

# **Laser Masters World Championship 2007**

## **Roses, Catalonia, Spain 27 September – 6 October 2007**

Organising authority: Grup d'Esports Nautics de Roses in conjunction with the International Laser Class Association under the supervision of Real Federacion Espanola de Vela.

Championship website for local information and accommodation:  
[http://www.rosesworlds2007.com/htdocs/josep/uk/inici\\_uk.html](http://www.rosesworlds2007.com/htdocs/josep/uk/inici_uk.html)

### **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 RRS A11: ARB means scoring penalty after arbitration, PTS scoring penalty for a yellow flag after finish.
- 1.3. Advertising - The organizing 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 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.
- 2.3. Competitors shall have attained before 29 September 2007 their: *(Amended 30<sup>th</sup> August 2007)*
  - 35<sup>th</sup> birthday to enter: the Apprentice Laser Standard Category (Men)  
the Apprentice Laser Radial Category (Men)  
the Apprentice Laser Radial Category (Women)
  - 45<sup>th</sup> birthday to enter: the Masters Laser Standard Category (Men)  
the Masters Laser Radial Category (Men)  
the Masters Laser Radial Category (Women)
  - 55<sup>th</sup> birthday to enter: the Grand Masters Laser Standard Category (Men)  
the Grand Masters Laser Radial Category (Men)  
the Grand Masters Laser Radial Category (Women)
  - 65<sup>th</sup> birthday to enter: the Great Grand Masters Laser Radial Rig fleet (Men)  
the Great Grand Masters Laser Radial Rig fleet (Women)
- 2.4. Proof of age will be required at registration
- 2.5. The total entry number is restricted to 418 *(Amended 1<sup>st</sup> August 2007)*
- 2.6. Each competitor shall register on site at the race office before 1800 Saturday 29 September 2007.

#### **3. ENTRIES AND ENTRY FEE**

- 3.1. Before 25 July the entry fee is £175 (English pounds)
- 3.2. After 25 July and before 29 August the entry fee is £225 (English pounds).
- 3.3. Closing dates are based on GMT.
- 3.4. Full payment of entry fees and entry shall be made only online at [www.laserinternational.org](http://www.laserinternational.org) using the official entry form.
- 3.5. 50% of entry fees paid are refundable for cancellations received before 2359 GMT 28 August 2007. NO ENTRY FEES ARE REFUNDABLE AFTER 28 August 2007.
- 3.6. No resale of entries will be allowed.
- 3.7. ALL entry communications must be sent to: International Laser Class Association, email: [office@laserinternational.org](mailto:office@laserinternational.org) Website: [www.laserinternational.org](http://www.laserinternational.org)

#### **4. ENTRY CLOSING DATE** *(Amended 30<sup>th</sup> August 2007)*

- 4.1. Discount closing time/date: 2359 GMT 24 July 2007 or the date that the limit of entries is reached, whichever is the earliest. If the entry limit (as stipulated by 2.4.) has been reached before the final deadline, sailors will still be accepted onto a waiting list up to the final deadline.
- 4.2. Final closing time/date: 2359 GMT 28 August 2007 or the date that the limit of entries is reached, whichever is the earliest. If the entry limit (as stipulated by 2.4.) has been reached before the final deadline, sailors will still be accepted onto a waiting list up to the final deadline.
- 4.3. Late entries may be accepted after 28 August 2007 only at the discretion of ILCA upon payment of an additional late entry fee of £50 (English pounds).

## 5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

## 6. RACE OFFICE

The Race Office is situated at Grup d'esports Nautics de Roses, Moll esportiu s/n Port Roses, Girona, Spain and will be open from 0900 daily from Thursday 27 September until 1830 on non race days and from 1000 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.
- 7.2. Measurement will take place at the boat park between the following times:

Friday 28 September 0900-1200 and 1300 -1800  
Saturday 29 September 0900-1200 and 1300 -1800

Measurement outside these times may be allowed at the discretion of the Regatta Measurer and will be charged €20 EUR per boat (except in the event of damage).

- 7.3. 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.

## 8. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 8.1. All competitors shall use only one hull, sail, mast, boom, centerboard and rudder all of 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 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.
- 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

Date	Item
Thursday 27 September	1400 Registration
Friday 28 September	0900 Registration, Measurement
Saturday 29 September	0900 Registration, Measurement & Practice Race (1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal 1430)
Sunday 30 September	1st Racing Day - 2 races (1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal 1300 daily)
Monday 1 October	2nd Racing Day - 2 races
Tuesday 2 October	3rd Racing Day - 2 races
Wednesday 3 October	Rest Day
Thursday 4 October	4th Racing Day- 2 races
Friday 5 October	5th Racing Day- 2 races
Saturday 6 October	6th Racing Day- 2 races

Any race whose warning signal not given by 1600 on the last day of the regatta will be abandoned and not re-sailed.

**10. IMMEDIATE PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULE 42**

10.1. Appendix P will apply with the following changes:

On the first protest, if protested after she has finished, she will be given a scoring penalty of 8 points without a hearing.

RRS P 3 is modified as to read "If a boat has been protested for the first time under RRS P1 and the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, the penalty from her first protest is cancelled, but the protest is counted to determine the number of times she has been protested during the series. 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 restarted or re-sailed. If the race is abandoned the boat shall not sail in the next race. 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".

10.2. Action taken by the jury under Appendix P will not be grounds for redress by a competitor.

**11. SCORING** (Amended 30th August 2007)

11.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.

11.2. A total of 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

11.3. When 4 or more races are completed 1 race score will be excluded; when 10 or more races are completed 2 races scores will be excluded

11.4. The scoring is done separately for each age category as follows:

    Laser Standard Men: Apprentices; Masters; Grand Masters

    Laser Radial Men: Apprentices; Masters; Grand Masters; Great Grand Masters

    Laser Radial Women: Apprentices; Masters; Grand Masters; Great Grand Masters

11.5. The Laser Standard and the Laser Radial have separate starts. Laser Radial Women and Laser Men start together.

11.6. If two or more age categories in the Laser Standard or Laser Radial sail as one fleet, scores for each category (as defined in 11.4.) will be taken from the overall position in the fleet but not re-scored.

11.7. If in an age category two or more starts are necessary they will be divided into groups, which will be reassigned every day. There will be a qualifying series for the first 5 racing days and a final series (Gold and Silver Fleet) on the 6th racing day.

11.8. 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.

**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. APPEALS**

There shall be no appeal from the decisions of protests.

**15. PRIZES** (Amended 30th August 2007)

Prizes (cubes) will be awarded in accordance with the ILCA Honour Awards By-Law 5 in function of the number of entries for each of the following 11 categories:

    Standard Apprentice Men, Standard Master Men, Standard Grand Master Men

    Radial Apprentice Men, Radial Master Men, Radial Grand Master Men, Radial Great Grand Master Men

    Radial Apprentice Women, Radial Master Women, Radial Grand Master Women, Radial Great Grand Master Women

In addition the winner of each of the above 11 categories will receive a plaque independent of the number of entrants.

**16. COURSES**

Trapezoid courses will be used with an upwind finish.

**17. 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**

Grup d'Esports Nautics de Roses and 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 Masters World Championship, and competitors take part in the championships 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 or Laser Radial in open water in 25 knot winds.

It is the responsibility of each sailor 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.