

# NOTICE OF RACE



## *2020 Australian Laser Championships*



1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020

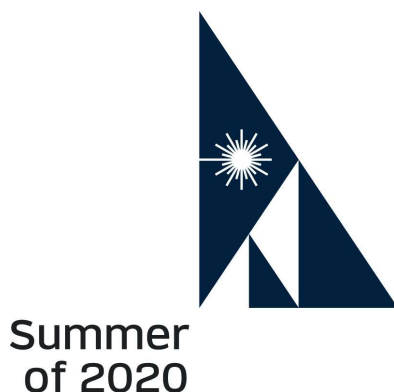
*Incorporating*

**2020 Open Standard Championship**

**2020 Open Radial Championship**

**2020 Open 4.7 Championship**

Sandringham, Victoria, Australia



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The Organising Authority is the Sandringham Yacht Club Inc in conjunction with Australian Laser Class Association Inc. (ALCA) and Victorian Laser Association Inc.

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 Off the Beach boats shall apply.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies for this regatta.

### **2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Laser Standard, Laser Radial or Laser 4.7 Classes.
- 2.2 Eligibility for Youth and Junior Divisions is the competitor's age as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 and the Divisions are as follows:

Class	Division	Criteria	Birth Year
Laser 4.7	Junior	Under 16	2005 & later
	Youth	Under 18	2003 & 2004
Laser Radial	Junior	Under 17	2004 & later
	Youth	Under 19	2002 & 2001
Laser Standard	Men	Under 21	2000 & later

- 2.4 All boats shall be entered and skippered by a current financial member of a District of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA).
- 2.5 Eligible boats may enter, prior to midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019, online via TryBooking at: <https://www.trybooking.com/BDFIT>
- 2.6 A late entry fee applies for entries submitted after 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

### 3. FEES

- 3.1 The entry fee is AUD\$395 per boat for all Classes.
- 3.3 The late entry fee is AUD\$100 in addition to the entry fee.
- 3.4 Entries received and paid before **31<sup>st</sup> August 2019** will be entered in a draw to win a **new Laser** (any class) and dolly courtesy of **Performance Sailcraft Australia**.

### 4. CLASSES AND DIVISIONS

- 4.1 Racing will be conducted in three classes:
- Laser Standard
  - Laser Radial
  - Laser 4.7
- 4.2 The following Divisions will be included if five or more entries are received for that Division:
- Laser Standard** Open and Under 21.
- Laser Radial** Open Female, Open Male, Male under 21, Female under 21, Youth Female, Youth Male, Junior Female and Junior Male.
- Laser 4.7** Open Female, Open Male, Youth Female, Youth Male, Junior Female and Junior Male.

### 5. QUALIFYING AND FINAL SERIES

- 5.1 When more than eighty entries are received for a Class, the regatta for that Class will consist of a qualifying and final series.
- 5.2 For a qualifying and final series format, boats will sail:
- Three days of qualifying races from 3<sup>rd</sup> January to 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020
  - Three days of final races from 6<sup>th</sup> January to 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- 5.3 The Organising Authority may require fleets to race each day in two 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 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Any discard shall be a boat's worst excludable score.

### 6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Twelve races are scheduled.
- 6.2 Regatta schedule:

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Registration & Measurement	0900hrs - 1800hrs
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Registration & Measurement	0800hrs - 1130hrs
	Competitor Meeting	1130hrs
	Registration & Measurement	1300hrs – 1700hrs
	Practice Race	1430hrs
	Welcome Function	1800hrs
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	<b>Racing – 2 races</b>	<b>1400hrs</b>
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Racing – 2 races</b>	<b>1400hrs</b>
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Racing – 2 races</b>	<b>1400hrs</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Racing – 2 races</b>	<b>1400hrs</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Racing – 2 races</b>	<b>1400hrs</b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Racing – 2 races</b>	<b>1300hrs</b>
	Presentation Ceremony	1900hrs

- 6.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1530hrs.

### 7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 All boats and equipment shall be presented for measurement during the times specified in 6.2.
- 7.2 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.

- 7.3 Dollies will be shared during the regatta. All boats shall be presented at measurement on serviceable dollies. 'Serviceable' specifically includes being fitted with 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.

## 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and on the Laser 2020 smartphone app.

## 9. VENUE

- 9.1 The regatta site is Sandringham Yacht Club, Sandringham, Victoria, Australia.  
9.2 The Racing Area will be the waters of Port Phillip in the vicinity of Sandringham Yacht Club.

## 10. THE COURSES

Trapezoid courses will be sailed as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

## 11. PENALTY SYSTEM

Decisions of the National Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

## 12. SCORING SYSTEM

- 12.1 Six races are required to be completed to constitute a series.  
12.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.  
12.3 When four to nine races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her worst score.  
12.4 When ten or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her two worst scores.  
12.5 When a qualifying and final series is sailed:
  - The qualifying series races and final series races will count for the total points in the regatta
  - A qualifying series race will not count until all qualifying fleets have completed that race
  - If four or more qualifying series races have been completed, the boats qualifying series score will exclude her worst qualifying series score
  - If four or more final series races have been completed, the boats final series score will exclude her worst final series score
- 12.6 All Division prizes will be awarded based on the ranking of competitors in the overall results of the applicable Class.

## 13. SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 All Support Boats shall register via TryBooking (<https://www.trybooking.com/BDFIT>) and pay a support boat registration fee of AUD\$50.
- 13.3 All Support Boats shall be moored in its assigned place and display any insignia supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 13.4 Coaches using a Support Boat shall provide next of kin contact information and sign a 'Coaches Code of Conduct' at the time of registration
- 13.5 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.
- 13.6 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.
- 13.7 The wearing of personal flotation devices is compulsory for all persons in vessels on less than 4.8 metres in Victorian waters. Support Boats shall comply with this requirement for the duration of the regatta.

#### **14. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

In accordance with the Laser Class Rule 22 Section 5 any use of electronic equipment not specifically allowed in the ILCA rules is prohibited unless the rules are modified by the Sailing Instructions.

#### **15. PRIZES**

- 15.1 Laser class cubes and prizes shall be awarded in accordance with the ILCA bylaws.
- 15.2 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.
- 15.3 Australian Championships Perpetual trophies will be awarded in accordance with ALCA policy.
- 15.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

#### **16. 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 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 regatta in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the regatta without compensation.

#### **17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing 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 participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 (recommended \$10,000,000) per event or the equivalent. By completing the online entry, boats are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Competitors may be required to produce evidence of such insurance and any competitor not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

#### **19. AMENDMENTS**

Any amendments to this Notice of Race shall be posted on the [www.auslasernationals.com.au](http://www.auslasernationals.com.au) web-site and on the Laser 2020 smartphone app.

# Additional Competitor Information

## **Car and Trailer Parking**

Details of car and off-site trailer parking arrangements will be communicated via both the [www.auslasernationals.com.au](http://www.auslasernationals.com.au) web-site and **Laser 2020** smartphone app.