

## Notice of Race Gul Laser 4.7 Ladder Series 2015-2016

The Gul Laser 4.7 “Ladder” is a series of 10 separate events held from September 2015 till July 2016. The following Clubs will host the UKLA Laser 4.7 Ladder events:

Ladder	Date	Venue	UKLA	
1.	5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> September	WPNSA		RYA NJS (Winter) Indicator 1
2.	26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> September	Rutland SC		RYA NJS (Winter) Indicator 2
3.	31 <sup>st</sup> October/1 <sup>st</sup> November	Grafham Water SC	UKLA Inlands	
4.	21 <sup>st</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Datchet Water SC		
5.	30 <sup>th</sup> /31 <sup>st</sup> January	Queen Mary SC	Laser Winter Championship	European and Worlds Qualifier 1
6.	6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> February	Draycote Water SC		European and Worlds Qualifier 2
7.	5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> March	WPNSA		European and Worlds Qualifier - reserve date
8.	9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> April	Datchet Water SC		European Qualifier - reserve date & RYA NJS Summer indicator 1
9.	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> May	Rutland Water SC	Eric Twiname Championship	RYA NJS Summer Indicator 2
10.	2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Queen Mary SC		Coached Event

### 1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority will be the UKLA (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 2013 to 2016 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. Issues pertaining to the conduct of the Ladder Series (eg. Scoring) will refer to RRS 2013-2016.

## **3. ADVERTISING**

Advertising is to be in accordance with ISAF Advertising Code. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

## **4. LIABILITY AND INSURANCE (RISK STATEMENT)**

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is, by its nature, an unpredictable sport and, therefore, involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) He/she is aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of him/herself and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) He/she is responsible for the safety of him/herself, his/her boat and his/her other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) He/she accepts responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by his/her own actions or omissions;
- d) His/her boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and he/she is fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organisers does not relieve him/her of his/her own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) His/her boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims per event or equivalent.
- h) The fact the Race Committee conducts inspections of a boat does

not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor, which are set out above in this document.

## **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 until 7 days before the first race. Entries after that period will be at the discretion of the UKLA 4.7 Class Association. 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, using the down-loadable documents. There will be a late entry fee for entries not made 7 days prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> race. The UKLA may waive this under certain conditions and will make the decision if your entry will be accepted if made after the 7 days prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> race.

Registration must still be made at the event in order to

- a) Notify attendance.
- b) Confirm sail number.
- c) Sign declaration of suitable insurance
- d) In the case of youth sailors, a declaration completed by parent
- e) Collect a tally number if required.

Entries for the ladder held in conjunction with the Zone Championships, Inlands Championships and the Eric Twiname Trophy will be in accordance with those event NOR and SI's. Sailors are responsible for entering their National Junior Squad applications via the RYA website as well as entering for the Squad indicators.

## ENTRY FEE REFUNDS

Cancellations made by a competitor, received in writing before the Late Entry Fee Date, will be refunded in full. Cancellations made after the Late Entry Date, but before the event, will be refunded less a £5 UKLA handling charge. Refunds for failure to turn up at an event will be at the discretion of the UKLA and subject, at the very least, to a £5 handling charge. Refunds for Cancellation of an Event and/or for a 'No-Sail' Event will be subject to any and all expenses incurred by the Event Organisers, together with a £5 UKLA handling charge.

## 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Limited number of copies of the Laser 4.7 Ladder 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 and print the Ladder Sailing Instructions from the UKLA web-site.

## 8. RACING PROGRAMME

Racing will be for the Laser 4.7 Ladder Series. Racing will be as described in the Ladder Sailing Instructions. It is intended that there will be six races over the two days.

Saturday	10.00 – 11.00	Registration
	10.00	Competitors' briefing - Sea venue
	10.30	Competitor's briefing – Inland venue
	12.00	1st Race start
		2 further races back-to-back
Sunday	10.00	1 <sup>st</sup> Race start
		2 further races back-to-back

Coached Events: For coached events please see the event web page for registration, head coach briefing and race times.

No Warning signal will be made after 14.30 for sea venues and 15.30 for inland venues on the final day of the event. If no races are sailed on Saturday, the race officer may start earlier than 10am on the Sunday, in

which case, the revised start time will be posted on the official notice board no later than 19.00 on the Saturday Evening.

Prize giving will be held as soon after the final race on Sunday. The above is dependent upon local conditions. The Ladder Event held within the Zone Championships, Inland Championships and the Eric Twiname Trophy will be raced at times stated within those events NOR and SI's.

## **9. COURSES**

The Courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

## **10. PENALTIES**

Alternative penalties will be allowed and an on-the-water Jury will operate as described in the Ladder Sailing Instructions.

## **11. MEASUREMENT**

Random measurement checks may be carried out during an event at the discretion of the Race Committee to ensure that all Lasers comply with the class rules.

## **12. SCORING**

The system of Scoring will be described in the Ladder Sailing Instructions.

## **13. PRIZES**

There will be a prize-giving, sponsored by Gul, at the end of each individual ladder event. The results of all 2015-2016 Ladder Events (Ladders 1-10) sailed will be added and discards taken into account. The overall prize-giving (sponsored by Laser Performance ) will take place at the 2016 UKLA Inland Championship.

## **14. RESULTS**

Class Ladder – After each event, the final overall position of each Laser will be entered on to the “Ladder”, which is a ranking system of up to 10 events, as listed in this document, with the worst three ladder event positions being discarded.

However, if only 7, 8 or 9 events are sailed, then only 2 ladder event

positions will be discarded, if 5 or 6 events are sailed then only 1 ladder event position will be discarded and, if 4 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 all events not scored DNC (Averages will be calculated to 1 decimal place and will not be rounded to the nearest whole number. (NB: for clarification, for the purpose of applying discards, the 'no-sail' event, which now scores, applies as if it was sailed)

### **15. UKLA Inland Championship and Ladder 5& 7**

The SI's applicable to the UKLA Inland Championship and Ladder 5 & 7, the latter of which are combined with Standard and Radial Qualifiers, are the General Sailing Instructions issued for the Qualifiers and will replace those normally applicable to the 4.7 Ladder Series with the exception of scoring which will be consistent with and combined with the Ladder Scoring

### **16. Zone Championships and the Eric Twiname Trophy ET Trophy**

The SI's for this event will replace the ones above. Please see these on the RYA Website and enter via the RYA website.

### **17. SAFETY**

Adequate personal buoyancy (with a minimum rating of 50 Newtons and being either a life jacket or waistcoat type buoyancy aid) shall be worn at all times when afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40. Please read the local Sailing Club Websites and SI's regarding sailing clothing required whilst on the water. Some sailing clubs request full wetsuits, or drysuits, to be worn (not 3/4 hikers) during the winter months.