

2007 LASER RADIAL WORLD and EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

4 - 11 August 2007

Scheveningen, Netherlands

Organising authority: Stichting Evenementen Laserklasse Organisatie Nederland with the support of the Vereniging Jachtclub Scheveningen in conjunction with the International Laser Class Association.

Championship website for local information and accommodation: www.laserklasse.nl/radial2007/

NOTICE OF RACE

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. Add to rule A11: ARB means scoring penalty after arbitration, PTS scoring penalty for a yellow flag after finish.
- 1.3. Advertising - The organising authority may require competing boats to carry event sponsor advertising on the hull.
- 1.4. Sails shall have the full sail number **AND NATIONAL LETTERS** in accordance with the class rules and the RRS.

2. ENTRY REGULATIONS

- 2.1. Only current fully paid members of the International Laser Class Association may enter the regatta.
- 2.2. Crew substitution of the registered sailor is not permitted. By entering the championship a competitor warrants that they are in good health and are a competent sailor capable of racing a Laser in open water in 25 knot winds,
- 2.3. Entry is restricted to competitors who are, or will be at least 15 years old but not 19 years old in the year of the championship i.e. born in 1989,1990, 1991 or 1992. Proof of age will be required at registration.
- 2.4. Entry is also restricted to 288 sailors of which no more than 82 shall be female. Entry is by allocated places using allocation codes issued by ILCA through national Laser Class Associations. Details of allocated places and entry forms are available at www.laserinternational.org
- 2.5. Before 1 July each sailor under 18 years old on 3 August 2007 shall fax to ILCA a completed parent/guardian consent form that will be automatically emailed to each complete under 18 entry received.
- 2.6. For the duration of the championship, each sailor under 18 years old on 4 August 2007 shall be accompanied by a responsible adult who is named on the parent /guardian consent form.
- 2.7. Each responsible adult and coach, if applicable, and each competitor shall register on site at the race office before 1800 Sunday 5 August 2007.

3. ENTRIES and ENTRY FEE

- 3.1. The entry fee is £170 English Pounds.
- 3.2. Full payment of entry fees and entry shall be made only online at www.laserinternational.org using the official entry form.
- 3.3. 50% of entry fees are refundable before 1 June 2007. NO ENTRY FEES ARE REFUNDABLE AFTER 1 June 2007.
- 3.4. No resale of entries will be allowed
- 3.5. ALL entry communications must be sent to: International Laser Class Association, email: office@laserinternational.org Website: www.laserinternational.org

4. ENTRY CLOSING DATE

- 4.1. Initial allocation closing time/date: 1200 GMT, 1 June 2007.
- 4.2. Re-allocation closing time/date: 1200 GMT, 22 June 2007
- 4.2. Late entries may be accepted after 22 June 2007 only at the discretion of ILCA upon payment of a late entry fee of £50 (English pounds)

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Copies of Sailing Instructions will be available at the Race Office during registration.

6. RACE OFFICE

The Race Office is situated at Scheveningen, Hellingweg and will be open from 0900 from Saturday 21 July until 1830 on non race days and from 0900 until 30 minutes after the close of Protest Time on race days unless extended at the discretion of the Race Committee.

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1. All competitors shall present their boats for measurement by the Regatta Measurer before the start of the first race. Boats shall be presented fully rigged with all control lines in position. Sailors that have entered and had their boats scrutinized for the Men's World Championship or Women's European Championship in the previous weeks do not have to be re-scrutinized for the Youth championship if they are sailing with the same equipment.
- 7.2. Measurement will take place at the boat park between the following times:
Saturday 4 August 0900-1200 and 1300-1800
Sunday 5 August 0900-1200 and 1300-1800
- 7.3. Measurement outside these times may be allowed at the discretion of the Regatta Measurer and will be charged 20 euros per boat (except in the event of damage).
- 7.4. Wet clothing, measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the Regatta at the discretion of the Race Committee or International Jury.

8. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 8.1. All competitors shall use only one hull, sail, mast, boom, centreboard and rudder which shall be identified during measurement.
- 8.2. 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 90 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 Regatta Measurer, Jury or Race Committee and the written permission of the Regatta Measurer shall be applied for before the end of Protest Time at the end of the day in which the substitution takes place.
- 8.3. 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.
- 8.4. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places at the venue.
- 8.5. Boats may be required to display identification numbers.

9. PROGRAMME

- 9.1.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Item</u>
Saturday 4 August	0900 Registration, Boat Allocation, Measurement
Sunday 5 August	0900 Registration, Boat Allocation, Measurement
Monday 6 to Thursday 9 August	Fleet/Qualifier races Female/Male (2 races scheduled per day). 1st warning signal 1100
Friday 10 and Saturday 11 August	Fleet/Finals Female/Male (2 races scheduled per day). 1st warning signal 1100
Saturday 11 August	Prize Giving and closing ceremony
- 9.2. Any race for which a warning signal is not given by 1500 hrs on the last day of the regatta will be abandoned and not re-sailed.

10. RACING FORMAT

Male and Female sailors will sail in separate fleets if there are more than 35 males and 35 females entered. If necessary the Male fleet will be divided into groups and sail a Qualifying series followed by a Finals series.

11. IMMEDIATE PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULE 42

- 11.1. Appendix P will apply with the following changes:
- 11.2. On the first protest, if protested after she has finished, she will be given a scoring penalty of 8 points without a hearing.
- 11.3. RRS P 3 is modified as to read "If a boat has been protested for the second time under RRS P1 and the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, the boat shall not sail in this race, if it is re-started or re-sailed. If she fails to do so, she shall be disqualified without a hearing and her score shall not be excluded. If a boat has been protested for the third time under RRS P1 and the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, RRS P 2.3 applies".
- 11.4. Action taken by the jury under Appendix P will not be grounds for redress by a competitor.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 12.2. 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 12.3. A qualifier race will not count until all qualifier fleets have completed that race.
- 12.4. One score will be excluded when calculating the division into the finals fleets.
- 12.5. The qualifier races and final races will count for total points in the championship.
- 12.6. When 5 or more races are completed 1 race score will be excluded; when 10 races are completed 2 races scores will be excluded. However no more than one score will be excluded from the finals series races and only when two or more finals series races have been completed.
- 12.7. If a points scoring penalty for a breach of rule 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

13. INTERNATIONAL JURY

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

There shall be no appeal from the decisions of protests.

16. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the Honour Award By-Law separated into male and female categories either by male and female fleets (if there are more than 35 male and 35 female entries) or by positions in a single fleet overall score.

17. COURSES

Trapezoid courses will be used with inner and outer loops and an upwind finish.

18. 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.

18. LIABILITY WAIVER AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

The Stichting Evenementen Laserklasse Organisatie Nederland with the support of the Vereniging Jachtclub Scheveningen, the International Laser Class Association 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 2007 Laser Radial European & Worlds Championships, including any pre-championship training, and competitors take part in the championship at their own risk.

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.

A competitor must be of good health and a competent sailor capable of racing a Laser Radial in open water in 25 knot winds

It is the responsibility of each sailor, and where applicable the nominated responsible adult, to decide to participate in a race or to continue racing.

A competitor is wholly and exclusively responsible for third party liability insurance on the boat that he or she is sailing and for his or her personal accident and health insurance. For third party liability insurance the recommended minimum amount of cover by the Dutch National Authority is one million euros.

19. LOCAL REGULATIONS - TRAINING

When not taking part in an official championship race Scheveningen Harbour rules require that Laser Radial sailors shall only use the harbour and sea area to the north of the harbour entrance and not to obstruct the harbour entrance from 1000 Saturday 21 July until 1800 Sunday 5 August and that during the period Laser Radials shall only go afloat during specific time periods posted on the official notice board and then only after registering at the race office and accompanied by a coach boat or an race organisation boat.

Failure to observe this instruction may result in action by the Race Committee under rule 69 in addition to any penalty or ban imposed by the Scheveningen Harbour authorities.