

# 2019 Oceania and Australian Laser Championships



## **2019 OCEANIA and AUSTRALIAN LASER CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Incorporating**

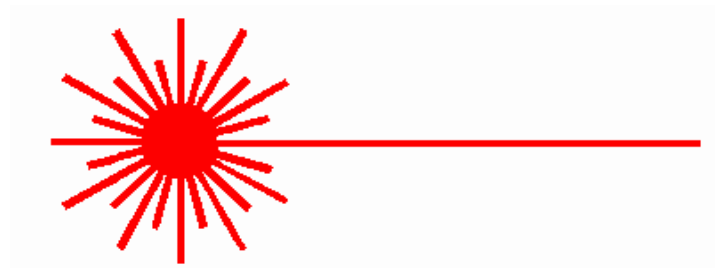
2019 Oceania Championship

2019 Open & Masters Standard Championship

2019 Open, Masters & Womens Radial Championship

2019 Open & Masters 4.7 Championship

### **NOTICE OF RACE**



**A World Sailing 100 point Ranking Regatta**

**Organised and Hosted By**

*Mersey Yacht Club*

**On behalf of**

*Tasmanian District Laser Association Inc  
Australian Laser Class Association Inc.*

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The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the National Jury, be less than disqualification.

## 1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Australia Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 Off the Beach Boats will apply.
- 1.3 Appendix T, Arbitration, applies for this regatta.
- 1.4 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.

## 2 Advertising and GPS Tracking

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies (DP).
- 2.2 Boats may be required to carry GPS tracking devices during racing.

## 3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Laser Standard, Radial and 4.7 classes.
- 3.2 All competitors shall be financial members of a District of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA).
- 3.3 Proof of age shall be required for entrants in any of the age-related categories.
- 3.4 Eligibility for age group categories shall be the competitor's age as at 31 December 2019

Categories	Age	Year of Birth
Laser 4.7 Junior .....	Under 16 .....	2004 or later
Laser 4.7 Youth .....	Under 18 .....	2002 or later
Laser Radial Junior .....	Under 17 .....	2003 or later
Laser Radial Youth .....	Under 19 .....	2001 or later
Laser Radial Women Under 21 .....	Under 21 .....	1999 or later
Laser Standard Men Under 21 .....	Under 21 .....	1999 or later
Laser Standard Corinthian .....	Over 21 and under 35*	
Laser Radial Women Corinthian .....	Over 21 and under 35*	

### **\*Corinthian Category Eligibility**

- *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*

- 3.5 Eligibility for Masters age group categories shall be the competitor's age at 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019:

Categories	Age
Apprentice Master .....	35 - 44
Master .....	45 - 54
Grand Master .....	55 - 64

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Great Grand Master..... 65 - 74

Legend..... + 75

- 3.6 This Championship is the only regatta used to rank Australians applying to enter Open, Under 21 and Youth ILCA Laser World Championships in 2019. If you wish to qualify for these events from Australia you need to participate in this event.
- 3.7 For information regarding the new Australian Laser Masters Ranking policy see the ALCA website or click [HERE](#)
- 3.8 Entries may be lodged via the regatta web site online entry system before 1700hrs (EST) on 1st December 2018 accompanied by the required entry fee.
- 3.9 Late entries will only be accepted via the Regatta web site up to 1300 hours, 31st December 2018 accompanied by the required entry fee and late fee.
- 3.10 At the discretion of the Organising Authority, late entries may be accepted (in person only) at the Regatta Office, between 0900 hrs and 1400 hrs on 1st January 2018.
- 3.11 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.

## 4 Fees

- 4.1 The entry fee which includes a ticket to the welcome and the presentation functions is \$360.
- 4.2 The late fee is an additional \$100 with no exceptions.

## 5 Classes and Divisions

- 5.1 Racing will be conducted in three classes:
  - Laser Standard
  - Laser Radial
  - Laser 4.7
- 5.2 The following age divisions will be included if five or more entries are received for that division:
  - Laser Standard..... Open, Corinthian and Under 21.
  - Laser Radial..... Open Women, Corinthian Women, Open Male, Female under 21, Youth Female, Youth Male, Junior Female and Junior Male.
  - Laser 4.7..... Open Women, Open Male, Youth Female, Youth Male, Junior Female and Junior Male.
- 5.3 The following Master divisions will be included if five or more entries are received in that Division:
  - Laser Standard..... Apprentice Master, Master, Grand Master and Great Grand Master (Great Grand Master for men only).
  - Laser Radial..... Apprentice Master, Master, Grand Master, Great Grand Master and Legend (Legend for women and men).

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Laser 4.7.....Apprentice Master, Master, Grand Master, Great Grand Master and Legend (Legend for women and men).

## 6 Qualifying and Final Series.

- 6.1 When more than eighty entries are received for a class, the regatta for that class will consist of a qualifying and final series.
- 6.2 For a qualifying and final series format, competitors will sail:
- 3 days of qualifying races from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> January 2019.
  - 3 days of final races from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019.
- 6.3 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 5th January 2019. Any discard shall be a boat's worst excludable score.

## 7 Schedule

7.1 The schedule of events is as per below:

Date	Time	Activity
Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2019	0900 - 1800	Registration & Measurement
Wednesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2019	0800 - 1130	Registration & Measurement
	1130	Competitor Meeting
	1300 – 1700	Registration & Measurement
	1430	Practice Race warning signal
	1700	Welcome Function
Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2019	1300	First Warning Signal
Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	1300	First Warning Signal
Saturday, 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	0900	ALCA Annual General Meeting
	1300	First warning Signal
Sunday, 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	1300	First warning Signal
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	1300	First warning Signal
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	1200	First warning Signal
	1900	Trophy Presentation Function

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- 7.2 Two races per day are scheduled. Additional races may be sailed on any day at the Race Committee's discretion
- 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 1800 hours on the preceding race day.
- 7.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made later than 1500 hours.

## **8 Measurement**

- 8.1 All boats and equipment shall be presented to the official measurers for scrutiny and approval during the time specified in clause 7.1
- 8.2 For the duration of the regatta, each competitor shall use only one hull, sail, mast, boom, centreboard, 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.
- 8.3 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 tyres 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.

## **9 Sailing Instructions**

The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located at the Mersey Yacht Club or posted on the regatta website.

## **10 Venue**

The regatta site shall be the Mersey Yacht Club and the racing area shall be the waters of Bass Strait either side of the Mersey River mouth.

## **11 The Courses**

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

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## 12 Penalty System

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

12.2 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.

## 13 Scoring

13.1 Twelve races are scheduled. Six races are required to constitute a series.

13.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of all her race scores

13.3 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.

13.4 When ten or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

13.5 When a qualifying/final series is sailed:

- The qualifying series races and the final series races will count for total points in the regatta.
- A qualifying series race will not count until all qualifying series fleets have completed that race.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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- 13.6 All division prizes will be awarded based on the ranking of competitors in the over-all results of the applicable class.

## 14 Prizes

- 14.1 For the Oceania Continental Championships Laser class cubes and prizes shall be awarded in accordance with the ILCA bylaws
- 14.2 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.
- 14.3 Australian Championships Perpetual trophies will be awarded in accordance with ALCA policy.
- 14.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## 15 Support Boats [DP]

- 15.1 Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel ("Support Boats") 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 Boat who infringes
- 15.2 All Support Boats shall register at the Regatta Office and pay a support boat registration fee of \$25.
- 15.3 All Support Boats shall be moored in its assigned place and display the insignia supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 15.4 Coaches using a Support Boat shall provide next of kin contact information and sign a 'Coaches Code of Conduct' at the time of registration
- 15.5 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.
- 15.6 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.
- 15.7 The wearing of personal flotation devices is compulsory for all persons in vessels on less than 6 metres in Tasmanian waters. Support and coach boats shall comply with this requirement for the duration of the regatta.

## 16 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]

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## **17 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.

## **18 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.

## **19 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.

## **20 Changes to Notice of Race**

Any changes to this Notice of Race will be published on the regatta website.

[www.auslasernationals.com.au](http://www.auslasernationals.com.au)



## Additional Information

### 1 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 web site.

#### **CHARTER BOAT SUPPLIERS**

##### **Performance Sailcraft Australia**

[www.lasersailing.com.au](http://www.lasersailing.com.au)

Tel: 02 4389 1088

Email: [info@psasailing.com.au](mailto:info@psasailing.com.au)

##### **NB Sailsports**

[www.nbsailsports.com.au](http://www.nbsailsports.com.au)

Phone: 02 4340 2223

Mobile: 0419 506767

Email: [info@nbsailsports.com.au](mailto:info@nbsailsports.com.au)

##### **SAIL 21**

[www.sail27.com](http://www.sail27.com)

Phone 07 31030415

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Email: [enquiries@sail27.com](mailto:enquiries@sail27.com)

### 2 Accomodation, Boat Storage and Transport to Tasmania

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Ample and varied accommodation is available in the local area. The Devonport Visitor Centre can assist with enquiries.

Phone 03 6424 4466

Email: [tourism@devonport.tas.gov.au](mailto:tourism@devonport.tas.gov.au)

#### **BOAT STORAGE**

There is a large boat and trailer storage area available at the MYC. Competitors intending to arrive early should contact the Mersey Yacht Club to arrange access to the storage area.

#### **TRANSPORT TO TASMANIA**

- TT Line – Passengers and cars  
<https://www.spiritoftasmania.com.au/>
- SEAROAD – Containers and Trailers  
<http://www.searoad.net/>
- TOLL – Containers and Trailers  
<https://www.tollgroup.com/freight/sea-freight>

The transport of trailers or containers can be arranged from the TT Line and SEAROAD depot to the MYC storage area.

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