

FREMANTLE SAILING CLUB INC.



NOTICE of RACE

2009 AUSTRALIAN LASER CHAMPIONSHIPS

27 December 2008 to 05 January 2009

Incorporating

2009 AUSTRALIAN LASER CHAMPIONSHIP

2009 AUSTRALIAN LASER RADIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

2009 AUSTRALIAN LASER RADIAL WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

2009 AUSTRALIAN LASER MASTERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

2009 AUSTRALIAN LASER 4.7 CHAMPIONSHIP

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ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority is the Fremantle Sailing Club Inc. (FSC) in conjunction with the Western Australian Laser Association Inc. (WALA) and the Australian Laser Class Association Inc. (ALCA).

Application has been made for the Australian Laser and Laser Radial Women's Championship to be ISAF Grade 1 ranked events.

1. RULES

1.1 The Championships will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008.

1.2 Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 2 *Off the Beach Boats* will apply. It will be the responsibility of all competitors to ensure that personal flotation devices comply with a standard equivalent to those listed in Regulation 1 *Personal Buoyancy*.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by any boat, if it is considered offensive to public taste or if it contravenes the laws of the governments of Western Australia or Australia.

2.2 Competitors may be required to display Event sponsor's names(s)/logo(s) and affix bow numbers to boats. If required, the Organizing Authority will supply these items and they shall be affixed as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions. Sponsor's bibs or similar may also be supplied.

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 All competitors shall be financial members of a district of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA) and of a yacht or sailing club affiliated with ISAF.

3.2 Proof of age shall be required for entrants in any of the age related divisions.

3.3 Eligibility for age group divisions in the Masters' Championships shall be the competitor's age at 30 December 2008.

3.4 Eligibility for age group divisions in the Youth or Junior divisions shall be the competitor's age as at 31st December 2009. Youth is defined as being under 19 years of age at 31st December 2009.

4. ENTRIES

4.1 Entries may be lodged via the Regatta web site at www.laserwa.asn.au, before 2359 hrs (WSDT) on 12 December 2008 accompanied by the required entry fee (see Clause 5).

4.2 Late entries will only be accepted via the Regatta web site up to 1300 hours, 26 December 2008 accompanied by the required Entry Fee and Late Fee.

4.3 At the discretion of the Organizing Authority, late entries may be accepted (in person only) at the Regatta Office, FSC between 0900 hrs and 1430 hrs on 27th or 28th December 2008.

4.4 All boats shall complete registration with the Organizing Authority at the times specified in clause 7.

4.5 The Organizing Authority will not refund Entry or Late Fees in any circumstances. Entries will not be valid until applicable payment has been received by the Organizing Authority.

5. FEES

5.1 The Entry Fee for all classes and divisions (and which includes one ticket to the welcome and presentation functions) is \$220.00.

5.2 The Late Fee is an additional \$80.00 *with no exceptions*.

5.3 The Support Boat Fee (in accordance with clause 14) is \$50.00 per support boat, and is payable to the Organizing Authority by no later than 1430 hrs on 28th December 2008.

6. CLASSES, DIVISIONS AND RACING FORMAT

6.1 Racing will be conducted in three (3) Classes as follows:

- Laser Standard;
- Laser Radial; and
- Laser 4.7,

6.2 Divisions within each Class may include Youth, Masters and Women's, at the discretion of the Organizing Authority, and subject to a minimum of 5 entries per Division.

6.3 For the Laser Standard Class, should total entries exceed 119 of which 35% or more are Masters, Grand Masters and Great Grand Masters (i.e. entries over 45 years of age) a separate Division may be sailed for the Masters, Grand Masters and Great Grand Masters (i.e. those over 45 years of age) but excluding 35-44 year Apprentices who will compete with the Open fleet.

6.4 Fleets within each Class shall be that combination of boats as nominated by the Organizing Authority.

6.5 Depending on the number of entries, Classes may be sailed as (a) a normal series or, (b) a qualifying and final series.

6.6 For a qualifying and final series format, competitors will sail;

- 4 days (30th December 2008 to 3rd January 2009) of qualifying races; and
- 2 days (4th to 5th January 2009) of finals races.

The Organizing Authority may require Fleets to race each day in 2 separate colour groups. These groups will be changed for each day of qualifying races. After completion of the qualifying races, the Fleets will be seeded into Gold and Silver Fleets.

Seeding for Gold and Silver Fleets will be based on standings after discard (if any) at the conclusion of racing on Saturday 3rd January 2009. Any discard shall be a boat's worst excludable score.

7. PROGRAM

7.1 Schedule of Events:

<i>Day</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Time</i>
Saturday	27 December 2008	Registration and Measurement	1000 - 1700
Sunday	28 December 2008	Registration and Measurement Welcome Night	1000 - 1500 1900
Monday	29 December 2008	Competitors Meeting Practice Race	1100 1400 Warning Signal
Tuesday	30 December 2008	ALCA Annual General Meeting Races	0930 From 1330 First Warning Signal
Wednesday	31 December 2008	Races New Year's Eve Function Lay-day	From 0930 First Warning Signal 1930
Thursday	1 January 2009		
Friday	2 January 2009	Races	From 1330 First Warning Signal
Saturday	3 January 2009	Races	From 1330 First Warning Signal
Sunday	4 January 2009	Races	From 1330 First Warning Signal
Monday	5 January 2009	Races Presentation	From 0930 First Warning Signal 1930

7.2 Two races per day are planned. Additional races may be sailed on any day provided that no fleet becomes more than one race ahead of schedule.

7.3 The Race Committee may elect to change the start time of the following day's racing based on weather forecasts and the various fleet requirements. A notice advising of any such change will be posted no later than 1830 on the preceding race day.

8. MEASUREMENT

8.1 All boats and equipment shall be presented to the official measurers for scrutiny and approval during the times specified in clause 7.1.

8.2 For the duration of the regatta, each competitor shall use only one hull, sail, mast, boom, centreboard and rudder, each of which shall be identified and stamped or otherwise marked by the official measurer during measurement. Such equipment may only be replaced as allowed by and in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

8.3 The boats of female competitors shall display a red diamond on their sail in accordance with ILCA Women's Policy.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1 Sailing Instructions will be available when registering at the Regatta Office at the FSC and may be available earlier on the Regatta Website.

10. REGATTA SITE AND RACING AREA

10.1. The regatta site shall be the Fremantle Sailing Club and the racing area shall be in Cockburn Sound approximately 1.0 nautical mile west to south west of the club. Maps and Charts of the area and waters will be available on the regatta website.

10.2 The Regatta Office and Regatta Notice-board will be located adjacent to the Sunset Deck at FSC.

11. COURSES

11.1 The courses shall be trapezoid, as described in the Sailing Instructions.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 Appendix P as modified by the Sailing Instructions shall apply.

12.2 Application for the appointment of a National Jury has been made. The right of appeal shall be denied in accordance with rule 70.4 and the National prescriptions thereto. Rule AA 1.1 (p. 160 of RRS 2005-2008).

13. SCORING

13.1 The Low Point scoring system (RRS Appendix A) shall apply.

13.2 Normal Series

Twelve (12) races are scheduled. Six (6) races are required to constitute a series with the following discard provisions:

Races Completed	Discards
≤ 6	-
7-10	1
11-12	2

13.3 Qualifying and Final Series

Twelve (12) races are scheduled. Six (6) races are required to constitute a series with the following discard provisions:

Qualifying Races

Races Completed	Discards
≤ 5	-
6-8	1

Final Races

Races Completed	Discards
≤ 2	-
3 +	1

When a Class sails a Qualifying and Final Series, the Gold and Silver Fleets (as determined at Clause 6.6) will be scored separately based on the sum of each boat's scores (after discards) in both qualifying and final races.

13.4 Except as modified by the Sailing Instructions, all Division prizes will be awarded based on the ranking of competitors in the over-all results of the applicable Class.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

14.1 Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel shall not be in the racing area, which is defined as within 100 metres of a competitor or a mark of the course. This will apply from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished that race, or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, except in the case of an emergency. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be disqualification of all boats associated with the support personnel who infringe.

14.2 All support boats shall register at the Regatta Office as set out in clause 7 and display a white numbered flag (supplied by the Organizing Authority). All support boats must be fitted with a VHF radio.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

15.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. Mobile phones or similar devices are prohibited.

16. PRIZES

16.1 Laser Class Cubes and prizes shall be awarded in accordance with the ILCA by-laws. However, the number of prizes allocated in any division shall depend on the number of entries. A minimum of five (5) entries is required to constitute a Division.

16.2 Only Australian residents shall be eligible for Laser Class Cubes and Perpetual Trophies. An Australian resident is one who meets all eligibility requirements for residency and who reasonably satisfies the Organizing Authority of their long term residency of at least one year.

16.3 Perpetual Trophies will be awarded in accordance with ALCA policy.

16.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. None of The Organizing Authority, the WALA, ALCA or FSC will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

18. INSURANCE

18.1 All competitors must have a valid Third Party Insurance Policy with a minimum cover of AUD\$5,000,000 whilst racing. Signing the Entry and Declaration Form confirms currency of this insurance.

19. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

19.1 In participating in the regatta, a competitor automatically grants the Organizing Authority and the sponsors of the regatta, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said regatta in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said regatta without compensation.

20. CHANGES TO NOTICE OF RACE

20.1 Any changes to this Notice of Race will be published on the Regatta Web Site www.laserwa.asn.au no later than 30th November 2008.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

21.1 For further information, please contact either:

Western Australian Laser Association

Email: secretary@laserwa.asn.au

Web site: www.laserwa.asn.au

or,

Sailing Office, Fremantle Sailing Club

Phone: 61 8 9435 8800

Email: sailingadmin@fsc.com.au

22. CHARTER BOATS

22.1 Charter boats will not be provided by the Organizing Authority, but may be available from a range of independent providers. Further information may be obtained from:

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