

# NOTICE OF RACE



## *2020 Oceania & Australian Laser Masters Championships*



13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

*Incorporating*

**2020 O&A Masters Standard Championship**

**2020 O&A Masters Radial Championship**

**2020 O&A Masters 4.7 Championship**

Geelong, Victoria, Australia

**Updated 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020:** Add entry limit of 180



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The Organising Authority is the Royal Geelong 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 sailed by skippers that qualify as Masters.
- 2.2 Eligibility for Masters Divisions is the competitor's age as at **13<sup>th</sup> March 2020**. Competitors need to be aged 35 years or older and the following Divisions will be sailed:
  - Apprentice Master – 35 to 44 years
  - Master – 45 to 54 years
  - Grand Master – 55 years to 64
  - Great Grand Master – 65 years to 74

Legend – 75 years and older

- 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 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020, online via TryBooking at: <https://www.trybooking.com/BDYHD>
- 2.6 A late entry fee applies for entries submitted after 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020.
- 2.7 A maximum of 180 entries will be accepted.

### 3. FEES

- 3.1 The entry fee is AUD\$320 per boat for all Classes.
- 3.3 The late entry fee is AUD\$100 in addition to the entry fee.

### 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** Apprentice Master, Master, Grand Master, Great Grand Master
- Laser Radial** For each of Women and Men: Apprentice Master, Master, Grand Master, Great Grand Master, Legend
- Laser 4.7** For each of Women and Men: Apprentice Master, Master, Grand Master, Great Grand Master, Legend

### 5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Ten races are scheduled.
- 5.2 Regatta schedule:

Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Registration	0900hrs – 1700hrs
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Registration	0900hrs - 1130hrs
	Competitor Meeting	1130hrs
	Registration	1300hrs – 1700hrs
	Practice Race	1430hrs
	Welcome Function	1800hrs
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Racing – 2 races</b>	<b>1400hrs</b>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Racing – 3 races</b>	<b>1400hrs</b>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Racing – 3 races</b>	<b>1400hrs</b>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Racing – 2 races</b>	<b>1300hrs</b>
	Presentation Ceremony	After racing

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

### 6. MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 For the duration of the regatta, each competitor shall use only one hull, sail, mast, boom, centreboard, rudder and one batten set. Such equipment may only be replaced as allowed by and in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.
- 6.2 Dollies will be shared during the regatta. All boats shall be presented with a serviceable dolly. ‘Serviceable’ specifically includes being fitted with tyres at least 60 mm wide (or equivalent) and having adequate padding. Any boat entered with an unsatisfactory or unserviceable dolly may be refused entry.

### 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration, on the event web-site [www.auslasernationals.com.au](http://www.auslasernationals.com.au) and on the Laser 2020 smartphone app.

### 8. VENUE

- 8.1 The regatta site is Royal Geelong Yacht Club, 25 Eastern Beach Road, Geelong, Victoria, Australia.
- 8.2 The Racing Area will be the waters of Corio Bay in the vicinity of Royal Geelong Yacht Club.

### 9. THE COURSES

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

## 10. SCORING SYSTEM

- 10.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
- 10.3 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.
- 10.4 When ten races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 10.5 All Division prizes will be awarded based on the position of the boat in that Division.

## 11. SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 All Support Boats shall register via TryBooking (<https://www.trybooking.com/BDYHD>) and pay a support boat registration fee of AUD\$50.
- 11.3 All Support Boats shall be moored in its assigned place and display any insignia supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 11.4 Coaches using a Support Boat shall provide next of kin contact information and sign a 'Coaches Code of Conduct' at the time of registration
- 11.5 Operators of Support Boats shall hold a current Power Boat License (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.
- 11.6 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.
- 11.7 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.

## 12. 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.

## 13. PRIZES

- 13.1 Laser class cubes and prizes shall be awarded in accordance with the ILCA bylaws.
- 13.2 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.
- 13.3 Australian Championships Perpetual trophies will be awarded in accordance with ALCA policy.
- 13.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## 14. 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.

## 15. 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.

## 16. 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.

## **17. 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.