

Notice of Race

Laser Masters World Championships 2013

28 November – 7 December 2013

Venue: Al Mussanah Sports City, OMAN

Organizing Authority: Oman Sail LLC (Host) and the International Laser Class Association (ILCA)

23 of this Notice of Race was amended on 4 June 2013.

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 while 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.

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 the ILCA Class Rules, 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 is 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 have an ISAF Sailor ID, which is required to enter the regatta. An ISAF Sailor ID can be obtained free of charge by registering online at: <http://members.sailing.org/sailors/profile.php>
- 2.6 Entries are restricted to experienced sailors who, on 28 November 2013, are aged as follows;

35 to 44	Laser Standard Apprentice or Laser Radial Apprentice
45 to 54	Laser Standard Master or Laser Radial Master
55 to 64	Laser Standard Grand Master or Laser Radial Grand Master
65 or older	Laser Standard Great Grand Master or Laser Radial Great Grand Master
35 or older	Laser 4.7
- 2.7 Proof of age will be required at registration.
- 2.8 Each competitor will be required to register on site at the race office, and complete all registration and equipment inspection requirements before racing.
- 2.9 The total number of entries is restricted to 210 sailors.

3. ENTRY APPLICATION & ENTRY PROCESS

- 3.1 Applications for entry will be accepted until 20 May 2013, 2359 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 3.11. The application fee, entry fee and charter fee payments can only be made by credit card. If you have several credit cards you should use one with an **expiry date after the 31 January 2014**.
Reason: ILCA can only make refunds to the same credit card used to pay for application and entry.
- 3.2 Application for entry shall be made at the ILCA regatta website:
<http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z85>
- 3.3 After the 20 May 2013 up until 3 June 2013 the National Laser Association will rank the applications from its country. All sailors that are ranked within the country allocation limit (see the ILCA regatta website 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.
- 3.4 All applications will be responded to by 4 June 2013, being informed by email that:
 - a. a place has been offered, or
 - b. the application has been added to the waiting list, or
 - c. the application has been declined by the National Laser Association.

- 3.5 Extra places will be offered to sailors on the waiting list, as available, from the 2 July 2013.
- 3.6 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 it being offered.
- 3.7 The entry fee for this event is £225 GBP.
- 3.8 The entry closing date is 4 October 2013.
- 3.9 After 4 October 2013 entries will only be accepted at the discretion of ILCA and upon payment of a late entry fee of £275 GBP (£225 + £50 GBP).

LATE APPLICATION

- 3.10 Sailors who do not apply for an entry by 20 May 2013 have very little chance to attend the regatta. A sailor who has not applied by 20 May 2013 may nevertheless make a late application from 4 June 2013 until the 4 October 2013. Once the National Laser Association has accepted and ranked the late application it will be automatically added to the waiting list.

CANCELLATION & REFUND

3.11 Refund of the **application fee**:

- 3.11.1. As in 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 two weeks of it being offered.
- 3.11.2. The **full application fee less bank charges of £2.50** will be refunded if:
 - a. the application is refused by the National Laser Association / District, or
 - b. the application is cancelled via the ILCA website before the application is ranked by the National Laser Association / District, or
 - 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 website
 - d. the applicant is not offered a place, or
 - e. the applicant is offered a place and refuses the offered place within two weeks of it being offered.

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 may lead to the loss of the refund.

3.12 Refund of the **entry fee**:

- 3.12.1. If a sailor cancels the entry before the entry closing date, which is 4 October 2013 the full entry fee less a £35 (GBP) fee for bank and administration charges will be refunded approximately one week after the entry closing date.
- 3.12.2. **No entry fee is refundable for cancellations after the 4 October 2013.**
- 3.13 Refunds are made to the credit card used to pay the entry fee. If at the time of the refund (the latest by 31 December 2013) the expiry date of your card has passed (but the number has remained the same) the refund is still possible, but is 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 (160) are available to be booked through the ILCA website entry system and will be allocated to sailors based upon National Laser Association membership. See the allocation of charter boats at: <http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z85>. **The provisions of this Notice of Race apply only to those charter boats booked through the ILCA website entry system.**
- 4.2 A limited number of additional charter boats (50) will be available directly from Oman Sail LLC under separate terms and conditions. Sailors unable to book a charter through the ILCA website entry system will be directed to contact Oman Sail LLC for charter opportunities. See the allocation of additional boats at: <http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z85>)
- 4.3 Charter boats will be available from 28 November 2013.
- 4.4 Charter boats cost £575 (GBP) plus a refundable £300 (GBP) damage deposit.
- 4.5 Charter boats are supplied on a launching trolley as a hull with self-bailer, a XD padded hiking strap, spars, centerboard, rudder, mainsheet side cleats, control line deck block fitting with blocks and control line deck cleat fitting with cleats.
- 4.6 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.
- 4.7 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.
- 4.8 Competitors must provide their own ropes, boom vang, mainsheet block, traveler blocks, tiller and tiller extension, sail and battens.

- 4.9 All chartered boats are subject to the "Terms and Conditions" of charter available at <http://events.laserinternational.org/en/documents/store/100z85>

PRE-CHARTER

- 4.10 Charter boats will be available for a pre-charter training period from 1000 on 25 November 2013. Pre-charter will cost £150 (GBP) and must be booked when completing entry..

CANCELLATION & REFUND

- 4.11 If a booked charter boat is cancelled before 4 October 2013 the full charter fee less £125 (GBP) for bank and administration charges will be refunded. If a charter boat is cancelled after 4 October 2013, no charter fee is refundable.
- 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 January 2014) 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, batten set, mast, boom, centreboard and rudder; all of which shall be identified during equipment 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 not be towed unless flag T is displayed ashore or on the race committee signal boat. When flag T is displayed a tow shall not exceed 8 knots.
- 5.5 When ashore 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 Men and women in the same age group and rig type will race together.
- 6.2 The organizing authority may decide to split the entries of an age group/rig type into fleets to sail a qualifying series and a final series.
- 6.3 The organizing authority may decide that fleets of a different age group and same rig type will sail together.
- 6.4 If 4 races of a qualifying series have not been completed by the end of the fourth scheduled racing day, that qualifying series will continue until the end of the racing day in which a fourth qualifying race is completed.
- 6.5 A qualifying series race will not count until all qualifying series fleets have completed that race.

7. PROGRAM

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| 7.1 | 25-27 November | Pre-charter period for on-site training. |
| | 28 November | 0900-1200 & 1300-1800 Registration, Equipment Inspection, Charter Boat allocation |
| | 29 November | 0900-1200 & 1300-1800 Registration, Equipment Inspection, Charter Boat allocation |
| | 30 November | 0900-1200 & 1300-1800 Registration, Equipment Inspection, Charter Boat allocation |
| | | Practice race at 1400 followed by an opening ceremony. |
| | 1 December | 2 races back to back, (Qualifying series where applicable) |
| | 2 December | 2 races back to back, (Qualifying series where applicable) |
| | 3 December | 2 races back to back, (Qualifying series where applicable) |
| | 4 December | Rest day |
| | 5 December | 2 races back to back, (Qualifying series where applicable) |
| | 6 December | 2 races back to back, (Qualifying/final series where applicable) |
| | 7 December | 2 races back to back, (Qualifying/final series where applicable) followed by charter boat return, and prize giving party and buffet meal. |
- 7.2 The time of the first warning signal for the practice race will be 1400.
- 7.3 The time for the first warning signal on 1 December will be 1100.
- 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 1500 on the last day of the championship will be abandoned and not resailed.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Copies of sailing instructions will be available from the race office during registration and from the ILCA championship website from 4 October 2013.

9. RACE OFFICE

- 9.1 The race office is located at Al Mussanah Sports City, Oman.
- 9.2 The race office is open:
 - 28 November from 0900-1200 & 1300-1800
 - 29 November from 0900-1200 & 1300-1800
 - 30 November from 0900-1200 & 1300-1800
 - 1-8 December from 0900 until 30 minutes after the close of the protest time unless extended at the discretion of the race committee

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 Information on equipment inspection will be posted on the official notice board. Boats shall be presented with all equipment that shall be used in the regatta, with the bottom mast, boom and all control lines rigged and with the sail and top section derigged ready for inspection.
- 10.2 Equipment inspection will take place at the boat park between the following dates and times:
 - 28 November from 0900-1200 & 1300-1800
 - 29 November from 0900-1200 & 1300-1800
 - 30 November from 0900-1200 & 1300-1800
- 10.3 Equipment inspection outside these times will only be possible at the discretion of the regatta measurer and on payment of 15 Omani Rial (OMR).
- 10.4 Wet clothing 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 the ILCA regatta website <http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z85> before 4 October 2013.
- 11.2 All coach/support boat drivers shall confirm registration of their boats and submit the names and sails numbers of the sailors they are supporting at the race office before 1800 on 30 November 2013.
- 11.3 Each coach/support boat shall be clearly display an identification number supplied by the organizing authority. No other individual support boats shall be used. A deposit of 10 Omani Rial (OMR) will be required for the identification number.
- 11.4 Each coach/support boat is required to carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving all international ship to ship channels.
- 11.5 The movements of coach/support boats will be restricted as defined in the sailing instructions.
- 11.6 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 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 the jury.

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

19. SAFETY

Each competitor 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 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 20.3 When from 4 to 9 races have been completed 1 race score will be excluded.
- 20.4 When 10 or more races have been completed 2 races scores will be excluded except that when a qualifying/final series is sailed only 1 race score from the final series may be excluded.
- 20.5 When a qualifying/final series is sailed a qualifying series race will not count until all qualifying series fleets have completed that race.
- 20.6 When a qualifying/final series is sailed 1 race score will be discarded when calculating the division into final series fleets.
- 20.7 When a qualifying/final series is sailed the qualifying series races and the final series races will count for total points in the championship.
- 20.8 For the purposes of Appendix A4.2 (scoring) when a qualifying/final series is sailed the number of boats entered into a qualifying 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, and PTS means scoring penalty for a yellow flag after finishing. This changes Appendix A11.

21. TITLES & PRIZES

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- 21.1 Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the ILCA Honour Awards By-Law for each of the following:
 - Laser Standard Apprentice Men
 - Laser Standard Master Men
 - Laser Standard Grand Master Men
 - Laser Standard Great 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
 - Laser 4.7 Men and Women combined
- 21.2 Women's results will be determined by the order of finishing in the combined Men & Women competition. (Note: These results will be extracted from the overall results and published without recalculation.)

ILCA Cube Prizes

- 21.3 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, 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 Oman Sail LLC, the International Laser Class Association 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 regatta 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 all conditions including strong winds.
- 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 \$300,000 USD per event or equivalent thereof in any other currency.
- 23.7 A competitor is recommended to have personal accident and health insurance that covers him while attending the regatta and while racing.

24. INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, each competitor agrees to indemnify and hold the International Laser Class Association, Oman Sail LLC, their 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)

Oman Sail LLC website www.omansail.com

Oman Laser Worlds website www.omanlaserworlds2013.com (from 16 December 2012)

26. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

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