



Notice of Race
Audi Laser Radial Women's World Championship
11th – 20th May 2012

Venue: Boltenhagen, Germany

Organizing Authority: Norddeutscher Regatta Verein (Organizer) 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. 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 on board whilst racing. The person shall be named on the entry form.
- 1.3 Appendix P "Special Procedures for Rule 42" will apply with changes to include; allowing a jury initiated redress, a points penalty for a first penalty given after finishing and to prohibit a boat that has been disqualified for a rule 42 infringement or has retired in recognition of a rule 42 infringement from sailing in the race if that race is restarted or re-sailed.
- 1.4 Advertising - The organizing authority may require competing boats to carry event sponsor advertising on the hull and boom.

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 regatta. These memberships shall be with the Laser Fleet/District Association and with the ISAF National Authority of the country, where the sailor normally sails, even though such place may not be his permanent residence; however, such member, for any valid reason and with the approval of both District Chairmen, may select instead the Fleet/District and the ISAF National Authority in which he has permanent residence in accordance with the ILCA constitution article 10 (3) and ILCA rule part two article 9. The sailor can only be member of one Laser Fleet/District Association.
- 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>. The ISAF number must be with the ISAF National Authority as of entry regulation 2.1.
- 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 1997 or before. Proof of age will be required at registration.
- 2.7 Each sailor under 18 years old on 11th May 2012 shall send to ILCA a completed parent/guardian consent form before 29 April 2012. 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 14th May 2012.
- 2.10 The total number of entries is restricted to 140 sailors.
- 2.11 In principle the sailors bring their own boat. However, 40 charter boats will be available. They will be attributed in preference to non-European sailors (see 4 CHARTER BOATS).



3. ENTRY AND CHARTER BOAT APPLICATION & ENTRY PROCESS

- 3.1 Applications for entry will be accepted up until 27th March 2012, 23:59 GMT, with payment of the £50 (GBP) application fee which may be deducted from the entry fee or will be retained by ILCA or refunded to the sailor under certain circumstances as detailed in 3.13 and 3.13. 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 31st October 2012.**
- 3.2 *Reason: ILCA can only make refunds to the same credit card used to pay for application and entry.*
- 3.3 Application for entry and for a charter boat shall be made at the ILCA regatta web site:
<http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100268>
- 3.4 From 28th March 2012 up until 1st April 2012 the National Laser Association will rank the applications from their country. All sailors who are ranked within the country allocation limit (see the ILCA regatta web site above) 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 sailors application based upon ability or non ILCA membership.
- 3.5 All applications will be responded to by the 2nd April 2012, being informed by email that:
- a place has been offered without a charter boat, or
 - a place has been offered with a charter boat, or
 - the application (without or with a charter boat application) has been added to the waiting list, or
 - the application has been declined by the National Laser Association.

Sailors offered a place without a charter boat or a place with a charter boat will have until Sunday 8 April 23:59 GMT to complete the entry. The application fee is not refundable if the sailor fails to accept the offer or to refuse the offered place before Sunday 8 April 23:59 GMT

- 3.6 Any available extra places (and extra places with charter boats) will be offered to sailors on the waiting list as soon as available or the latest from Monday 9 April 2012. Sailors offered an extra place or extra place with charter boat have 7 days to complete the entry. The application fee is not refundable if the sailor fails to accept or to refuse the offered extra place or extra place with charter boat within 7 days of the offer.
- 3.7 Any available additional extra places (and additional extra places with charter boats) will be offered to sailors on the waiting list as soon as available or the latest from Monday 16 April 2012. Sailors offered an additional extra place or an additional extra place with charter boat have 7 days to complete the entry. The application fee is not refundable if the sailor fails to accept or to refuse the offered additional extra place or additional extra place with charter boat within 7 days of the offer.
- 3.8 The entry fee for this event is £200 GBP.
- 3.9 From the entry fee £128.03 GBP per competitor is paid to the host club for the organisation and running of the regatta. Of the remaining £71.97 GBP per competitor ILCA uses £ 36.97 to cover regatta expenses, which ILCA pays directly: £22.19 GBP per competitor for the international travel expenses by the international jury members, by the ISAF International Race Manager (IRO) and by the International Measurer, £9.78 GBP per competitor for prizes & trophies and £5.00 GBP per competitor for bank and credit card charges (2.5% of £200). Finally, £35.00 (GBP) per entry cover the ILCA cost of administering the entry system as well as ILCA staff time for the selection, arrangement and co-ordination of the regatta.
- 3.10 The **entry closing date is Sunday 29 April 2012 23:59 GMT.**
- 3.11 After 29 April 2012 entries will only be accepted at the discretion of ILCA and upon payment of a late entry fee of £250 GBP (£200 + £50 GBP).

LATE APPLICATION

- 3.12 Sailors who do not apply for an entry by 27 March 2012 have very little chance to attend the regatta. A sailor who has not applied by 27 March 2012 may nevertheless make a late application from 2 April 2012 until the 26 April 2012. Once the National Laser Association has accepted and ranked the late application it will be automatically added to the waiting list.



CANCELLATION & REFUND

3.13 Refund of the application fee:

- 3.13.1. As in 3.4, 3.5 and 3.6 above, the application fee is not refundable if a sailor is offered a place and fails to accept or refuse the offered place within 7 days of the place being offered.
- 3.13.2. The **full application fee** will be refunded if:
 - a. the application is refused by the National Laser Association / District,
 - b. the application is cancelled via the ILCA web site before the application is ranked by the National Laser Association / 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, or
 - d. the applicant is not offered a place, or
 - e. the applicant is offered a place and refuses the offered place.

In all instances above, the sailor will receive an automatic email confirming the refund within 24 hours. If the confirmation email is not received by the sailor the ILCA office must be contacted immediately; failure to do so might lead to the loss of the refund.

3.14 Refund of the entry fee:

If a sailor cancels the entry before the entry closing date, which is 29 April 2012 the full entry fee less a £35 (GBP) fee for bank administration charges (£165) will be refunded approximately one week after the entry closing date. **No entry fee is refundable after 29 April 2012.**

- 3.15 Refunds are made to the credit card used to pay the entry fee. If at the time of the refund (the latest by 6 May 2012) 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

- 4.1 40 charter boats are available. Sailors who wish to charter a Laser must apply when making an application for entry. Charter boats will be offered together with place offers. Non-European sailors will be given priority in the allocation of charter boats.
- 4.2 Charter boats will be available from the 11th May 2012.
- 4.3 Charter boats cost £725 (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, 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 the charter boat provider. 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 charter boats are subject to the "Terms and Conditions" of charter available at the ILCA regatta web site <http://events.laserinternational.org/en/documents/store/100z68>

PRE-CHARTER

- 4.10 There are no pre-charter boats bookable through ILCA.



CANCELLATION & REFUND OF THE CHARTER FEE.

- 4.11 No charter fee is refundable after the charter has been accepted and paid for - except if the boat is taken by another sailor on the waiting list, who has requested a charter boat and all other 39 charter boats are taken and paid for. Damage deposit fee will be refunded for charter boats not used. No charter fee is refundable after 29 April 2012.
- 4.12 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 31 October 2012) 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 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 in accordance with the sailing instructions.
- 5.3 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 above. This changes RRS Appendix G 1.1.
- 5.4 Competitors shall place a red diamond (rhombus) 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 in accordance with Laser class rule 4(g).
- 5.5 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places at the venue.
- 5.6 Boats may be required to display identification numbers.
- 5.7 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organizing authority.
- 5.8 Access to the boat park may be restricted during certain hours including the hours of darkness.

6. RACING FORMAT

- 6.1 The entries will be divided into fleets and will sail a qualifying series followed by a finals series.
- 6.2 If 4 races have not been completed by the end of the third scheduled racing day the qualifying series will continue until the end of the racing day when a 4th qualifying race is completed.
- 6.3 A qualifying race will not count until all qualifying fleets have completed that race.

7. PROGRAMME

- 7.1
 - 11 May Charter boats available.
 - 12 May 14:00 - 18:00 Registration, Measurement, Charter Boat allocation
 - 13 May 09:00 - 12:00 & 13:00 - 18:00 Registration, Measurement, Charter Boat allocation
 - 14 May 09:00 - 12:00 & 13:00 - 18:00 Registration, Measurement, Charter Boat allocation, Practice Race at 15:00 followed by an opening reception and buffet meal
 - 15 May 2 races back to back, (Qualifying series)
 - 16 May 2 races back to back, (Qualifying series)
 - 17 May 2 races back to back, (Qualifying series)
 - 18 May 2 races back to back, (Qualifying / finals series)
 - 19 May 2 races back to back, (Qualifying / finals series)
 - 20 May 2 races back to back, (Qualifying / finals series)
16:00 to 19:30 charter boat return
20:30 prize giving party and buffet meal.
- 7.2 The time of the first warning signal for the practice race will be: 15:00
- 7.3 The time for the first warning signal on the 15 May will be: 13:00
- 7.4 Each day succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
- 7.5 Any race whose warning signal is not given by 15:30 on the last day of the championship will be abandoned and not re-sailed.



8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Copies of sailing instructions will be available from the race office during registration and from the ILCA Championship web site from 22nd April 2012.

9. RACE OFFICE

- 9.1 The race office is located at: Baltische Allee 1, Boltenhagen, Germany.
- 9.2 The race office is open:
 - 11 -14 May from 09:00 - 12:00 & 13:00 - 18:00
 - 15 – 20 May from 09:30 until 30 minutes after the close of the Protest Time unless extended at the discretion of the Race Committee.

10. MEASUREMENT / INSPECTION

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 Measurement / Inspection will take place at the boat park between the following dates and times:
 - 12 May 14:00 – 18:00
 - 13 - 14 May - 09:00 - 12:00 & 13:00 - 18:00
- 10.3 Measurement / Inspection outside these times will only be possible at the discretion of the regatta measurer and on payment of £20 (GBP).
- 10.4 Wet clothing, measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the Regatta at the discretion of the class representative, race committee or the jury.

11. COACH REGISTRATION & TEAM/COACH/SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1 All coach/support boats shall register online at <http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z68> before 1st May 2012. Before 15th May 2012 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.
- 11.2 Each coach/support boat shall be clearly identified with a number supplied by the organizing authority. No other individual support boats shall be used. A deposit of €10 (Euros) is required for the number.
- 11.3 Each coach/support boat is recommended to carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving all international ship to ship channels.
- 11.4 The movements of coach/support boats will be restricted as defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.5 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

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

Competitors shall comply with rule 5 and ISAF Regulation 21 Anti-Doping Rule and Anti-Doping Code, which ban the use of drugs. 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 four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 20.3 When from four to nine races have been completed one race score will be excluded.
- 20.4 When ten or more races have been completed two races scores will be excluded except that when a qualifying/finals series is sailed only one race score from the finals series may be excluded.
- 20.5 When a qualifying/finals series is sailed a qualifying series race will not count until all qualifying series fleets have completed that race.
- 20.6 When a qualifying/finals series is sailed one race score will be discarded when calculating the division into finals series fleets.
- 20.7 When a qualifying/finals series is sailed the qualifying series races and the finals series races will count for total points in the championship.
- 20.8 For the purposes of Appendix A4.2 "Scoring" when a qualifying/finals series is sailed the number of boats entered into a qualifying/finals series race will be the number of boats assigned to the largest qualifying fleet.
- 20.9 For the purposes of Appendix A11 "Scoring abbreviations": ARB means scoring penalty after arbitration, PTS scoring penalty for a yellow flag after finishing.

21. PRIZES

- 21.1 The first sailor in the championship will be the World Laser Radial Women's Champion.
- 21.2 The first sailor in the championship who will not become 21 or older in 2012 will be awarded the Under 21 prize.
- 21.3 Under 21 results will be determined by the order of finishing in the overall women's championship.
(Note: This means that under 21 results are extracted without recalculation)
- 21.4 The first sailor in the championship who is attending the World Laser Radial Women's Championship for her first time will be awarded the Rookie prize.
- 21.5 ILCA cube prizes will be awarded in accordance with the ILCA Honour Award By-Law.

22. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

By entering the regatta competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the regatta and/or using the regatta facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, re-use, 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 Norddeutscher Regatta Verein, 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 her 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 1,500,000 Euros 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, Norddeutscher Regatta Verein, 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)

Norddeutscher Regatta Verein – www.nrv.de

Local event web site – www.laserworldchampionship.com

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.