2018 OCEANIA & AUSTRALIAN OPEN LASER CHAMPIONSHIPS

27 December 2017 – 4 January 2018

DIVISIONS
4.7s, Radials and Standard Rigs

NOTICE OF RACE

A World Sailing 100 point Ranking Regatta

Organized & Hosted By
Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Ltd.

On behalf of
Queensland Laser Association Inc.
Australian Laser Class Association Inc.
1. **ORGANISING AUTHORITY**
1.1 The Organising Authority is the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron in conjunction with the Queensland Laser Association Inc. (QLA) and the Australian Laser Class Association Inc. (ALCA).

2. **RULES**
2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
2.2 Australia Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 Off the Beach Boats will apply.
2.3 Sails shall have the full sail number, National letters denoting her National Authority and a red rhombus for all women competitors in accordance with the Class Rules and RRS.

3. **ADVERTISING AND GPS TRACKING**
3.1 The Organising 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 Queensland or Australia.
3.2 Boats may be required to display event advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies (DP).

4. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**
4.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Laser Standard, Radial and 4.7 divisions.
4.2 All competitors shall be financial members of a District of the International Laser class Association (ILCA).
4.3 Proof of age shall be required for entrants in any of the age-related categories.
4.4 Eligibility for age group categories shall be the competitor’s age as at 31 December 2018.

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<th>Categories/Age/Year of Birth</th>
<th><em>Corinthian Category Eligibility</em></th>
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<td>Laser 4.7 Junior Under 16</td>
<td>Must be aged between reaching the age of 21 years in the year of the Championship and being under the age of 35 years before the start of the championship. Only sailors without a World Ranking or World Sailing Ranked sailors with ranking points less than 100 are eligible for the Corinthian categories.</td>
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4.5 This Championship is the only Regatta used to rank Australians applying to enter Open, Under 21 and Youth ILCA Laser World Championships in 2018. If you wish to qualify for these events from Australia you need to participate in this event.

4.6 Entries may be lodged via the Regatta web site [www.rqys.com.au](http://www.rqys.com.au) through the online entry system before 1630hrs (EST) on 1 December 2017 accompanied by the required entry fee (see Clause 5). For competitors who do not have access to the internet, please fill in the entry form and mail to RQYS Sailing Office.

4.7 Late entries will only be accepted via the Regatta web site up to 1300 hours, 23 December 2017 accompanied by the required entry fee and late fee.
4.8 At the discretion of the Organising Authority, late entries may be accepted (in person only) at the Regatta Office, between 0900 hrs and 1430 hrs on 27 December 2017.

4.9 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 which includes a ticket to the welcome and the presentation functions is $330.00
5.2 The late fee is an additional $100.00 with no exceptions

6. DIVISIONS AND CATEGORIES
6.1 Racing will be conducted in three Divisions
• Laser Standard
• Laser Radial
• Laser 4.7
6.2 The following categories will be included if five or more entries are received for that category:
• Laser Standard – Open, Corinthian and Under 21 as per clause 4.4
• Laser Radial – Open Women, Corinthian Women, Open Male, Female under21, Youth Female, Youth Male, Junior Female and Junior Male as per clause 4.4
• Laser 4.7 – Open Women, Open Male, Youth Female, Youth Male, Junior Female and Junior Male as per clause 4.4

7. QUALIFYING AND FINAL SERIES
7.1 Fleets within each division shall be that combination of boats as nominated by the Organising Authority.
7.2 Depending on the number of entries, divisions may be sailed as (a) a normal series or (b) a qualifying and final series.
7.3 For a qualifying and final series format, competitors will sail:
• 3 days of qualifying races from 29 to 31 December 2017.
• 3 days of final races from 2 to 4 January 2018.
7.4 The Organising 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 31 December 2017. Any discard shall be a boat’s worst excludable score
8. **SCHEDULE**

8.1 The schedule of events is as per below:

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<td>Saturday 30 December 2017</td>
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<td>ALCA Annual General Meeting</td>
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<td>1300</td>
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<td>Sunday, 31 December 2017</td>
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<td>1900</td>
<td>Trophy Presentation Function</td>
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8.2 Two races per day are scheduled. Additional races may be sailed on any day at the Race Committee’s discretion.

8.3 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 1800 hours on the preceding race day.

8.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made later than 1500 hours.

9. **MEASUREMENT**

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

9.2 For the duration of the regatta, each competitor shall use only one hull, sail, mast, boom, centerboard, rudder and one batten set, 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.

9.3 As dollies will be shared during the regatta, all boats shall be presented at measurement on serviceable dollies. ‘Serviceable’ specifically includes being fitted with pneumatic tires at least 60 mm wide (or equivalent) and having adequate padding. Any boat presented with an unsatisfactory or unserviceable dolly will be refused entry at measurement.

10. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available when registering at the Regatta Office at the Organising Authority and may be available earlier on the regatta website.

11. **VENUE**

The regatta site shall be the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron (RQYS) and the racing area shall be the waters of Waterloo Bay.

12. **THE COURSES**

The courses will be trapezoid or windward / return, as described in the Sailing Instructions.

13. **PENALTY SYSTEM**

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

13.2 A National Jury will be appointed for this regatta. An application will be made for the right of appeal to be denied in accordance with rule 70.5.
14. ARBITRATION
14.1 Protest arbitration will apply and will be in accordance with the Sailing Instructions

15. SCORING
15.1 Twelve races are scheduled. Six races are required to constitute a series.
15.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of all her race scores.
15.3 When from four to nine races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her worst score.
15.4 When ten (10) or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
15.5 When a qualifying/final series is sailed:
   (a) The qualifying series races and the final series races will count for total points in the regatta.
   (b) A qualifying series race will not count until all qualifying series fleets have completed that race.
   (c) If four or more qualifying series races have been completed, one qualifying series race score will be excluded when calculating the division into final series fleets.
   (d) A maximum of one final series race score may be excluded provided that at least four final series races have been completed. No final series race score may be excluded if less than four final series races have been completed.
   (e) For the purposes of Appendix A4.2 “scoring” the number of boats entered into a qualifying series will be the number of boats assigned to the largest qualifying fleet.
15.6 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 division.

16. SUPPORT BOATS
16.1 Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel (“Support Boats”) shall not be in the racing area, which is defined as within 100 meters 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 Boat who infringes.
16.2 All Support Boats shall register at the Regatta Office and pay a Support Boat fee of $100. The registration fee will only be refundable at the conclusion of the Championships if there has been full compliance by that Support Boat with the requirements of clauses 16.1 to 16.6.
16.3 All Support Boats shall be moored in its assigned place and display the flag supplied by the Organising Authority.
16.4 Coaches using a Support Boat shall provide next of kin contact information and sign a ‘Coaches Code of Conduct’ at the time of registration.
16.5 Operators of Support Boats shall hold a current Power Boat Licence (or equivalent) at the time of the event and have a working VHF Radio on board their vessel and other applicable Safety Gear (as detailed in the Support/Coach Boat Online Registration declarations). It is also a requirement for all personnel on a Support Boat to wear an appropriate PFD at all times while afloat.
16.6 Support Boats shall make themselves available at all times while afloat to assist the Organising Authority in the case of an emergency or rescue, as directed in person by the relevant race officer or via VHF Radio.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS
Except in an emergency a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data communications and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats (DP).

18. PRIZES
18.1 For the Oceania Continental Championships Laser class cubes and prizes shall be awarded in accordance with the ILCA bylaws.
18.2 For the Australian Championships only Australian residents shall be eligible for Laser class perpetual trophies. An Australian resident is one who meets all eligibility requirements for residency and who reasonably satisfies the Organising Authority of their long-term residency of at least one year.
18.3 Australian Championships Perpetual trophies will be awarded in accordance with ALCA policy.
18.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

20. INSURANCE
Each competitor shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum cover of AUD$10,000,000 per incident or equivalent. Signing the entry and declaration form confirms currency of this insurance.

21. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS
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.

22. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

23. CHARTER BOATS
Charter boats will not be provided by the Organising Authority, but may be available from a range of independent providers. Further information may be obtained from the event website.

24. FURTHER INFORMATION
For further information, please contact
Event Director: Brady Lowe
sailing@rqys.com.au or 0417 767 019
Principal Race Officer - Peter Merritt
pmerritt125@gmail.com or 0438 818 008

Race Officers TBA
Chairman of the Jury TBA

Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron
578 Royal Esplanade, Manly, Brisbane
PO Box 5021 MANLY QLD 4179
07 3396 8666
sailing@rqys.com.au
www.rqys.com.au

CHARTER BOATS
Charter boats may be available from the following:

Performance Sailcraft Australia / [www.lasersailing.com.au](http://www.lasersailing.com.au) / 02 4389 1088 / info@lasersailing.com.au


SAIL 27 / [www.sail27.com.au](http://www.sail27.com.au) / 07 31030415 / 0488326001 / Daniel.self@sail27.com

ACCOMMODATION
Ample and varied accommodation is available in the local area. Early bookings are recommended. Refer to the accommodation guide on the RQYS web site.

On Site Accommodation:
The Manly Marina Cove Motel is across the road from RQYS. Call them on 07 3348 1000
Camping – RQYS has camp sites available; contact RQYS Reception 07 3396 8666 for details.
Yachting Queensland building also within RQYS grounds (50m to RQYS Clubhouse) has 20 bed accommodation made up of 3 rooms with 4 beds and 1 room with 8 beds and a common kitchen. For further details contact Yachting Queensland at office@qldyachting.org.au

BOAT STORAGE
Competitors arriving prior to the commencement of the regatta should contact RQYS to make appropriate arrangements for access and storage of Boats
Entry Form

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FORWARD TO:
RQYS Sailing Office
PO Box 5021, Manly.
Queensland 4179.
Australia

Name____________________________________________________________________

Address________________________________________________________________________________

Phone (h) (w) (email)_______________________________

Boat Name __________________________

Date of birth__________________________

Club (full name)___________________________________________

Australia Sailing National Membership No.______

(Australian entries only)

Division and Category [Please tick ✓ ]

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I agree to be bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules which govern this event and I acknowledge and understand that the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Ltd., The Australian Laser Class Association Inc. and the Queensland Laser Association Inc., their members, officers, servants or agents and all others involved in the conduct and of this event shall not be liable for any loss of life or injury or for the loss of property or damage there to whatsoever or howsoever occurring. I declare that I have a current Insurance Certificate, including Third Party Liability (AUD $10,000,000), in accordance with clause 20 of the Notice of Race.

SIGNED ________________________________ DATE ________________________________

[ ] MY CHEQUE FOR THE ENTRY FEE OF ___________ IS ENCLOSED.

[ ] PLEASE CHARGE MY VISA / MASTERCARD

CARD NUMBER: ________________________________ EXPIRY ___ / ___ CCV: ________

NAME ON CARD: ________________________________ SIGNATURE: ________________________________