

International Laser Class Association

2007 Laser 4.7 World Championship

Hermanus, Western Cape, South Africa 27 December 2007- 4 January 2008

The Organising authority is the Hermanus Yacht Club, in conjunction with the International Laser Class Association.

Championship web site for local information and accommodation: <http://laser47worlds07.sailing.org.za>

Web site for entry and boat charter: <http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/list/104z1>

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 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 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 By entering the championship a competitor and their parent guardian warrants that the competitor is in good health and is a competent sailor capable of racing a Laser 4.7 in open water in 25 knot winds.
- 2.4 Age limit:
Entry is open to experienced sailors who are or will be 12 years old but not 18 years old or older in the calendar year in which the championship is held; i.e., a competitor for the 2007 Championship must be born in 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994 or 1995. Proof of age will be required at registration.
- 2.4 Before 5 December 2007 each sailor shall fax to ILCA a completed parent/guardian consent form that will be automatically emailed to each complete entry received. The fax number will be advised on the entry form.
- 2.5 For the duration of the championship, each sailor shall be accompanied by a responsible adult who is named on the parent/guardian consent form.
- 2.6 Each responsible adult and coach, if applicable, and each competitor shall register together on site at the race office before 1800 Thursday 27 December 2007.

3. ENTRY AND ENTRY FEES

- 3.1 The entry fee is £170 (English pounds).
- 3.2 Full payment of entry fees and entry shall only be made online at <http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/list/104z1> using the official entry form.
- 3.3 50% of the entry fees are refundable before 8 November 2007. **NO ENTRY FEES ARE REFUNDABLE AFTER 8 NOVEMBER 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.

4. ENTRY CLOSING DATE

- 4.1 The entry closing time/date is: 2359 on 8 November 2007
- 4.2 Late entries may be accepted after the entry closing time/date only at the discretion of ILCA on 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 the Hermanus Yacht Club and will be open for the duration of the event from Thursday 27 December from 0900 until 1900 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 scrutiny by the Regatta Measurer before the start of the first race. Boats shall be presented fully rigged with all control lines in position.
Measurement will take place at the boat park between the following times:
Thursday 26 December 1000 – 1300 and 1400 to 1900
Friday 27 December 0900 – 1200 and 1300 to 1800
Measurement outside these times may be allowed at the discretion of the Regatta Measurer and will be charged R250 (South African Rands) per boat (except in the event of damage).
- 7.2 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, 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, Jury or Race Committee. 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, 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 on their sails 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.

9. PROGRAMME

- | <u>Date</u> | <u>Item</u> |
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| Thursday 27 December | Registration, Boat Allocation, Measurement 0900 – 1800, |
| Friday 28 December | Registration, Boat Allocation, Measurement 0900 – 1200, Practice Race; warning signal: 1500
Opening Ceremony: 1800 |
| Saturday 29 December – Friday 4 January | Race Days (2 races scheduled per day); 1 st warning signal: 1100
except |

Tuesday 1 January. Racing will start at 1400

Friday 4 January

No Race will start after 1600

Closing Ceremony and Prize Giving 2000 approx.

- 9.2 Any race for which a warning signal is not given by **1300** on the last day of the regatta will be abandoned and not re-sailed.

10. RACING FORMAT

- 10.1 If there are more than 35 male and 35 female entries the fleet will be split into male and female fleets.
- 10.2 If necessary the total fleet or 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:
On the first protest, if protested after she has finished, she will be given a scoring penalty of 8 points without a hearing.
- 11.2 Rule P 2.3 is modified to read, "When a boat is protested a third or subsequent time during the series she shall be disqualified without a hearing hearing and her score shall not be excluded and the protest committee shall consider calling a hearing under rule 69.1 (a).
- 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 restarted or re-sailed. If she does sail, 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 regatta will be scored as provided in RRS Appendix A using the Low Point System.
- 12.2 A total of 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 12.3 A qualifying race will not count until all qualifying fleets have completed that race.
- 12.4 One race score will be excluded when calculating the division into the finals fleets.
- 12.5 The qualifying races and final races will count for total points in the championship.
- 12.6 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 except that only one score may be excluded from a final series and only if 2 or more final series races have been completed.
- 12.7 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.
- 12.8 Competitors in each of the prize categories will be identified in the overall results with no re-scoring.

13. INTERNATIONAL JURY

An international jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 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. APPEALS

There shall be no appeal from the decisions of protests.

16. PRIZES

The first male and female sailors on the overall scoring will be the Laser 4.7 Male/Female World Champion.

Individual prizes will be awarded in accordance with ILCA Honour Award By Law for the following events:

Overall Male

Overall Female

Under 15 Male and Female (born in 1993 or later)

Special prizes will be award to places 6th onwards according to the number of entries and for the first competitor born in each of the following years;

1990,1991, 1992, 1993, 1994 and 1995

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 a race and/or using the Championship facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, re-use, publication and re-publication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

19. LIABILITY

The Hermanus Yacht Club, South African Sailing, 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 4.7 World Championships, including any pre-championship training at the championship site, and competitors take part in the championship entirely 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 an experienced sailor capable of racing a Laser 4.7 in 25 knot winds in open water.

It is the responsibility of each sailor and their 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.

20. TEAM/COACH/SUPPORT BOATS

20.1 Support boat drivers shall register their boats at the Race Office and submit names and boat numbers of the sailors they are supporting.

20.2 Each coach/support boat shall be clearly identified with a number supplied by the Organising Authority. No other individual support boats shall be used.

CHARTER BOATS

A limited number of charter boats (hull, spars and foils) are available for competitors on a first come first served basis. Priority will be given to competitors from outside South Africa before 1 September 2007. South African sailors will be placed on a waiting list for any charter boats that are released after 1 September. Requests from South African sailors will also be treated on a first come first served basis. Please apply by email to office@laserinternational.org

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