

Notice of Race

MacLaren Laser Standard Under 21 World Championship 2012

8 – 15 April 2012

Venue: Buenos Aires, Argentina

Organising Authority: Yacht Club Argentino (Organiser) 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 / or sail.

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 regatta. To register as an ISAF sailor go to: <http://www.isaf.org/isafsailor.php>
- 2.6 Entry is restricted to competitors who are, or will be at least 17 years old but not 21 years or older in the year of the regatta i.e. born in 1992, 1993, 1994 or 1995. Proof of age will be required at registration.
- 2.7 Each sailor under 18 years old on 24th March 2012 shall send to ILCA a completed parent/guardian consent form before 6th March 2012. This consent form will be automatically emailed to each sailor upon completing the online entry form.
- 2.8 For the duration of the regatta, each sailor under 18 years of age shall be accompanied by the responsible adult who is named on the parent/guardian consent form.
- 2.9 The responsible adult (if applicable), coach and competitor shall register together on site at the race office before 12:00 on 9th April 2012.
- 2.10 The total number of entries is restricted to 140 sailors.

3. ENTRY APPLICATION & ENTRY PROCESS

- 3.1 Applications for entry will be accepted up until 10th January 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. 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 shall be made at the ILCA regatta web site:
<http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z69>
- 3.4 After the 10th January 2012 up until 24th January 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 sailor's application based upon ability or non ILCA membership.
- 3.5 All applications will be responded to by the 24th January 2012, 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.
- 3.6 Extra places will be offered to sailors on the waiting list as available from the 7th February 2012.

- 3.7 Sailors offered a place will have 2 weeks to complete entry. The application fee is not refundable, if a sailor is offered a place and fails to accept or refuse the offered place within two weeks of the place being offered to him.
- 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 6th March 2012.
- 3.11 After 6th March 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 10th January 2012 have very little chance to attend the regatta. A sailor who has not applied by 10th January 2012 may nevertheless make a late application from 24th January 2012 until the 6th March 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 3.7 above, the application fee is not refundable, if a sailor is offered a place and fails to accept or refuse the offered place within two weeks of the place being offered to him.
 - 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,
 - 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**:
 - 3.14.1. If a sailor cancels the entry before the entry closing date, which is 6th March 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.
 - 3.14.2. **No entry fee is refundable for cancellations after the 6th March 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 21st April 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 A limited number of charter boats are available and are allocated to countries (see the ILCA regatta web site <http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z69>) 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 8th April 2012.
- 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, 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 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/100z69>

PRE-CHARTER

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

CANCELLATION & REFUND

- 4.11 ILCA must confirm to the charter provider on the 21st February how many charter boats are required for the championship.
- 4.12 If a booked charter boat is cancelled before the 21st February 2012 the charter fee, plus the damage deposit, minus £55 (GBP) for bank and administration charges (refund = £545 will be refunded approximately one week after the entry closing date).
- 4.13 If a booked charter boat is cancelled between the 21st February 2012 and the 6th March 2012, and if the boat can be re-chartered then 4.11 applies. If the boat cannot be re-chartered no charter fee is refundable.
- 4.14 If a charter boat is cancelled after the 6th March 2012 no charter fee is refundable.
- 4.15 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 31st 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 For the purposes of Appendix G1.1 sails shall display the national letters of the ISAF member national authority under which the entry was accepted (see 2.1 above), This changes Appendix G1.1.
- 5.4 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places at the venue.
- 5.5 Boats may be required to display identification numbers.
- 5.6 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organising authority.
- 5.7 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 fourth scheduled racing day, the qualifying series will continue until the end of the racing day in which a 4th qualifying series race is completed.
- 6.3 A qualifying series race will not count until all qualifying series fleets have completed that race.

7. PROGRAMME

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| 8 April | 09:00 – 12:00 & 13:00 - 18:00 | Registration, Measurement, Charter Boat allocation |
| 9 April | 09:00 – 12:00 & 13:00 - 18:00 | Registration, Measurement, Charter Boat allocation
Practice Race at 14:00 followed by an opening reception and buffet meal |
| 10 April | 2 races back to back, | (Qualifying series) |
| 11 April | 2 races back to back, | (Qualifying series) |
| 12 April | 2 races back to back, | (Qualifying series) |
| 13 April | 2 races back to back, | (Qualifying series) |
| 14 April | 2 races back to back, | (Qualifying/finals series) |
| 15 April | 2 races back to back, | (Qualifying/finals series) followed by the prize giving party & buffet meal |
- 7.2 The time of the first warning signal for the practice race on 9th April will be: 14:00
- 7.3 The time for the first warning signal on 10th April will be 11:00.
- 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 16:00 on the last day of the regatta 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 regatta web site from 21st February 2012.

9. RACE OFFICE

- 9.1 The race office is located at Yacht Club Argentino, - Viamonte y Río de la Plata Dársena Norte - (1107) Buenos Aires - Argentina

- 9.2 The race office is open:
2nd – 9 April 09:00 – 12:00 & 13:00 - 18:00
10th – 15th April from 09:00 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 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:
8th & 9th April from 09:00 to 12:00 and 13:00 to 18:00
- 10.3 Measurement / Inspection outside these times will only be possible at the discretion of the regatta measurer and on payment of \$30 USD or local equivalent.
- 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 International Jury.

11. COACH REGISTRATION & TEAM/COACH/SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1 All coach/support boats shall register online at the ILCA regatta web site <http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z69> before 21st February 2012. Before 10th April 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 Organising Authority. No other individual support boats shall be used. A deposit of \$20 USD is payable for the number.
- 11.3 Each coach/support boat is required 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

A trapezoid course 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 Appendix 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 required to comply with the 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 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. TITLES & PRIZES

- 21.1 The first sailor in the regatta will be the World Laser Standard Under 21 Champion 2012.
- 21.2 The first under 18 sailor (born 1995) in the regatta will be the World Laser Standard Under 18 Champion 2012.
- 21.3 Under 18 results will be determined by the order of finishing in the overall results. (Note: These results will be extracted from the overall results and published without recalculation.)
- 21.4 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 race and/or using the regatta 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 Yacht Club Argentino, 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 Standard Junior Championship and competitors take part in the regatta 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 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 USD per event or equivalent 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, Yacht Club Argentino, 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 AND WEBSITE (excluding entry and entry payment)

Yacht Club Argentino web site <http://www.yca.org.ar/>

26. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

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