

Notice of Race

European and World Laser Radial Men's Championship

30 August – 6 September 2013

Venue: Dun Laoghaire, IRELAND

Organizing Authority: The National Yacht Club (Organizer), ILCA and the ILCA European region In association with the The Royal St George Yacht Club.

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 Entry is restricted to experienced sailors who are, or will be at least 15 years old in the year of the regatta i.e. born in 1998 or before. Proof of age will be required at registration.
- 2.7 Each sailor under 18 years old on 30 August 2013 shall bring at registration a completed parent/guardian consent form
- 2.8 For the duration of the regatta, each sailor under 18 years old shall be supervised by the responsible adult named on the parent/guardian consent form.
- 2.9 The responsible adult (if applicable) and competitor shall register together on site at the race office before 1800 on 31 August 2013.
- 2.10 The total number of entries is restricted to 120 sailors.

3. ENTRY APPLICATION & ENTRY PROCESS

- 3.1 Applications for entry will be accepted from 15 January until 11 March 2013, 2359 GMT, with payment of the €50 Euros application fee which may be deducted from the entry fee or will be retained by the ILCA European region or refunded to the sailor under certain circumstances as detailed in 3.11. The application fee and entry 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 October 2013**.
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/100z92>
- 3.3 After the 11 March 2013 up until 25 March 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 sailors application based upon ability or non-ILCA membership.
- 3.4 All applications will be responded to by the 26 March 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 23 April 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 €210 Euros.
- 3.8 The entry closing date is 19 July 2013.
- 3.9 After 19 July 2013 entries will only be accepted at the discretion of ILCA and upon payment of a late entry fee of €260 Euros (€210 + €50 Euros).

LATE APPLICATION

- 3.10 Sailors who do not apply for an entry by 11 March 2013 have very little chance to attend the regatta. A sailor who has not applied by 11 March 2013 may nevertheless make a late application from 25 March 2013 until the 19 July 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 €5 Euros** 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, or
 - 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 European region 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 19 July 2013 the full entry fee less a €40 Euros fee for bank and administration charges €170 Euros will be refunded approximately one week after the entry closing date.
- 3.12.2. **No entry fee is refundable for cancellations after the 19 July 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 19 July 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 There are no charter boats available from ILCA for this event.

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.
- 5.9 The National Yacht Club and Royal St George Yacht Clubs (the venue clubs) are not available for boat parking and practice sailing before Monday 29 August 2013

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 four 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 fourth qualifying race is completed.
- 6.3 A qualifying race will not count until all qualifying fleets have completed that race.

7. PROGRAMME

- 7.1 30 August 0900 – 1200 & 1300 - 1800 Registration, Equipment Inspection
31 August 0900 – 1200 & 1300 - 1800 Registration, Equipment Inspection
Practice race at 1500 followed by an opening reception and buffet meal
- 1 September 2 races back to back, (Qualifying series)
2 September 2 races back to back, (Qualifying series)
3 September 2 races back to back, (Qualifying series)
4 September 2 races back to back, (Qualifying/final series if four races have been sailed)
5 September 2 races back to back, (Qualifying/final series)
6 September 2 races back to back, (Qualifying/final series) followed by a prize giving party and buffet meal.
- 7.2 The time of the first warning signal for the practice race on 31 August will be 1500.
7.3 The time for the first warning signal on 1 September will be 1200.
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 1600 on the last day of the regatta will be abandoned and not resailed.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Copies of sailing instructions will be available from the ILCA championship website from 19 July 2013.

9. RACE OFFICE

- 9.1 The race office is located at The National Yacht Club, East Pier, Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin, Ireland.
9.2 The race office is open:
30 August from 0900 – 1200 & 1300 to 1800
31 August from 0900 – 1200 & 1300 to 1800
1-6 September 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 up, 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:
30 August from 0900 – 1200 & 1300 to 1800
31 August from 0900 – 1200 & 1300 to 1800
10.3 Equipment inspection outside these times will only be possible at the discretion of the regatta measurer and on payment of €20 Euros
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/100z92> before 19 July 2013.
11.2 All coach/support boat drivers shall confirm registration of their boats and submit the names and sail number of the sailors they are supporting at the race office before 1800 on 31 August 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 €20 Euros amount for coach boats 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

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 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 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 **and all persons in Team and Support Boats** shall wear a life jacket or other personal flotation device at all times when afloat. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute personal flotation device.

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. PRIZES

Laser Radial Men and under 21 - European Championship (only for European sailors)

21.1 The first European sailor will be the Laser Radial Men's European Champion 2013.

21.2 The first European sailor under 21 will be the Laser Radial U21 European Champion.

21.3 A minimum of 3 and up to 10 prizes (on a ratio of 1 for every 10 European competitors) will be awarded for the European championship.

21.4 European championship 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.) .

Laser Radial Men World Championship

21.5 The first sailor will be the Laser Radial Men's World Champion 2013

21.6 A minimum of 3 and up to 10 prizes (on a ratio of 1 for every 10 European competitors) will be awarded for the World championship.

ILCA Cube Prizes

21.7 ILCA cube prizes will be awarded in accordance with the ILCA Honor 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, 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 National Yacht Club in association with the The Royal St George Yacht Club.

, ILCA, European region of 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 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 Radial in open water in strong 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 **Each competitor 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 ILCA European region the ILCA, The National Yacht Club in association with the The Royal St George Yacht Club., 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)

The National Yacht Club Dun Laoghaire Co. Dublin website <http://LaserWorlds2013.webs.com>

26. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

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