



Notice of Race – 2016 – Iss 1 Laser World & European Qualifiers Standard and Radial Only

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 2016 will be hosted by these clubs on the following dates:

Venue	Date	Entry Fee	Late Entry Fee date	Late Entry Fee	On-line entry closes
WPNSA	5 th & 6 th March	£50	29 th February	£65	2 nd March
Mountbatten	12 th & 13 th March	£50	7 th March	£65	9 th March
Stokes Bay SC	19 th & 20 th March	£37	14 th March	£50	16 th March
South Shields SC	17 th & 18 th September	£50	12 th September	£65	14 th September
Hayling Island SC	8 th & 9 th October	£52	3 rd October	£65	5 th October
Pwllheli SC	15 th & 16 th October	£50	10 th October	£65	12 st October

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 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 General Sailing Instructions and Local Instructions may prescribe. The General Sailing Instructions of the UKLA shall not be amended without the express authority of the Hon Sailing Secretary of UKLA.

3. ADVERTISING

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

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 £2,000,000 against third party claims.
- 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 shall be carried out by way of the UKLA website and the official Entry Form shall be submitted as required, together with the declaration of Parent/Guardian, where applicable, not later than the date given above. The Entry Fee, given above, shall be paid by means of the On-Line Payment system not later than the date given above. Late entries made or received after the date given above will be subject to a Late Entry Fee as given above. Registration must still be made at the event in order to 1] notify attendance, 2] confirm sail number and 3] collect a tally number

The Late entry fee 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.

7. ENTRY FEE REFUNDS

Cancellations made by a competitor, received in writing by the secretary 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 Sailing Secretary 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 and UKLA.

8. 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.

9. RACING PROGRAMME

Racing will as described in the General Sailing Instructions. It is intended that there will be six 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 two races. (No more than three races will be sailed on any day)

10. 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, with competitors entering on-line before the closing date pre-grouped using the ranking as per the Radial ladder (Those entering on the day will be given a colour as they enter), and b) gold & silver 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.

11. COURSES

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

12. PENALTIES

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

13. MEASUREMENT

Random measurement checks may be carried out during an event at the discretion of the Race Committee.

For a Laser to comply with class rules, the sail number must correspond with the hull number. In exceptional circumstances, a competitor may be allowed by express permission of the Race Committee to sail with a different sail number, but such will not prevent that competitor from being protested by another competitor for not being 'out-of-class'.

14. SCORING

The system of Scoring will be described in the General Sailing Instructions. (NB: Except under exceptional circumstances, no correction will be made to the results after completion of the event.)

15. CATEGORIES

For the purposes of Silver & Bronze Category prizes, 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 category 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). The Silver category will consist of sailors who are in the top 50 of the Laser Ladder at the end of December 2013, but re-adjusted after the Spring Qualifiers. The Bronze category 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. A prize will be awarded at each event for the best-placed competitor in each of the Silver and Bronze categories.

16. 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.

17. 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.

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 scores, applies as if it was sailed)

In the case of a cancelled event, it shall be expunged and not considered in compiling the Ladder. However, when an event is cancelled, UKLA reserve the right to substitute, if appropriate, the Inland Championship for that event.

Qualification

Reference should be made to the Qualification documents which can be found on the web-site. 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 will be offered to the next eligible sailor. (Please note that places can only be offered to sailors who belong to the UKLA District as defined by rules 10(3) and 10(4) of the ILCA Constitution.)

Exceptions

Radial Youth World and 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 events are sailed.

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.

Foreign & Temporary Members

Please note that, after each event, Foreign and Temporary members who have taken part in that event will be marked NQ (Non Qualifier) in the Category column on the Results sheet for the event and on the Ladder. "Non Qualifying" means that such competitor neither qualify for a prize in either the Silver or Bronze Category (See 14 above), nor for a World or European place.

18. SUPPORT BOATS

- i) Support and Coach Boats must register with the Organising Authority and identify which competitors each is coaching or otherwise supporting.
- ii) Unless acting as an authorised safety boat, no support boat, nor other support personnel, shall be in the "racing area" during the period between the first preparatory signal of the first fleet and the finish of the last boat in the last fleet, except when a postponement is signalled or a safety operation required. The "racing area" is within 100m of the start line and an imaginary line drawn 100m outside any point where a boat might sail during normal racing.
- iii) No support, coach or safety boat will be permitted to tow competitors to, or from, the race area without the express permission of the Principal Race Officer, or the Event Safety Officer. Failure to follow this rule will

result in the offender being protested with the penalty that the competitor(s) being towed will be disqualified from the closest race, excluding discards

iv) No team, support, coach or safety boat may change a competitor's equipment, or otherwise modify it, whilst the competitor is afloat other than for the sole purpose of enabling the competitor to return ashore.

19. NOTICE OF RACE

This Notice of Race may be changed in accordance with RRS 88.2. See also RRS 63.7 "Conflict between Rules".