

NOTICE OF RACE,

LASER 11 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, 19-24 JULY 2009 (Including the UK National championships)

TO BE HELD AT THE WEYMOUTH AND PORTLAND NATIONAL SAILING ACADEMY

1.0 Organising Authority

The organising Authority is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, under the burgee of Portland Castle Sailing Club on behalf of the International Laser 11 Class Association and the UK laser II Class Association.

2.0 Race Committee

Shall consist of the Principal Race Officer and nominated representative(s) of the International Laser II Class Association

3.0 Rules

Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012, the RYA prescriptions, the rules of the International Laser 11 Class Association and the Sailing Instructions. Where the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

4.0 Event Classification

The event is designated as a Category C event. The organising authority may require competitors to display Event Sponsors advertising material.

5.0 Eligibility

The helms-person of each boat shall be a full member of the respective Laser II Class Association(s). If entering as a student / Institute competitor then the Institute shall have current membership of the Class Association. Each boat must have third party insurance cover of not less than £3,000,000 whilst competing in any race of the programme. No change to the helm will be permitted during the championships. Changes to the crew may be permitted, but only with the written permission of the event director. In any event only 1 crew change will be permitted.

6.0 Race Office

The race office will be in the WPNSA

7.0 Registration

Registration will take place at the race office from 10.00 - 17.00 hrs on Sunday 19th July 2009. Boats will also be allocated a measurement form and advised of the measurement procedures.

8.0 Measurement

Boats will be presented for measurement, fully rigged with sails hoisted, between 10.00 - 17.00 hrs on Sunday 19th July 2009.

Spot check measurements may be taken at any time during the championships.

All competitors shall use 1 hull, mast, boom, spinnaker pole, centreboard and rudder during the event. Two mainsails, jibs and spinnakers may be used, but only if identified and stamped during measurement. In the event of damage items may be substituted with the written permission of the championship measurer.

9.0 Proposed Schedule of Events

Sunday 19th July 2009 Registration & Measurement 10.00 - 17.00hrs.

Monday 20th July 2009 Briefing at WPNSA 10.00 hrs.

Monday 20th July 2009 Race 1 start at 12.00 hrs, race 2 asap

Tuesday 21st July 2009 Race 3 start at 11.00 hrs, races 4 and 5 asap

Wednesday 22nd July 2009 Race 6 start at 11.00 hrs, races 7 and 8 asap

Thursday 23rd July 2009 Races 9 start at 11.00 hrs, races 10 and 11 asap

Friday 24th July 2009 Race 12 start at 11.00 hrs, race 13 asap

On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15.00hrs

The race schedule and start times may be varied by the organising authority.

10.0 Entry

An entry form must be completed and the entry fee paid before competing in the Championships.

The entry fees are shown on the entry form for the various categories. The Organising Authority reserves the right to limit the number of entries and the right to reject any entry.

11.0 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be issued from the WPNSA race office after registration and following completion of the measurement procedures.

12.0 Racing Area and Courses

Racing will take place in Weymouth Bay and in Portland Harbour at the discretion of the race committee. Courses will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions and on the official notice board situated in the WPNSA.

13.0 Scoring

The Low point Scoring System (RRS Appendix A) will apply.

13 Races are scheduled. A minimum of 4 races will constitute a series and the championships

Discards:-

- a. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- b. When more than 4 but fewer than 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- c. When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores

14.0 Prizes

The Prize-giving will held during the prize-giving buffet on Friday 24th July at approx. 20.00 hrs at WPNSA. Only competitors normally resident in the UK can be declared the title, " National Champion". No UK National or championship trophies are to be taken out of the United Kingdom.

15.0 Safety

RRS 40 and the preamble to part 4 is changed to the effect that all competitors must wear an adequate (closed cell foam) personal flotation device at all times when afloat. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal flotation devices.

Each competing boat shall carry a towline. The towline is to be 8mm diameter and shall be a minimum of 10m long, it shall not be part of the boats normal sailing equipment/ rigging.

A tally system will be in operation and a tally number will be allocated to each boat. All competitors will tally out before going afloat and tally in as soon as possible after coming ashore.

A tally board will be sited at the race administration point both before and after each days sailing or races on that day. There will be a Tally wristband for each helm and crew, as appropriate for the boat's Tally Number. These must be taken afloat and worn on the wrist. Timing for the release of Tallies prior to going afloat will be on the instruction of the Event Director. Tallies shall be returned to the appropriate Tally Board within 30 minutes of returning ashore. It is the sole responsibility of competitors to ensure that they have tallied correctly. Boats failing to comply with this procedure will result in payment of a £5.00 fine for each and every incident, monies to be paid to a charity at the end of the regatta

A boat that retires from a race shall notify a race or safety official as early as possible.

A boat that retires from a race and leaves the course area shall notify the Beach Master as soon as possible

16.0 Responsibility

Yacht racing can be dangerous. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4 (Decision to Race).

For the purposes of this Responsibility clause the word "boat" shall where the context so admits include the owner or person in charge and all other persons concerned in the management or sailing of the boat in question in connection with the events covered by these Sailing Instructions.

(i) A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

(ii) It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that it is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

(iii) The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3m.

(iv) Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the Race Committee, the race officer and patrol boats.

(v) The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.

(vi) The boat is responsible to ensure that it is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know how to use it.

(vii) The fact that the Race Committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in this paragraph.

17.0 Disclaimer of Liability

The International Laser II Class Association, the UK Laser II Class Association, the Organising Authority and any other party involved in the organisation of the regatta will accept no liability whatsoever for any personal or material damage (including but not limited to death, injury, consequential damages, etc.) sustained prior to, during or after the regatta.