



## 2016 Laser Masters Championship

12th February 2016 to 15th February 2016

# NOTICE OF RACE

**Sponsored by Port Stephens Council**



Event web site [www.lasermasters.org.au](http://www.lasermasters.org.au)

**The 2016 Laser Masters Championship will be held between 12 February and 15 February 2016 at Soldiers Point on Port Stephens, NSW.**

The Organising Authority is the Port Stephens Sailing and Aquatic Club (PSSAC) on behalf of the NSW & ACT District Laser Association (NSW&ACTDLA) and the Australian Laser Class Association Inc. (ALCA).

**1. RULES**

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the [Racing Rules of Sailing](#) (RRS).
- 1.2. The Yachting Australia [Prescriptions](#) and [Special Regulations](#) shall apply.

**2. ADVERTISING**

Competitors may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

**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 all entrants.
- 3.3. The regatta is open to all Laser Masters sailors who are at least 35 years of age at 12th February 2016. Eligibility for Divisions shall be determined by the competitor's age at 12th February 2016.

**4. ENTRIES**

- 4.1. Entries may be lodged via the event web site [www.lasermasters.org.au](http://www.lasermasters.org.au) before 1st February 2016 accompanied by the required entry fee (see Clause 5).
- 4.2. Late entries will only be accepted via the web site up to 1300 hours on 10th February 2016 accompanied by the required entry fee and late fee.
- 4.3. At the discretion of the Organising Authority, late entries may be accepted (in person only) at the Regatta Office during registration at PSSAC.
- 4.4. All boats shall complete registration with the Organising Authority at the times specified in Clause 7.
- 4.5. The Organising Authority will not refund entry or late fees in any circumstances. Entries will not be valid until applicable payment has been received by the Organising 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 \$150.00.
- 5.2. The late fee is an additional \$50.00 with no exceptions.

**6. CLASSES, DIVISIONS AND RACING FORMAT**

- 6.1. Racing will be conducted in three (3) Classes as follows:
  - Laser Standard
  - Laser Radial
  - Laser 4.7

6.2. Divisions will be:

- Apprentice Masters (35 – 44 years)
- Masters (45 – 54 years)
- Grand Masters (55 – 64 years)
- Great Grand Masters (65 years plus) (all Classes)

provided a minimum of 5 entries are received for that Division and excepting the 4.7 Class which shall be sailed as one Open Division.

6.3. Men and women competitors from the same Division will race together, but there will also be separate Women's prizes (cubes) in each Division should sufficient entries be received as per ILCA guidelines.

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

## 7. PROGRAM

### 7.1. Schedule of Events:

| Date                   | Time      | Activity                                 |
|------------------------|-----------|--|
| Friday 12th February   | 0900-1230 | Registration                             |
|                        | 1100      | Competitor Briefing                      |
|                        | 1300      | Racing (2 Races Planned)                 |
|                        | 1800      | Welcome Function                         |
| Saturday 13th February | 1230      | Racing (3 Races Planned)                 |
| Sunday 14th February   | 1230      | Racing (3 Races Planned)                 |
|                        | 1830      | Masters Dinner at Ibis Salamander Shores |
| Monday 15th February   | 1300      | Racing (2 Races Planned)                 |
|                        | 1800      | Presentation Function                    |

7.2. Ten races are scheduled for the Championship.

7.3. Additional races may be sailed on any day provided that no fleet becomes more than one race ahead of schedule.

7.4. 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.

7.5. No Warning Signal will be displayed after 1500 on the last day of racing.

## 8. MEASUREMENT

8.1. It is each competitor's responsibility to ensure that his/her boat and equipment complies with the ILCA rules and the Yachting Australia Special Regulations.

- 8.2. The Organising Authority may inspect any boat at any time during the regatta. Any competitor's boat which fails an inspection may be disqualified from all races prior to such inspection.
- 8.3. For the duration of the regatta, each competitor shall use only one hull, sail, mast, boom, centreboard and rudder. Such equipment may only be replaced as allowed by and in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.4. The boats of female competitors shall carry a Red Rhombus on their sail in accordance with ILCA rule 4.g.

**9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available from 1 February 2016 on the event [website](#) and at registration.

**10. REGATTA SITE AND RACING AREA**

The regatta site shall be the Port Stephens Sailing and Aquatic Club Soldiers Point NSW. The racing area shall be the area of Port Stephens east of Soldiers Point and west of Manton Bank. See Attachment 1.

**11. COURSES**

The courses shall be trapezoidal with inner and outer loops and shall be described in the Sailing Instructions.

**12. SCORING**

- 12.1. All Age Division points will be awarded based on the placing of competitors in their Division in each race.
- 12.2. Ten races are scheduled of which four shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.3. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
- 12.4. When five to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her worst race score.
- 12.5. When nine races or more have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

**13. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

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.

**14. PRIZES**

- 14.1. Laser class cubes and prizes shall be awarded in accordance with the ILCA bylaws. 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.
- 14.2. Laser class cubes and other prizes will be awarded regardless of the competitor's nationality or country of residence.
- 14.3. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

**15. INSURANCE**

All competitors must have a valid third party insurance policy with a minimum cover of AUD\$10,000,000 whilst racing. Signing the entry and declaration form confirms currency of this insurance.

**16. RISK WARNING**

This RISK WARNING is issued jointly by the PSSAC, Yachting NSW (YNSW) and NSW Roads and Maritime Services (RMS), pursuant to the Civil Liability Act 2002 to all persons wishing to participate in the 2016 Laser Masters Championship. Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions, which might be taken by reasonable and experienced persons, sailing can be a dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possibly death.

As an indication, these risks may include, but are not limited to:

- a. The extremes of weather and sea conditions.
- b. The potential that control of vessels may be lost, resulting in collision with objects and other vessels.
- c. The sudden movement of the vessel at any time and the possibility that participants may fall or be thrown overboard, resulting in drowning.
- d. The possibility that participants may be injured by equipment on the vessel.
- e. The absence of immediate medical care and the likelihood that significant delays may occur before medical care is available.
- f. Exposure to the elements for extended periods.

PSSAC, YNSW and RMS also warn participants that regardless of their best intentions, they may be unable to render assistance to participants who are in distress. Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in the regatta.

Participants are also advised that although PSSAC is covered by third party liability insurance, this cover DOES NOT extend to participants. Any participant who considers they have a need for insurance must make their own private arrangements with an insurer. Membership of a sailing club affiliated with YNSW entitles you to personal accident insurance cover.

## 17. DISCLAIMER

It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that each boat nominated on the entry form complies with the rules as defined in the RRS.

All competitors who sign the entry form, in doing so, have made a declaration to the Organising Authority that the nominated boat will, at all times while racing, comply with the requirements of Yachting Australia, the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, including:

- a. RRS 46 and it is the responsibility of the person in charge of the boat to ensure that the crew complies with RRS 56;
- b. The Yachting Australia Special Regulations;
- c. Adequate current Third Party Property Liability Insurance and Third Party Personal Liability cover of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars) for any one incident. All insurance shall be maintained during the period of racing;
- d. The Organising Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment
- e. The person who signs and lodges the entry form with the Organising Authority, warranting to the Organising Authority that he or she will draw to the attention of any person who competes on the yacht, the subject of the entry form in any event conducted by the Organising Authority of the risk warning above; and
- f. The person who signs and lodges this entry form with the Organising Authority, acknowledging receipt of the risk warning above and releasing the Organising Authority from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered by him, or by any person claiming through him, in any event conducted by the Organising Authority.
- g. All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 4, which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". The Organising Authority, Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury, either afloat or ashore prior to, during or after the event.

## 18. MEDIA RIGHTS

In participating in the regatta, a competitor automatically grants the Organising 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.

**19. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact:

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Event web site at [lasermasters.org.au](http://lasermasters.org.au)

**20. AMENDMENTS**

Any amendment to this Notice of Race will be published on the event website  
[www.lasermasters.org.au](http://www.lasermasters.org.au)

**21. CHARTER BOATS**

Charter boats will not be provided by the Organising Authority, but may be available from NB Sailsports or Performance Sailcraft Australasia. Further information may be obtained by contacting:

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NB Sailsports  
<http://www.nbsailsports.com.au/>  
Phone: 02 4340 2223  
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**Attachment 1 to  
2016 Laser Masters Championship  
Notice of Race  
Regatta Site and Racing Area**

