

Notice of Race

2020 ILCA Laser Masters World Championship

19-28 March 2020

Venue: Geelong, Australia

Organizing Authority: Victorian Laser Association Inc., Royal Geelong Yacht Club (Host)
and the International Laser Class Association (ILCA)

Amendments: 12 February 2020, paragraph 20.3 modified.

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 (the registered sailor) shall be on board while racing."
- 1.3 RRS 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 RRS 42 infringement or has retired in recognition of a RRS 42 infringement from sailing in the race if that race is restarted or re-sailed.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix T "Arbitration" will apply.
- 1.5 In all rules governing this regatta;
 - (a) (DP) denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury; and
 - (b) (NP) denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING (DP, NP)

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3. ENTRY REGULATIONS

- 3.1 Only current, fully paid members of the International Laser Class Association and of a World Sailing member national authority may enter the regatta. These memberships shall be with the Laser Fleet/District Association and with the World Sailing member 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 World Sailing member 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.
- 3.2 Crew substitution of the registered sailor is not permitted.
- 3.3 No resale or transfer of entries is allowed.
- 3.4 This is an allocated place event. Each sailor shall apply using the official online application form.
- 3.5 Each sailor shall have a World Sailing Sailor ID, which is required to enter the regatta. A World Sailing Sailor ID can be obtained free of charge by registering online at: <http://members.sailing.org/sailors/profile.php>
- 3.6 Entry is restricted to experienced sailors who, on 19 March 2020, are aged as follows;

35 to 44	Laser Standard Apprentice or Laser Radial Apprentice
45 to 54	Laser Standard Master or Laser Radial Master
55 to 64	Laser Standard Grand Master or Laser Radial Grand Master
65 and over	Laser Standard Great Grand Master
65 to 74	Laser Radial Great Grand Master
75 and over	Laser Radial Legend
- 3.7 The total number of entries is limited to 400 sailors.

4. APPLICATION & ENTRY

- 4.1 Applications for entry will be accepted on the ILCA regatta website in accordance with the "Application and Entry Procedure" appended to this notice of race.
- 4.2 The application closing date is 30 October 2019.
- 4.3 The entry closing date is 18 February 2020.
- 4.4 The entry fee is USD 395.
- 4.5 Entries completed after the entry closing date may be accepted solely at the discretion of ILCA and upon payment of a late entry fee of USD 470 (USD 395 + USD 75).

5. CHARTER BOATS

- 5.1 See Attachment 2, "Charter Boats" of this notice of race for information about charter boats.

6. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT (NP, DP)

- 6.1 All competitors shall use only one hull, sail, batten set, mast, boom, centreboard and rudder; all of which shall be identified during equipment inspection.
- 6.2 In the event of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the written permission of the regatta equipment inspector in accordance with the sailing instructions.
- 6.3 For the purposes of RRS G1.1, sails shall display the national letters of the World Sailing member national authority under which the entry was accepted. This changes RRS G1.1.
- 6.4 When ashore boats shall be kept in their assigned places at the venue.
- 6.5 Boats may be required to display identification numbers and fleet identification colors supplied by the organizing authority.
- 6.6 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organizing authority.
- 6.7 Access to the boat park may be restricted during certain hours including the hours of darkness.

7. RACING FORMAT

- 7.1 The entries may be split into fleets and if so will sail a qualifying series followed by a final series.
- 7.2 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 in which a fourth qualifying race is completed.
- 7.3 A qualifying series race will not count until all qualifying series fleets have completed that race.
- 7.4 Depending on the number of entries competitors of the same rig type and different age categories may sail together in a single fleet.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 19 March 0900-1200 & 1300-1800 Registration, Equipment Inspection, Charter Boat allocation
- 20 March 0900-1200 & 1300-1800 Registration, Equipment Inspection, Charter Boat allocation
- 21 March 0900-1200 Registration, Equipment Inspection, Charter Boat allocation
Practice race at 1430 followed by an 1830 opening ceremony.
- 22 March 2 races back to back, (Qualifying series)
- 23 March 2 races back to back, (Qualifying series)
- 24 March 2 races back to back, (Qualifying series) and buffet meal
- 25 March Reserve day
- 26 March 2 races back to back, (Qualifying/final series)
- 27 March 2 races back to back, (Qualifying/final series)
- 28 March 2 races back to back, (Qualifying/final series) followed by charter boat return, and an 1830 prize giving party. and buffet meal.
- 8.2 The time of the first warning signal for the practice race will be 1430.
- 8.3 The time of the first warning signal on 22-27 March will be 1400.
- 8.4 The time of the first warning signal on 28 March will be 1200.
- 8.5 Each day succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
- 8.6 On the last day of the championship, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available from the race office during registration and from the ILCA regatta website after the entry closing date.

10. RACE OFFICE

- 10.1 The race office is located at the Royal Geelong Yacht Club, 25 Eastern Beach Road, Geelong, Victoria, Australia.
- 10.2 The race office is open:
19-21 March from 0900 – 1200 & 1300 - 1800
22-28 March from 0900 until 30 minutes after the close of the protest time unless extended at the discretion of the race committee

11. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION (NP, DP)

- 11.1 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 and boom with all control lines rigged and with the sail and top section derigged ready for inspection.
- 11.2 Equipment inspection will take place at the boat park between the following dates and times:
19-20 March from 0900 – 1200 & 1300 – 1800
21 March from 0900-1200
Equipment inspection outside these times will only be possible at the discretion of the regatta equipment inspector and on payment of AUD 20.
- 11.3 Wet clothing and equipment checks may be made throughout the regatta at the discretion of the class representative, race committee or the jury.

12. COACH REGISTRATION & TEAM/COACH/SUPPORT BOATS (NP, DP)

- 12.1 All coach/support boats shall pre-register online at the ILCA regatta website before or on 13 February 2020.
- 12.2 All coach/support boat drivers shall confirm registration of their boats and submit the names and sails numbers of the sailors they are supporting at the race office before 1800 on 21 March 2020.
- 12.3 Each coach/support boat shall clearly display an identification number supplied at registration. No other individual support boats shall be used. A fee of AUS 55 will be required for access to launch, mooring and refueling facilities and for the identification number.
- 12.4 Each coach/support boat is required to carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving all international ship-to-ship channels.
- 12.5 Coach/support boat drivers and crews shall wear a personal flotation device securely fastened at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.
- 12.6 When the coach/support boat engine is running, coach/support boat drivers shall be connected to a device that will stop the engine if the boat driver falls out the boat or is otherwise not in control of the boat.
- 12.7 The movements of coach/support boats will be restricted as defined in the sailing instructions.
- 12.8 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 points of view and inform the coaches about changes in the sailing instructions and regatta organization in general.

13. COURSES

A trapezoid course will be used with inner and outer loops and an upwind finish. The target time for the first boat in each race will be 50 minutes.

14. INTERNATIONAL JURY

An international jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N and perform the duties listed in RRS N2.

15. 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.

16. APPEALS

There shall be no appeal from the decisions of the jury.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION (DP)

Except in an emergency, 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. SAFETY (DP)

Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.

19. SCORING

- 19.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 19.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
- 19.3 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 19.4 When a qualifying/final series is sailed:
 - (a) The qualifying series races and the final series races will count for total points in the championship.
 - (b) A qualifying series race will not count until all qualifying series fleets have completed that race.
 - (c) The worst qualifying series race score will be excluded when calculating the division into final series fleets.
 - (d) If only one final series race is completed it will not be excluded.
 - (e) For the purposes of RRS A4.2 "Scoring" the number of boats entered in a qualifying/final series race will be the number of boats assigned to the largest qualifying fleet.

20. TITLES & PRIZES

Laser Masters' Championship

20.1 Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the ILCA Honour Awards By-Law for each of the following:

- Laser Standard Apprentice
- Laser Standard Master
- Laser Standard Grand Master
- Laser Standard Great Grand Master
- Laser Radial Apprentice Men & Women combined
- Laser Radial Master Men & Women combined
- Laser Radial Grand Master Men & Women combined
- Laser Radial Great Grand Master Men & Women combined
- Laser Radial Apprentice Women
- Laser Radial Master Women
- Laser Radial Grand Master Women
- Laser Radial Great Grand Master Women
- Laser Radial Legend

20.2 Women's results will be determined by the series score in the combined Men & Women competition. (Note: These results will be extracted from the overall results and published without recalculation.)

20.3 ~~Where competitors in several age categories are combined in a single fleet the age category results will be determined by the series score in that fleet. (Note: The age category results will be extracted from the overall result and published without recalculation.)~~ Where competitors in several age categories start together the age category results will be extracted and calculated separately.

ILCA Cube Prizes

20.4 ILCA cube prizes will be awarded in accordance with the ILCA Honour Award By-Law.

21. 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, 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.

22. LIABILITY

- 22.1 The Victorian Laser Association Inc., the Royal Geelong Yacht Club, the International Laser Class Association 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. Competitors take part in the regatta at their own risk.
- 22.2 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.
- 22.3 All competitors shall maintain their boats in a safe and seaworthy condition.
- 22.4 A competitor shall be of good health and a competent sailor capable of racing a Laser Standard or Laser Radial in open water in all conditions including strong winds.
- 22.5 At-fault occurrences to other boats are the responsibility of the helmsman. Competitors are not covered by any liability insurance provided by the organizing authority and should provide their own coverage for personal goods and liability protection. The organizing authority recommends that competitors consult their own insurance carriers to assure they are covered at this event and regarding additional personal liability insurance coverage.
- 22.6 A competitor is recommended to have personal accident and health insurance that covers him while attending the regatta and while racing.

23. INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, each competitor agrees to indemnify and hold ILCA, the Royal Geelong Yacht Club, the Victoria Laser Association Inc., 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.

24. LOCAL CONTACT (excluding entry and entry payment)

2020 Laser World Championships website: <http://2020-masters.laser-worlds.com/>
The Royal Geelong Yacht Club website: www.rgyc.com.au
Apple IOS or Google Android App: "Laser2020"

25. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

This notice of race may be subject to amendments which will be identified on the ILCA regatta website.

International Laser Class Association Application and Entry Procedure

1. PAYMENTS & REFUNDS

- 1.1 All fees shall be paid online using Pay Pal or credit card. Credit cards used for payment should have an expiry date at least 3 months later than the entry closing date.
- 1.2 Refunds (if any) will be made to the same Pay Pal account or credit card.

2. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- 2.1 Applications will be accepted until the application closing date, with payment of a USD \$50 application fee which will be deducted from the entry fee, retained by ILCA, or refunded to the sailor under certain circumstances detailed in 4.1.
- 2.2 After the application closing date each National Laser Association will review and rank the applications from its country or district.
- 2.3 National Laser Associations may refuse a sailor's application based on sailing ability, membership status or failure to meet other national entry requirements. Sailor will be notified by email when their applications are refused, and the reason for the refusal will be specified.
- 2.4 Not later than 15 days after the applications closing date each applicant that has been ranked by the National Laser Association will either
 - (a) receive an entry offer via email, or
 - (b) have their application added to the waiting list.All sailors that are ranked within the country allocation limit (see the ILCA regatta website for allocation limits) will receive an entry offer. Applications ranked lower than the country allocation limit will be added to the waiting list. The status of each sailor will be listed and automatically updated on the regatta website.
- 2.5 After allocated entries are offered, extra entries will be offered to sailors on the waiting list as they become available.
- 2.6 When an entry is offered the sailor must accept or refuse the offer prior to their entry offer expiration date. This date is usually 14 days after the date the entry offer is made, though it may be of shorter duration for entry offers made close to or after the entry closing date.

3. LATE APPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Sailors who do not apply by the application closing date may have very little chance to attend the regatta. Nevertheless, sailors may submit a late application from approximately 15 days after the application closing date until the entry closing date. Once the National Laser Association has accepted and ranked the late application it will be automatically added to the waiting list.

4. APPLICATIONS – CANCELLATION & REFUNDS

- 4.1 The full application fee less bank charges of USD \$5 will be refunded if:
 - (a) the application is canceled via the link provided in the confirmation email before an entry offer is received, or
 - (b) the applicant is offered an entry and refuses the offered entry before the expiration date stated in the entry offer, or
 - (c) the applicant is not offered an entry, or
 - (d) the application is refused by the National Laser Association / District.
- 4.2 Refunds will be made as soon as possible and not later than a week after the start of the regatta.
- 4.3 The application fee is not refundable if a sailor is offered an entry and fails to accept or refuse the offer within this time.

5. ENTRIES – CANCELLATION & REFUNDS

- 5.1 If a sailor cancels an entry on or before the entry closing date the full entry fee less a US\$50 cancellation fee will be refunded approximately one week after the entry closing date.
- 5.2 **No fees are refundable for cancellations after the entry closing date.**

International Laser Class Association Charter Boats

1. CHARTER – RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS

- 1.1 A limited number of charter boats will be made available to competitors for reservation through the ILCA on-line entry system.
- 1.2 Required and optional charter fees will be listed on the ILCA event website, and will be displayed during checkout and payment.
- 1.3 A reservation is established by paying all required charter fees and a refundable damage deposit.
- 1.4 ILCA is acting in the capacity of booking agent and the charter agreement is between the sailor and the charter provider.

2. CHARTER – TERMS & CONDITIONS

- 2.1 Sailors using charter equipment will be bound by the “Charter Terms and Conditions” available for preview in the Documents section of the ILCA event website.
- 2.2 At the regatta venue, the sailor and any applicable guardian must sign the “Charter Terms and Conditions” before receiving charter equipment from the charter provider.

3. CHARTER – CANCELLATION & REFUNDS

- 3.1 For cancellations prior to the entry closing date, charter fees are non-refundable unless the sailor’s entry is also cancelled.
- 3.2 No charter fees are refundable after the entry closing date. However, if the ILCA is able to re-book a charter cancelled after the entry closing date, charter fees will be refunded.
- 3.3 The refundable damage deposit, less any charges for damage incurred, will be refunded to the original payor of the damage deposit.