

Notice of Race Laser Masters European Championship 2021 23-29 July 2021

Venue: Gargnano, Italy

**Organizing Authority: Circolo Vela Gargnano (Host)
and the European Laser Class Association (EurILCA)**

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event 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 shall be on board whilst racing. The person shall be named on the entry form."
- 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 event.
 - (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 event. 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 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 event. 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 reach the following age in 2021;

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 or older	Laser Standard Great Grand Master or Laser Radial Great Grand Master
75 or older	Laser Radial Legend Master
35 or older	Laser 4.7 Women only
- 3.7 Proof of age will be required at registration.

4. APPLICATION & ENTRY

- 4.1 Applications for entry will be accepted on the EurILCA event website until the applications closing date.
- 4.2 The applications closing date is 1 June 2021.
- 4.3 All fees shall be paid online using a credit card. Credit cards used for payment should have an expiry date at least 3 months later than the application closing date. Refunds (if any) will be made to the same credit card.
- 4.4 After the application closing date each National Laser Association will approve the applications from its country. National Laser Associations can refuse a sailor's application based upon ability or non-ILCA membership.
- 4.5 Not later than 15 days after the applications closing date each applicant that has been approved by the National Laser Association will either:
 - a. a place has been offered, or
- 4.6 the application has been declined by the National Laser Association.
- 4.7 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.
- 4.8 The entry closing date is 24 June 2021.
- 4.9 The entry fee is EUR 310(300 + 10 Euros)..
- 4.10 The entry fees is including 1 mast sleeve. Sailors will keep the sleeve after the event as they are reuse for other events. This is part of the sustainability program of EurILCA in order to use less plastics.
- 4.11 Entries completed after the entry closing date may be accepted solely at the discretion of EurILCA and upon payment of a late entry fee of EUR 360 (EUR 310+EUR 50)

LATE APPLICATION

- 4.12 Sailors who do not apply by the application closing date may have very little chance to attend the event. 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.

CANCELLATION & REFUNDS

- 4.13 If a sailor cancels the entry before the entry closing date the full entry fee less a EUR 50 fee for bank and administration charges will be refunded approximately one week after the entry closing date.
- 4.14 **No entry fee is refundable for cancellations after the entry closing date.**
- 4.15 Organisers and EurILCA are not responsible if the entry to the country is denied to the sailor or permission not given by some governments to pass through their country. The organisers and EurILCA will not reimburse the entry fees if this is happening. In case of force majeure like a pandemia (Covid-19) the event could be cancelled. If so a charge of 20 euros will be kept from the entry fees in order to cover bank and administration charges.

5. CHARTER BOATS

There are no charter boats available from EurILCA for this event.

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 event measurer 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.
- 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 sail a qualifying series followed by a final series.
- 7.2 If four races of a qualifying series have not been completed by the end of the third scheduled racing day, that 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 The organizing authority may decide that different age groups with the same rig type will sail together.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 23 July 0900-1200 & 1300-1400 Registration, Equipment Inspection and
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practice race at 1500 followed by an opening ceremony.
25 July 2 races back to back, (Qualifying series)
26 July 2 races back to back, (Qualifying series)
27 July 2 races back to back, (Qualifying series)
28 July 2 races back to back, (Qualifying/final series if 4 races have been sailed)
29 July 2 races back to back, (Qualifying/final series) followed by,
prize giving party and buffet meal.
- 8.2 The time of the first warning signal for the practice race will be 1500.
8.3 The time of the first warning signal on 25-29 July will be 1300.
8.4 Each day succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
8.5 On the last day of the championship, no warning signal will be made after 1600.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available from the EurILCA event website from 24 June 2021.

10. RACE OFFICE

- 10.1 The race office is located at Circolo vela Gargnano.
10.2 The race office is open:
23-24 July from 0900 – 1200 & 1300 – 1800.
25-29 July 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 event, with the bottom mast and boom with all control lines rigged and with the sail and top section de-rigged ready for inspection.
11.2 Equipment inspection will take place at the boat park between the following dates and times:
23-24 July from 0900 – 1200 & 1300 - 1800
Equipment inspection outside these times will only be possible at the discretion of the event measurer and on payment of EUR 20.
11.3 Wet clothing and equipment inspections may be made throughout the event 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 EurILCA event website on or before 24 June 2021.
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 24 July 2021.
12.3 Each coach/support boat shall clearly display an identification number supplied at registration. No other individual support boats shall be used.
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 coach meeting at the race office 2.5 hours before the first scheduled warning signal of the first race each day. The objectives of these meetings are to receive feedback from the coaches on the event organization, exchange points of view and inform the coaches about changes in the sailing instructions and event 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)

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

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 boats score will be the total of her race scores.
- 19.3 When from four to nine races have been completed a boats score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 19.4 When a qualifying/final series is sailed:
 - (c) The qualifying series races and the final series races will count for total points in the championship.
 - (d) A qualifying series race will not count until all qualifying series fleets have completed that race.
 - (e) The worst qualifying series race score will be excluded when calculating the division into final series fleets.
 - (f) If only one final series race is completed it will not be excluded.
 - (g) For the purposes of RRS A4.2 "Scoring" the number of boats entered into a qualifying/finals 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 for the top three for each of the following:
 - Laser Standard Apprentice Men
 - Laser Standard Master Men
 - Laser Standard Grand Master Men
 - Laser Standard Great Grand Master Men
 - 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 Legend Master (75 & over)
 - Laser 4.7 Women
- 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 If the organizing authority decides that different age groups will sail together the result for each age group will be determined by the series score in the combined fleet. (Note: this result will be extracted from the overall result and published without recalculation.).

21. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

By entering the event competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the event and/or using the event 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 competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

22. LIABILITY

- 22.1 Circolo Vela Gargnano, EurILCA 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 event and competitors take part in the event 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 A competitor shall maintain their boat 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, Laser Radial or Laser 4.7 in open water in strong winds and it is his sole responsibility to decide to participate in a race or to continue racing.
- 22.5 **All competitors shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of EUR 1,500,000 (1.5 million Euro) per event or equivalent thereof in any other currency.**
- 22.6 A competitor is recommended to have personal accident and health insurance that covers them while attending the event and whilst racing.

23. INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, each competitor agrees to indemnify and hold EurILCA, the host sailing 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.

24. LOCAL CONTACT (excluding entry and entry payment)

EurILCA Event Website <http://eurilca.eu/event/event.php?id=206>

25. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

This notice of race may be subject to amendments which will be published on the EurILCA event website.