

Notice of Race

World & European Laser Radial Youth Championship 2011

24 July – 31 July

Venue: La Rochelle, France

Organising Authority: Societe des Regates Rochelaises (Organiser) in Conjunction with 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 (RRS). 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 onboard whilst racing. The person shall be named on the entry form.
- 1.3. Add to RRS A11: ARB means scoring penalty after arbitration, PTS scoring penalty for a yellow flag after finish.
- 1.4. 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.
- 1.5. Advertising - The organizing authority may require competing boats to carry event sponsor advertising on the hull.
- 1.6. Sails shall display the full sail number AND NATIONAL LETTERS in accordance with the Class Rules and RRS. The national letters shall denote the National Authority of which the sailor is a member in accordance with RRS 75.2 and with 2.1 Entry regulations below. This changes RRS Appendix G 1.1.

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 Championship. 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 legitimate 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). Information on country allocations can be found at: <http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z59>
- 2.5. Each sailor shall be registered as an ISAF Sailor. The ISAF Sailor number is required to enter the Championship. 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 15 years old but not 19 years or older in the year of the championship i.e. born in 1993, 1994, 1995 or 1996. Proof of age will be required at registration.
- 2.7. Each sailor under 18 years old on 17th July 2011 shall send to ILCA a completed parent/guardian consent form before 15th June 2011. This consent form will be automatically emailed to each sailor upon completing the online entry form.
- 2.8. For the duration of the championship, each sailor under 18 years old shall be accompanied by the responsible adult who is named on the parent/guardian consent form.
- 2.9. The responsible adult (if applicable) and competitors shall register together on site at the race office before 18:00 on 25th July 2011.
- 2.10. The total number of entries is restricted to 390 sailors.

3. ENTRY APPLICATION & ENTRY PROCESS

- 3.1. Applications for entry will be accepted from 8th February 2011 until 15th March 2011, 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 3.12. 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 2011**.
- 3.2. *Reason: ILCA can only make refunds to the same credit card used to pay for application and entry.* Application for entry shall be made at: <http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z59>
- 3.3. After the 15th March 2011 up until 29th March 2011 the National Laser Association will rank the applications from their country. All sailors who are ranked within the country allocation limit (see <http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z59>) will receive a place offer. Applications ranked lower than the country allocation limit will be added to the waiting list. National Laser Associations can decline a sailor's application based upon ability or non ILCA membership.
- 3.4. All applications will be responded to by the 30th March 2011, 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.
- 3.5. Extra places will be offered to sailors on the waiting list if available from the 26th April 2011.
- 3.6. Sailors offered a place will have 2 weeks to complete entry. The application fee is lost, 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.
- 3.7. The entry fee is £200 GBP.
- 3.8. From the entry fee £131.60 GBP per competitor is paid to the host club for the organisation and running of the championship. Of the remaining £68.40 GBP per competitor ILCA uses £ 33.40 to cover championship expenses, which ILCA pays directly: £25.89 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, £2.51 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 championship.
- 3.9. The entry closing date is 14th June 2011.
- 3.10. After 14th June 2011 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

- 3.11. Sailors who do not apply until 15th March 2011 have very little chance to attend the championship. A sailor who has not applied until 15th March 2011 may nevertheless make a late application from 29th March 2011 until the 14th June 2011. Once the National Laser Association has accepted and ranked the late application it will be automatically added to the waiting list.

CANCELLATION & REFUND

3.12. Refund of the **application fee**:

- 3.12.1. As in 3.6 above, the application fee is lost, 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.
- 3.12.2. 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.

3.13. Refund of the **entry fee**:

- 3.13.1. If a sailor cancels the entry before 14th June 2011:

- 3.13.1.1. If the cancelled place is able to be filled through ILCA by another sailor a refund of the full entry fee less a £35 (GBP) for bank and administration charges (£165) will be made on the 5th August 2011.

- 3.13.1.2. If the cancelled place is not filled by another sailor 50% of the entry fee (£100) is refunded on the 5th August 2011.

- 3.13.1.3. **No entry fee is refundable for cancellations after the 14th June 2011.**

- 3.14. Refunds are made to the credit card used to pay the entry fee. If at the time of the refund (the latest by 5th August 2011) 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 <http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z59>) 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 24th July 2011. Pre championship charter information is detailed below.
- 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 . 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 Chartered boats are subject to the "Terms and Conditions" of charter available at <http://events.laserinternational.org/en/documents/store/100z59>

PRE-CHARTER

- 4.10. No Pre-Charter is available.

CANCELLATION & REFUND

- 4.11. If a booked charter boat is cancelled before the 14th June 2011 and the boat can be re-chartered, 70% of the charter fee will be refunded. If a charter boat is cancelled after the 14th June 2011, 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 31st October 2011) 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. If the damage occurs later than 120 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.
- 5.3. 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. Please see http://www.laserinternational.org/information/red_diamonds.pdf for more information.
- 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. A Qualifying series will be sailed 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 race is completed.
- 6.3. A qualifying race will not count until all qualifying fleets have completed that race.

7. PROGRAMME

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| 7.1. | 24 July | 09:00 – 12:00 & 13:00 - 18:00 | Registration, Measurement, Charter Boat allocation |
| | 25 July | 09:00 – 12:00 & 13:00 - 18:00 | Registration, Measurement, Charter Boat allocation, followed by an opening reception and buffet meal |
| | 26 July | 2 races back to back, | (Qualifying series) |
| | 27 July | 2 races back to back, | (Qualifying series) |
| | 28 July | 2 races back to back, | (Qualifying series) |
| | 29 July | 2 races back to back, | (Qualifying series) |
| | 30 July | 2 races back to back, | (Finals series) |
| | 31 July | 2 races back to back, | (Finals series) followed by the Prize giving party and buffet meal. |
- 7.2. The time for the first warning signal on 26th July will be: 13:00. For each subsequent day the time of the first warning signal will be posted on the Notice Board at the Race Office before 21:00.
 - 7.3. Each day succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
 - 7.4. Any race whose warning signal is not given by 16:00 on the last day of the championship 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 Championship web site from 1st July 2011.

9. RACE OFFICE

9.1. The Race Office is located at: Societe des Regates Rochelaises, Avenue de la Capitainerie, Port de Minimes, 17000 La Rochelle, FRANCE.

The Race Office is open:

24th & 25th July from 09:00 – 12:00 & 13:00 - 18:00

26th July to 31st July 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 all equipment that shall be used in the championship, 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:
24th & 25th July - 09:00 - 12:00 & 13:00 - 18:00
- 10.3. Measurement / Inspection outside these times will only be possible at the discretion of the Regatta Measurer and on payment of €25 Euros.
- 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 <http://events.laserinternational.org/en/events/overview/100z59> before 15th June 2011.
- 11.2. All coach/support boat drivers shall register their boats at the Race Office and submit names and sails numbers of the sailors they are supporting before 18:00, 25th July 2011. During this confirmation they will pay € 50, which is for the assigned coach boat place in the harbour, the parking space for the coach vehicle, regatta clothing, opening and closing ceremony as well as all other meals.
- 11.3. Each coach/support boat shall be clearly identified with a number supplied by the Organising Authority. No other individual support boats shall be used.
- 11.4. Each coach/support boat is recommended 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 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 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 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. One race score will be excluded when calculating the division into the finals fleets. The qualifying races and final races will count for total points in the championship.
- 20.3. A total of 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 20.4. 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.

21. PRIZES

- 21.1. The first Under 19 boy and girl sailors in the championship will be the World Laser Radial Youth Boys / Girls Champion 2011 (Under 19).
- 21.2. The first Under 19 European boy and girl sailors in the championship will be the European Laser Radial Youth Boys / Girls Champion 2011.
- 21.3. The first Under 17 boy and girl sailors in the championship will be the World Laser Radial Youth Boys / Girls Champion 2011 (Under 17).
- 21.4. The first Under 17 European boy and girl sailors in the championship will be the European Laser Radial Youth Boys / Girls Champion 2011 (Under 17).
- 21.5. ILCA cube prizes will be awarded in accordance with the ILCA Honour Award By-Law in each of the above age groups.

22. 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.

23. LIABILITY

- 23.1. The Societe des Regates Rochelaises, 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 Radial Championship and competitors take part in the championships 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 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 €1,500,000 Euro 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 International Laser Class Association, The Societe des Regates Rochelaises and the Royal Yachting Association, 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)

Website: <http://www.srr-sailing.com>

26. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

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