

Notice of Race – Iss 2

Laser World & European Qualifiers

Standard and Radial

2010

The Laser World & European Qualifiers (the Qualifiers) and the Laser Radial Grand Prix are a series of SIX separate events held every year and in 2010 will be hosted by these clubs on the following dates:

Stokes Bay SC	13 th & 14 th March	Standard and Radial Rigs only
Mountbatten WS&AC	20 th & 21 st March	Standard and Radial Rigs only
Hayling Island SC	17 th & 18 th April	Standard and Radial Rigs only
Pwllheli SC	2 nd & 3 rd October	Standard and Radial Rigs only
WPNSA	16 th & 17 th October	Standard and Radial Rigs only
Whitstable SC	23 rd & 24 th October	Standard and Radial Rigs only

1. **ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The organising authority will be the International Laser UK Class Association in conjunction with the sailing club hosting each event.

2. **RACING RULES**

Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 to 2012, and the prescriptions of the RYA, the Rules of the International Laser Class Association, the International UK Laser Class Association and any other such rules as the Sailing Instructions and Local Instructions may prescribe.

3. **ADVERTISING**

Unrestricted Category C advertising is allowed under Regulation 20 of the ISAF Regulations.

4. **LIABILITY AND INSURANCE**

The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner / person in charge who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that could arise during the event. Neither the organising authority nor the host club, their officials or volunteers shall be responsible for any loss, damage, death, or personal injury however caused as a result of any person taking part in this event. Each owner / person in charge is responsible for ensuring that the competitor and boat sailed in this event hold adequate third party insurance cover to a minimum of £2,000,000.

5. **ENTRY RESTRICTIONS**

Only current members of the UKLA, and current members of the Laser Class Associations of other countries, may enter any of the events. However, temporary membership, which will be valid for three days only, may be offered to participants on the understanding that they will apply for permanent membership of the UKLA at a later date. The person and boat stated on the Entry Form for each event will be the only person to compete in that boat at that event.

6. **ENTRY FEE AND REGISTRATION**

Entry for each event will be accepted from competitors on the morning of the first day of that event until 30 minutes before the scheduled start of race 1. Entries after that period will be at the discretion of the race committee. An entry will only be accepted on presentation of a valid UKLA Membership Card, or a valid Membership Card from the Laser Class Association of another country, or a valid receipt of Temporary Membership, completion of the Entry Form and payment of the Entry Fee. Registration will take place at the same time.

Entry, by pre-payment, can be made on the UKLA website, or by post using the down-loadable documents. Registration must still be made at the event in order to 1] notify attendance, 2] confirm sail number, 3] sign declaration of suitable insurance, 4] in the case of youth sailors, a declaration completed by parent and 5] collect a tally number.

7. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Copies of the General Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration and any Local Instructions will be announced verbally or given in writing and/or displayed on a notice board. To save printing costs, you are asked to download the General Sailing Instructions from the UKLA web-site.

8. **RACING PROGRAMME**

Racing will as described in the General Sailing Instructions. It is intended that there will be five races over the two days with Race No 1 starting at 1200 hrs on the first day followed by a further two races and that the first race on the second day will start at 1000 hrs followed by one race, or two, as necessary.

9. **SPLIT FLEET**
At the discretion of the race committee, depending upon the number of entries and the conditions at the venue, the Radial fleet may be split into two fleets. The intended format will be a) a 'round-robin' on the first sailing day using four colour groups based upon the ladder and b) alpha and beta fleets on the second day, graded from the results of the 'round-robin'. It is the responsibility of the sailor to obtain their colour from the race office and display the appropriate colour band on their mast, below the boom and above the vang fitting.
10. **COURSES**
The Courses to be sailed will be described in the General Sailing Instructions.
11. **PENALTIES**
Alternative penalties will be allowed and an on-the-water Jury will operate as described in the General Sailing Instructions.
12. **MEASUREMENT**
Random measurement checks may be carried out during an event at the discretion of the Race Committee
13. **SCORING**
The system of Scoring will be described in the General Sailing Instructions.
14. **CATEGORIES**
The Standard Rig Lasers, and similarly the Radial Rig Lasers, will race as a single fleet but will be subdivided into three categories, namely Gold, Silver and Bronze. The Gold Fleet will consist of sailors who have, at some time in the past, been members of a Laser World Championship Team, excluding Masters events, or are current members of an RYA squad (including Youth squad). Silver Fleet will consist of sailors who are in the top 50 of the Laser Ladder at the end of December 2009, but re-adjusted after the Spring Qualifiers. Bronze Fleet will consist of all other sailors who do not fit in the above categories. The category in which a sailor is placed is at the discretion of the Race Committee. Grants, or Vouchers, will be awarded to the winners of the Silver and Bronze fleets.
15. **PRIZES**
Points will be awarded to prize winners at each qualifier and will be accumulated for an overall prize to be given at the end of the Qualification series of 6 events listed above.
16. **WORLD & EUROPEAN QUALIFICATION SYSTEM**
Class Ladders - The final overall positions of each Laser will be entered on to their individual Class Laser Ladder which is a rolling ranking system of six events with the worst two Qualifiers positions being discarded. However, if only 4 or 5 events are ~~sailed~~ scored, then only 1 Qualifier position will be discarded and, if 3 or less are ~~sailed~~ scored, then no events will be discarded.
- In the case of a 'no-sail' event, those competitors who a) register and pay the necessary entry fee and b) sign a declaration of attendance after all racing is finally abandoned, will be awarded 'average points' for that event. The average points will be computed from the best three 'counting' ladder results. (NB: for clarification, for the purpose of applying discards, the 'no-sail' event, which now scores, applies as if it was sailed)
- Qualification
- Places which may be available for World and European Championships or other events will be offered to the sailors with the highest positions on the Laser Ladders, working downwards at the cut-off date for each event. If a place is not accepted, it may not be offered to another sailor.
- Exceptions
- Radial Youth World & Europeans, the Standard Junior (under 21) Worlds and the Standard Youth Europeans – The Class ladder will not be used & the 'no-sail' provision will not apply. The events to count for qualification are the three Spring Qualifiers with one discard, provided that more than two qualifiers are sailed & the RYA Volvo Youth Nationals which is mandatory & non-discardable.
- IMPORTANT: Sailors are responsible for entering their intention to compete in World and European Championships by entering their name on the ILCA web site www.laserinternational.org by the closing date notified by ILCA. All instructions on the ILCA web site.
17. **NOTICE OF RACE**
This Notice of Race may be changed in accordance with RRS 88.2. See also RRS 63.7 "Conflict between Rules".