, Great Britain

Organising Authority: Royal Yachting Association (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. Advertising - The organizing authority may require competing boats to carry event sponsor advertising on the hull.
- 1.5. Sails shall display the full sail number AND NATIONAL LETTERS in accordance with the Class Rules and RRS. The national letters shall denote the National Authority of which the sailor is a member in accordance with RRS 75.2 and with 2.1 Entry regulations below. This changes RRS Appendix G 1.1.

2. ENTRY REGULATIONS

- 2.1. Only current fully paid members of the International Laser Class Association and of an ISAF National Authority may enter the Championship. These memberships shall be with the National Laser Association and with the ISAF National Authority of the country where the sailor normally sails.
- 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 experienced sailors who are, or will be at least 15 years old in the year of the championship i.e. born in 1995 or before. Proof of age will be required at registration.
- 2.7. Each sailor under 18 years old on 28th June 2010 shall send to ILCA a completed parent/guardian consent form before 4th May 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 old shall be accompanied by the responsible adult who is named on the parent/guardian consent form.
- 2.9. The responsible adult (if applicable) and competitors shall register together on site at the race office before 18:00 on 8th July 2010.
- 2.10. The total number of entries is restricted to 120 sailors.

3. ENTRY APPLICATION & ENTRY PROCESS

- 3.1. Applications for entry will be accepted from 3rd November 2009 until 23:59 GMT, 5th January 2010 with payment of the £20 (GBP) application fee which will be deducted from the entry fee or will be retained or refunded under certain circumstances detailed in 3.5 and 3.9. The application fee, entry fee and charter fee payments can only be made with a credit card. If you have several credit cards you should use one with an **expiry date after the 4th October 2010**.
Reason: ILCA can only make refunds to the same credit card used to pay for application and entry. If at the time of the refund (the latest by 4th October 2010) the expiry date of your card has passed (but the number has remained the same) the refund is still possible, but much more complicated and will therefore take longer.
Application for entry shall be made at: <http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z47>
- 3.2. After the 5th January 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/100z47>) 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.
- 3.3. All applications will be responded to by the 19th January 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.
- 3.4. Extra places will be offered to sailors on the waiting list if available from the 16th February 2010.

- 3.5. Sailors offered a place will have 2 weeks to complete entry. If the sailor fails to enter the application fee will be lost.
- 3.6. The entry fee is £150 GBP.
- 3.7. Late entries will only be accepted after 4th May 2010 at the discretion of ILCA upon payment of a late entry fee of £200 GBP (£150 + £50 GBP).

LATE APPLICATION

- 3.8. Sailors who do not apply before 5th January 2010 have very little chance to attend the championship. A sailor who has not applied may make a late application from the 19th January 2010 until the 4th May 2010. If the application is accepted and ranked by the National Laser Association it will be automatically added to the waiting list.

CANCELLATION & REFUND

- 3.9. The **full application fee** will be refunded if:
 - a. the application is refused by your National Laser Association,
 - b. the application is cancelled via the ILCA web site before the application is ranked by the sailors 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 you may lose the application fee.

- 3.10. **50% of the entry fee** paid is refundable for cancellations received before 4th May 2010.
- 3.11. **No entry fee is refundable after the 4th May 2010.**
- 3.12. If your cancelled place is able to be filled by another sailor a refund of the full entry fee paid less a £35 (GBP) bank and administration charge will be refunded to you on the 9th July 2010.
- 3.13. Refunds can only be made to the credit card used to pay for application or entry. If at the time of the refund (the latest by 4th October 2010) the expiry date of your card has passed (but the number has remained the same) the refund is still possible, but much more complicated and will therefore take longer. If you have changed your credit card in the meantime (new card type and/or new number) then the refund can only be made with a bank transfer (expenses split). Please contact the ILCA office in this case.

4. CHARTER BOATS FROM LASER PERFORMANCE (UK)

- 4.1. A limited number of Charter boats are available and are allocated to countries (see <http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z47>) based upon National Laser Association membership and the distance and difficulty of transporting boats to the venue.
- 4.2. Charter boats will be available from the 6th July 2010. Pre championship charter information is detailed below.
- 4.3. Charter boats cost £350 (GBP) plus a refundable £150 (GBP) damage deposit.
- 4.4. Charter boats are supplied as a hull with self-bailer, a XD padded toe strap which is 870mm long, spars, centerboard, rudder, mainsheet side cleats, control line deck block fitting with blocks and control line deck cleat fitting with cleats.
- 4.5. No fitting may be removed, even if it is subsequently replaced, and no repairs may be undertaken without the permission of the Regatta Measurer and Laser Performance (UK). Note: All the fittings are sealed with silicone during manufacture.
- 4.6. No changes, additions or alterations to the spars, hull and fittings shall be made except the fitting of a compass and wind indicator supplied by the competitor, provided that they can be fitted without piercing or otherwise marking the hull or spars.
- 4.7. **Competitors must provide their own ropes, boom vang, mainsheet block, traveler blocks, tiller and tiller extension, sail and battens.**
- 4.8. If a Charter boat is towed it shall not exceed 8 knots.
- 4.9. All Chartered boats are subject to the "Terms and Conditions" of charter available at <http://events.laserinternational.org/en/documents/store/100z47>

PRE-CHARTER

- 4.10. Charter boats will be available for a pre-charter training period from 10:00am on the 28th June to 5th July 2010.
- 4.11. Pre-charter will cost £150 (GBP) and must be booked when completing entry.

CANCELLATION & REFUND

- 4.12. If a booked charter boat is cancelled before the 4th May 2010 and the boat can be re-chartered, 70% of the charter fee will be refunded. If a charter boat is cancelled after the 4th May 2010 no charter fee is refundable.
- 4.13. Refunds can only be made to the credit card used to pay for the charter. If at the time of the refund (the latest by 4th October 2010) the expiry date of your card has passed (but the number has remained the same) the refund is still possible, but much more complicated and will therefore take longer. If you have changed your

credit card in the meantime (new card type and/or new number) then the refund can only be made with a bank transfer (expenses split). Please contact the ILCA office in this case.

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. 29 June – 5 July Pre-charter period for on-site training.
6 July 14:00 - 18:00 Registration, Measurement, Charter Boat allocation
7 July 09:00 – 12:00 & 13:00 - 18:00 Registration, Measurement, Charter Boat allocation
8 July 09:00 – 12:00 & 13:00 - 18:00 Registration, Measurement, Charter Boat allocation
15:00 Practice Race followed by an opening reception and buffet meal
9 July 2 races back to back, (Qualifying series)
10 July 2 races back to back, (Qualifying series)
11 July 2 races back to back, (Qualifying series)
12 July 2 races back to back, (Qualifying series)
13 July 2 races back to back, (Qualifying / Finals series)
14 July 2 races back to back, (Qualifying / 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 race day will be: 12:00
- 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 22nd June 2010.

8. RACE OFFICE

- 8.1. The Race Office is located at: Largs Sailing Club, Largs Yacht Haven, Irvine Road, Largs, Ayrshire, Scotland.
- 8.2. The Race Office is open:
6 July from 14:00 - 18:00
7 & 8 July from 09:00 - 12:00 & 13:00 - 18:00
9 to 14 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 with all equipment that shall be used in the championship, with the bottom mast, boom and all control lines rigged and with the sail and top section derigged ready for inspection.
- 9.2. Measurement / Inspection will take place at the boat park between the following dates and times:
6 July - 14:00 - 18:00
7 & 8 July - 09:00 - 12:00 & 13:00 - 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 pounds sterling.
- 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. All coach/support boats shall register online at <http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z47> before 4th May 2010. Before 8th July 2010 all coach/support boat drivers shall confirm registration of their boats at the Race Office and submit names and sails 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.

- 10.3. Each coach/support boat is recommended to carry a vhf radio capable of transmitting and receiving all international ship to ship channels.
- 10.4. The movements of coach/support boats will be restricted as defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.5. 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

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 4th qualifying race is completed.
- 11.3. A qualifying race will not count until all qualifying fleets have completed that race.

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. One race score will be excluded when calculating the division into the finals fleets. The qualifying races and final races will count for total points in the championship. A total of 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 20.3. 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. The first sailor in the World Championship will be the World Laser Radial Men's Champion 2010.
- 21.2. The first European sailor in the Championship will be the European Laser Radial Men's Champion 2010.
- 21.3. The first sailor in the World Championship who will not become 21 or older in 2010 will be awarded the Under 21 prize.
- 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 Royal Yachting Association, Largs Sailing Club, ILCA and all 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 World Laser Radial 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. A competitor shall maintain their boat in a safe and seaworthy condition.
- 23.4. A competitor shall be of good health and a competent sailor capable of racing a Laser Radial 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. **All competitors shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 GBP per event or equivalent thereof in any other currency.**
- 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, Largs Sailing Club and the Royal Yachting Association, 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. ACCOMMODATION

Please refer to the championship web site for information on accommodation:
<http://www.laserworlds2010.co.uk/>

26. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

This Notice of Race may be subject to amendments which will be published on the ILCA championship web site.