

Notice of Race

World Laser 4.7 Youth Championship 2010

31st March 2010 – 8th April 2010

Venue: Pattaya, Thailand

Organising Authority: Royal Varuna Yacht Club (Organiser) in conjunction with the Yacht Racing Authority of Thailand (YRAT/National Authority) and 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 2009 - 2012 (RRS). The prescriptions of the National Authority will not apply.
- 1.2. The Laser class rules 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.
- 1.6. Sails shall have 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. This information 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 12 years old but not 18 years or older in the year of the championship i.e. born in 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997 or 1998. Proof of age will be required at registration.
- 2.7. Sailors born in 1993 or 1994 shall compete in the Under 18 Championship. Sailors born in 1995, 1996, 1997 or 1998 may compete in either the Under 16 or Under 18 Championship.
- 2.8. Each sailor shall send to ILCA a completed parent/guardian consent form before 1 March 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 shall be accompanied by the responsible adult who is named on the parent/guardian consent form.
- 2.10. The responsible adult (if applicable), coach and competitor shall register together on site at the race office before 12:00 on 1st April 2010.

3. ENTRY APPLICATION & ENTRY PROCESS

- 3.1. Applications for entry will be accepted from 2nd September 2009 until 23:59 GMT, 13th October 2009 with payment of the £20 (GBP) 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/100z52>
- 3.3. After the 13th October 2009 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/100z52>) will receive a place offer. Applications ranked lower than the country allocation limit will be added to the waiting list. National Laser Associations can refuse a sailor's application based upon ability or non ILCA membership.
- 3.4. All applications will be responded to by the 3rd November 2009, being informed by email that:
- a place has been offered,
 - the application has been added to the waiting list, or
 - 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 8th December 2009.
- 3.6. The applicants 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 for this event is £150 GBP.
- 3.8. Late entries will only be accepted after 4th February 2010 at the discretion of ILCA upon payment of a late entry fee of £200 GBP (£150 + £50 GBP).

LATE APPLICATION

- 3.9. Sailors who do not apply before 13th October 2009 have very little chance to attend the championship. A sailor who has not applied may make a late application from the 4th November until the 19th January 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:
- the application is refused by your National Laser Association,
 - the application is cancelled via the ILCA web site before the application is ranked by the sailors District (*amended 1st September 2009*)
 - 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 (*amended 1st September 2009*)
 - 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.
- 3.11. 50% of the **entry fee** paid is refundable for cancellations received before 4th February 2010.
- 3.12. **No entry fee is refundable after the 4th February 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 £35 (GBP) bank and administration charge will be refunded to you on the 31st March 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 15th April 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 and are allocated to countries (see <http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z52>) 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 31st March 2010.
- 4.3. Charter boats cost £450 (GBP) plus a refundable £150 (GBP) damage deposit.
- 4.4. Charter boats are supplied as a hull with self-bailer and padded toe strap, spars, centreboard, 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 Organising Committee. 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. Charter boats shall not be towed unless flag "T" is displayed ashore or on the Race Committee starting boat. When flag "T" is displayed a tow 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/100z52>

PRE-CHARTER

- 4.10. Charter boats will be available for a pre-charter training period from the 24th to 30th March 2010.

- 4.11. Three pre-charter options are available: seven days starting 24th March 2010 costing £150 (GBP), five days starting 26th March 2010 costing £110 (GBP) and three days starting 28th March 2010 costing £65 (GBP). Pre-charters should be booked when completing entry by emailing office@laserinternational.org.

CANCELLATION & REFUND

- 4.12. If a booked charter boat is cancelled before the 4th February 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 February no charter fee is refundable.
- 4.13. Refunds are processed on the credit card used to pay for the charter, **please ensure the expiry date of the credit card used for payment is after the 15th April 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.

5. PROGRAMME

- 5.1. 31 March 09:00 - 12:00 and 13:00 - 18:00 Registration, Measurement
1 April 09:00 - 12:00 Registration, Measurement, Practice Race followed by an opening reception (buffet meal)
2 April 2 races back to back (Qualifying series)
3 April 2 races back to back (Qualifying series)
4 April 2 races back to back (Qualifying series)
5 April Rest day / Spare day
6 April 2 races back to back (Qualifying series)
7 April 2 races back to back (Qualifier/Finals series)
8 April 2 races back to back (Qualifier/Finals series) followed by the Prize giving and party (buffet meal).
- 5.2. The time of the first warning signal for the Practice Race will be:14:00
- 5.3. Each day succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
- 5.4. 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.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Copies of Sailing Instructions will be available from the Race Office during registration and from the ILCA Championship web site from 17th March 2010.

7. RACE OFFICE

- 7.1. The Race Office is located at: Royal Varuna Yacht Club, 286 Moo 12, Thanon Phra Tamnak, South Pattaya, Chonburi 20260, Thailand
- 7.2. The Race Office is open:
31st March 09:00 - 18:00
1st April 09:00 - 12:00
2nd April – 9th April from 09:30 until 30 minutes after the close of the Protest Time unless extended at the discretion of the Race Committee.

8. MEASUREMENT / INSPECTION

- 8.1. 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.
- 8.2. Measurement / Inspection will take place at the boat park between the following dates and times:
31st March - 09:00 to 12:00 and 13:00 to 18:00
1st April - 09:00 to 12:00
- 8.3. Measurement / Inspection outside these times will only be possible at the discretion of the Regatta Measurer and on payment of Baht 1,200.
- 8.4. 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.

9. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 9.1. All competitors shall use only one hull, sail, battens, mast, boom, centreboard and rudder all of which shall be identified during measurement/inspection.
- 9.2. 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.
- 9.3. Female competitors shall place 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. Please see http://www.laserinternational.org/information/red_diamonds.pdf for more information.

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

10. TEAM/COACH/SUPPORT BOATS

- 10.1. 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 organisation, exchange view points and inform the coaches about changes in the sailing instructions and regatta organisation in general.
- 10.2. Only support boats supplied or approved by the Organising Authority will be accepted. Each support boat shall be clearly identified with a number supplied by the Organising Authority. No other individual support boats shall be used.
- 10.3. Support boats will be required to carry representatives of at least two National Laser Associations.
- 10.4. Support boats shall submit names and sail numbers of the sailors they are supporting.
- 10.5. Each 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. If there are more than 29 boys and more than 29 girls in either Championship (as defined in 2.7) there will be two starting fleets for that Championship split by gender.
- 11.2. If there are less than 30 boys and/or less than 30 girls in either Championship then a mixed gender fleet will be sailed.
- 11.3. If there are more than 60 sailors in a fleet then a qualifying series will be sailed followed by a finals series.
 - 11.3.1. If 4 races have not been completed by the end of the fourth scheduled racing day a 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. DRUG TESTING

- 18.1. Competitors are required to comply with the rule 5 and ISAF Regulation 21, 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 8 or more races are completed, 2 races scores will be excluded except that if a Qualifier/Finals series is sailed one race score may only be excluded from the Finals races if at least 2 Finals races are completed.
- 20.7. The overall fleet results shall be provided only for information.
- 20.8. The official results shall be published for each of the championship titles listed below calculated by extraction from the overall results without recalculation.
- 20.9. 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. TITLES & PRIZES

- 21.1. The first Under 18 boy sailor (born 1993 or later) in the championship will be the 2010 World Laser 4.7 Youth Boys Champion.
- 21.2. The first Under 18 girl sailor (born 1993 or later) in the championship will be the 2010 World Laser 4.7 Youth Girls Champion.
- 21.3. The first Under 16 sailor (born 1995 or later) in the championship will be the 2010 World Laser 4.7 Under 16 Champion.
- 21.4. Additional prizes may be awarded according to entry numbers and 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 Organiser and the 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 World Laser 4.7 Youth 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 or she is sailing.
- 23.3. The sailor shall own a boat 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 4.7 in open water in 25 knot winds and it is his/her sole responsibility to decide to participate in a race or to continue racing.
- 23.5. The participating boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims of at least Baht 10 million (USD 300,000).
- 23.6. 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 ILCA and Organiser 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)

- 25.1. Website: www.laserthailand.org
- 25.2. Email address: mona@ctlo.com
- 25.3. Phone Number: +662-266-6490 Ext 134

26. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

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