

2006 LASER RADIAL WORLD WOMENS AND MENS CHAMPIONSHIP

28 July – 4 August 2006

Los Angeles, USA

Organising authority: California Yacht Club (CYC) in conjunction with the International Laser Class Association.

The only launching at CYC is via a ramp. To use the launching ramps you will need a large wheel (approx 12 inch diameter) launching dolly. Charter boats come with a launching dolly.

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 except as follows:

Rule 68 Damages:

- a. A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.
- b. A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the *rules*. No protest committee shall adjudicate any claim for damages, Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
- c. A basic purpose of the *rules* is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the *rules* a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the *rules* shall be based on fault as determined by the application of the *rules*, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of ‘assumption of risk’ for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

Rule 76 Exclusion of Boats or Competitors:

- a. An organising authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, colour, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or age.
- b. A boat whose entry is rejected or cancelled or a competitor who is excluded from a race or series shall be entitled to a hearing conducted by the protest committee under rules 63.2, 63.3, 63.4 and 63.6.

- 1.2. Add to rule 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 the RRS.
- 1.5. Paragraph 20.3.3 of the ISAF Advertising Code will apply. Individual advertising is permitted on the sail on payment of an extra £300 damage deposit. This will be refunded if the sail is returned with the advertising removed and no damage/marks as a result of the advertising.

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. Sailors shall be capable of sailing in 25 knot winds,
- 2.3. Entry is restricted to competitors who are, or will be at least 15 years old in the year which in which the championship is held i.e. born in 1991 or earlier.
- 2.4. **Women** competitors shall be selected and confirmed in writing to ILCA by Districts and Areas and who have been approved by ILCA according to ILCA allocated places (see www.laserinternational.org) To avoid late entry fee countries may enter a blank entry before the entry closing date on payment of the full entry fee. Please contact ILCA international office for further information. A waiting list for cancelled places will be operated by ILCA. National Laser Associations must apply by email.

- 2.5 **Before 1 July each sailor under 18 years old on 1 July 2006 shall fax to ILCA (+44 1326 318968) a completed parent/guardian consent form provided by the organisers. (link to form)**
- 2.6 **For the duration of the championship, each sailor under 18 years old on 20 July 2006 shall be accompanied by a responsible adult who is named on the parent /guardian consent form.**

3. ENTRIES, ENTRY AND CHARTER FEES

- 3.1. Total fee payable: Women - 915 English Pounds (Entry fee 225 English Pounds, boat charter 540 English Pounds, damage deposit 150 English Pounds sterling). Men - Entry fee 225 English Pounds. Men charters - See charter booking forms. Charter extensions are available from 20 July on payment of an additional fee of 220 English pounds. 50 English pounds early payment discount on men's entry fee and 80 English pounds discount full payment charter extension applies to payments **received** before 7 June 2006.
- 3.2. Entries must be made online at www.laserinternational.org, and include, **for women**, the Entry Registration Number assigned to the allocated place available from your national Laser Association.
- 3.3. Full payment of entry and charter fees shall be made by internet by the entry closing date, or shall arrive at the address shown on the Entry Form by the entry closing dates. **NO ENTRY WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL FULL PAYMENT IS MADE.**
- 3.4. The methods of payment are shown on the Entry Forms.
- 3.5. **70% OF FEES ARE REFUNDABLE BEFORE 7JUNE. AFTER 7 JUNE NO ENTRY FEES ARE REFUNDABLE AND 70% OF CHARTER FEES ARE REFUNDABLE ONLY IF A BOAT IS RE-CHARTERED. .**
- 3.6. Damage deposits that were paid by credit card will be refunded (less any deduction for damage) to the credit card charged for the deposit. If you pay by credit card and the card expires before the end of August 2006 please advise the International Laser Office of the new expiry date to avoid any delay when making the refunds.
Damage deposits that were paid by UK cheque will be refunded (less any deduction for damage) by UK cheque.
Damage deposits that were paid by International Money Order, Bank Draft, or by Bank Transfer will be refunded (less any deduction for damage) either by International Money Order or by Bank Draft less bank charges.
- 3.7. ALL entries and correspondence must be sent to: International Laser Class Association, Box 26, Falmouth, Cornwall, UK TR11 3TN. Telephone +44 1326 315064 Fax +44 1326 318968 Email: office@laserinternational.org Website: www.laserinternational.org

4. ENTRY CLOSING DATE

- 4.1. Entry closing date: 2259 GMT **21 June 2006. (Late payment penalty 50 English Pounds)**
Note: Women's charter boats must be booked with ILCA by 7 June.
- 4.2. **NO LATE ENTRIES EXCEPT ILCA REALLOCATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE ENTRY CLOSING DATE SHOWN ABOVE.**
- 4.3. Districts may confirm places without naming competitors by paying the full entry fee for each place before the entry closing date.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Copies of Sailing Instructions will be available at the Race Office from Thursday 27 July.

6. RACE OFFICE

The Race Office is situated at California Yacht Club and will be open from 0900 daily.

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:

Friday 28 July	0900-1200 and 1300-1800
Saturday 29 July	0900- 1200

Measurement outside these times may be allowed at the discretion of the Regatta Measurer and will be charged 20 US dollars 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 Race Committee or 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. 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 shall be applied for before the end of Protest Time at the end of the day in which the substitution takes place.
- 8.3. **Women** competitors shall use the hull, spars, sail, rudder, centreboard, side cleats, bailer, deck block fitting and deck blocks, deck cleat fitting and deck cleats and padded hiking strap supplied by the organisers. Competitors must provide their own control line ropes and blocks, boom vang, mainsheet and mainsheet block, traveller blocks and traveller line, tiller and tiller extension, centreboard and hiking strap shock cord and line, mast security line. Competitors may use their own compass, sail tell tales and wind indicators, provided they do not pierce or mark any of the hull, deck, spars or sails.

9. PROGRAMME

- 9.1.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Item</u>
Thursday 20 July	Early charters allocation
Thursday 27 July	0900 Registration, Boat Allocation
Friday 28 July	0900 Registration, Boat Allocation, Measurement
Saturday 29 July	0900 Registration, Boat Allocation, Measurement
Sunday 30 July to Tuesday 1 August	Qualifier races (2 races scheduled per day). 1st warning signal 1400.
Wednesday 2 August to Friday 4 August	Finals (2 races scheduled per day). 1st warning signal 1300.
Friday 4 August	Prize Giving
- 9.2. Any race for which a warning signal is not given by 1600 hrs on the last day of the regatta will be abandoned and not re-sailed.

10. RACING FORMAT

- 10.1 Men and Women Fleets will have separate starts. If necessary the Men and Women's fleets will be divided into groups and sail a Qualifying series will be sailed followed by a Finals series.
- 10.2 In the Women's fleet a final Medal Race may be sailed to determine the top 10 overall positions. If sailed the score in the medal race will be doubled and may not be excluded. In addition there may be penalty points for not crossing the starting line and the penalties for an infringement of rule 42 in the medal may be modified.

11. IMMEDIATE PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULE 42

- 11.1. Appendix P will apply with the following changes:
- 11.2. On the first protest, if protested after she has finished, she will be given a scoring penalty of 8 points without a hearing.
- 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 resailed. If she fails to do so, 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 Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 12.2. 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 12.3. A qualifier race will not count until all qualifier fleets have completed that race.
- 12.4. One score will be excluded when calculating the division into the finals fleets.
- 12.5. The qualifier races and final races will count for total points in the championship.

- 12.6. When 5 or more races are completed 1 race score will be excluded; when 10 or more races are completed 2 races scores will be excluded. However no more than one score will be excluded from the finals series races and only when two or more finals series races have been completed.
- 12.7. If a points scoring penalty for a breach of rule 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

13. INTERNATIONAL JURY

An international jury will be appointed in accordance with rule Appendix N and perform the duties listed in Rule 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

Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the Honour Award By Law.

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 the race and/or using California Yacht Club's 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.

18. LIABILITY WAIVER AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of acceptance of a competitor's entry by California Yacht Club and the International Laser Class Association, each competitor acknowledges and agrees as follows;

1. They own or have chartered the boat entered and certify that it is in a safe and seaworthy condition. They confirm that they are of good health and a competent sailor capable of sailing a Laser in strong winds, and it is their sole responsibility to decide to participate in a race or to continue racing.
2. They are personally responsible for the operation of their boat and will comply with the rules of the ISAF and the International Laser Class Rules as amended by the sailing instructions and the official race notices, and with all laws and rules governing the use of the marina and they will wear an adequate personal flotation device.
3. California Yacht Club and the International Laser Class Association are not a competitors insurers. A competitor undertakes to maintain sufficient insurance to protect from all risks arising from this Agreement.
4. Each competitor accepts and acknowledges that there are risks inherent in the sport of sailboat racing, and they freely assume all risks, including personal injury or death to myself, loss or damage to my boat and its equipment, as well as unforeseen risks arising from my participation in the race or use of California Yacht Club's facilities.
5. WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY: To the fullest extent permitted by law, each competitor waives all claims and forever release the International Laser Class Association and California Yacht Club, its owners, affiliates, officers, employees, agents, committee persons and race officials acting in their official capacities, from any damage, liability, loss, cost or expense including attorney fees arising from their participation in the race, including any active or passive regular negligence of California Yacht Club or the International Laser Class Association.
6. INDEMNIFICATION: To the fullest extent permitted by law, each competitor agrees to indemnify and hold the International Laser Class Association and California 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.
7. ARBITRATION: Any claim or dispute between a competitor and California Yacht Club or the International Laser Class Association, that is not resolved by negotiation of the parties will be submitted to binding arbitration in Los Angeles County under the rules of the American Arbitration Association.

