

Notice of Race

Asia Pacific Masters Laser Championship 2010

6th March 2010 – 12th March 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.

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.
- 2.2. Before 6 March 2010 competitors shall be aged:

35 - 44	to enter the Apprentice Laser Standard or Laser Radial Rig categories
45 - 54	to enter the Masters Laser Standard or Laser Radial Rig categories
55 or older	to enter the Grand Masters Laser Standard category
55 - 64	to enter the Grand Master Laser Radial category
65 or older	to enter the Great Grand Masters Laser Radial category

Proof of age will be required at registration
- 2.3. Crew substitution of the registered sailor is not permitted.
- 2.4. No resale of entries will be allowed.
- 2.5. The championship is an open event.
- 2.6. The entry is limited to 160 sailors.
- 2.7. The entry fee for this event is £150 GBP.
- 2.8. 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>

3. ENTRY PROCESS

- 3.1. Entry shall be completed through the web site entry form only at:
<http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z54>
- 3.2. The entry closing date is 2nd February 2010
- 3.3. Late entries will only be accepted after 2nd February 2010 at the discretion of the Organising Authority upon payment of a late entry fee of £200 GBP (£150 + £50 GBP).

CANCELLATION & REFUND

- 3.4. 50% of the **entry fee** paid is refundable for cancellations received before 2nd February 2010.

- 3.5. **No entry fee is refundable after the 2nd February 2010.**
- 3.6. 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 6th March 2010.
- 3.7. In all instances refunds are processed on the credit card used to pay for 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/100z54>) 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 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/100z54>

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- 4.10. If a booked charter boat is cancelled before the 2nd 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 2nd February no charter fee is refundable.
- 4.11. 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. 6 March 09:00 - 12:00 and 13:00 - 18:00 Registration, Measurement
7 March 09:00 - 12:00 Registration, Measurement followed by an opening reception (buffet meal)
8 March 2 races back to back (Qualifying series)
9 March 2 races back to back (Qualifying series)
10 March 2 races back to back (Qualifying series)
11 March 2 races back to back (Qualifier/Finals series)
12 March 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 24th February 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:
6th March 09:00 - 18:00
7th March 09:00 - 12:00
8th March – 12th March 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:
6th March - 09:00 to 12:00 and 13:00 to 18:00
7th March - 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. 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.

12. INTERNATIONAL JURY

An international jury will be appointed in accordance with rule Appendix N and perform the duties listed in RRS N2.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. APPEALS

There shall be no appeal from the decisions of protests.

16. 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.

17. DRUG TESTING

- 17.1. Competitors are required to comply with the rule 5 and ISAF Regulation 21, which ban the use of drugs.
- 17.2. Drugs testing may take place during the event.

18. 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.

19. SCORING

- 19.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 19.2. A total of four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 19.3. When four to nine races inclusive are completed one race score will be excluded; when ten or more races are completed, two races scores will be excluded.
- 19.4. Men and women competitors from the same category will race together.
- 19.5. The organizers may amalgamate or divide categories into fleets for starting. When a category is divided races will be sailed as a Qualifier series of four days racing followed by a Finals series of two days.
 - 19.5.1. When a category is divided a qualifying race will not count until all qualifying fleets have completed that race.
 - 19.5.2. When a category is divided, if four or more races have been completed one race score will be excluded when calculating the division into the finals fleets.
 - 19.5.3. When a category is divided the qualifying races and final races will count for total points in the championship.
 - 19.5.4. When a category is divided the finals series will start at the end of the fourth racing day providing at least four races are completed. If at the end of qualify series racing four races have not been completed then the category will be divided for a finals series with no race scores excluded.
 - 19.5.5. When a category is divided the split for finals race will only be made at the completion of a day's racing.
 - 19.5.6. When a category is divided only one race score may only be excluded from the finals races if at least two finals races are completed.
 - 19.5.7. When a category is divided the qualifying races and final races will count for total points in the championship.
 - 19.5.8. Laser Standard and Laser Radial categories cannot be amalgamated into a fleet and shall always have separate starts.
 - 19.5.9. Where categories have been amalgamated scoring for each category will be by extraction from the overall results of the fleet without re-scoring.
 - 19.5.10. Where categories have been amalgamated the overall fleet results shall be provided only for information.
- 19.6. The official results shall be published for each of the championship titles listed below.
- 19.7. Results for the women's titles shall be extracted from the overall category position without re-scoring.
- 19.8. 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.

20. TITLES & PRIZES

- 20.1. Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the ILCA Honour Awards By-Law. Additional prizes may be awarded according to entry numbers for each of the following 11 categories:
 - Laser Standard Apprentice Men
 - Laser Standard Master Men
 - Laser Standard Grand Master Men
 - Laser Radial Apprentice Men & Women combined
 - Laser Radial Master Men & Women combined
 - Laser Radial Grand Master Men & Women combined
 - Laser Radial Great Grand Master Men & Women combined
 - Laser Radial Apprentice Women
 - Laser Radial Master Women
 - Laser Radial Grand Master Women
 - Laser Radial Great Grand Master Women

21. 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.

22. LIABILITY

- 22.1. 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 Asia Pacific Laser Championship and competitors take part in the championships at their own risk.
- 22.2. 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.
- 22.3. The sailor shall own a boat or have arranged a charter boat and certifies that it is in a safe and seaworthy condition.
- 22.4. 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/her sole responsibility to decide to participate in a race or to continue racing.
- 22.5. 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).
- 22.6. A competitor is recommended to have personal accident and health insurance that covers them while attending the regatta and whilst racing.

23. 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.

24. LOCAL CONTACT (excluding entry and entry payment)

- 24.1. Website: www.laserthailand.org
- 24.2. Email address: mona@ctlo.com
- 24.3. Phone Number: +662-266-6490 Ext 134

25. DEFINITIONS

- 25.1. Category - A distinct group of competitors competing for a "title" of the championship as defined in 2.2.
- 25.2. Fleet - A starting group who will race together but that may be comprised of part of one category or multiple categories.

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.