



# 2015 Open Australian Laser Championships

27<sup>th</sup> December 2014 to 4<sup>th</sup> January 2015

## NOTICE OF RACE

Incorporating

**2015 Australian Laser Championship**

**2015 Australian Laser Radial Championship**

**2015 Australian Laser Radial Women's Championship**

**2015 Australian Laser Masters' Championship**

**2015 Australian Laser 4.7 Championship**

Organising Authority (OA)

**Mandurah Offshore Fishing Sailing Club**

On behalf of the

**Western Australian Laser Association (WALA)**

And the

**Australian Laser Class Association Inc. (ALCA)**



**1. Organising Authority**

The Organizing Authority is the Mandurah Offshore Fishing Sailing Club on behalf of the Western Australian Laser Association (WALA) and the Australian Laser Class Association Inc. (ALCA).

**2. Rules**

- 2.1 The Championships will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Rules and By-Laws of the International Laser Class Association.
- 2.2 Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 2 *Off the Beach Boats* will apply. It will be the responsibility of all competitors to ensure that personal flotation devices comply with a standard equivalent to those listed in Regulation 5.01 *Personal Flotation Devices*.
- 2.3 Sails shall have the full sail number in accordance with the class rules and RRS.

**3. Advertising**

- 3.1 The Organizing 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 Western Australia or Australia.
- 3.2 Competitors may be required to display event sponsor’s names(s)/logo(s) and affix bow numbers to boats. If required, the Organizing Authority will supply these items and they shall be affixed as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions. Sponsor’s bibs or similar may also be supplied.

**4. Eligibility**

- 4.1 All competitors shall be financial members of a district of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA) and of a yacht or sailing club affiliated with ISAF.
- 4.2 Proof of age shall be required for entrants in any of the age related divisions.
- 4.3 Eligibility for age group divisions in any of the Youth divisions shall be the competitor’s age as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015:

Division	Age group	Birth year
Laser 4.7 Junior	Under 16	2000 or later
Laser 4.7 Youth	Under 18	1998 or later
Laser Radial Junior	Under 17	1999 or later
Laser Radial Youth	Under 19	1997 or later
Laser Standard Youth	Under 21	1995 or later

- 4.4 Eligibility for age group divisions in the Masters’ Championships shall be the competitor’s age at 27<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

Division	Age
Apprentice Master	35 to 44
Master	45 to 54
Grand Master	55 to 64
Great Grand Master	65 to 74
Legend	75 and over

Competitors in any masters division shall also be eligible for prizes in divisions for younger sailors- Deleted; See Amendment 1: 5 August 2014, Notice of Race Laser Nationals 2015

- 4.5 Each sailor shall be registered as an ISAF Sailor. This information is required to enter the Championship. To register as an ISAF sailor go to:  
<http://members.sailing.org/profiles/profile.php>

## 5. Entries

- 5.1 Entries may be lodged via the Regatta web site at <http://www.yachtingaustralia.com.au/Entry/?EID=65398>  
Before 1630hrs (AWST) on 1st December 2014 accompanied by the required entry fee (see Clause 6). For competitors who do not have access to the internet, a hard copy entry form appears at the end of the Notice of Race.
- 5.2 Late entries will only be accepted via the Regatta web site up to 1300 hours, 23 December 2014 accompanied by the required entry fee and late fee.
- 5.3 At the discretion of the Organizing Authority, late entries may be accepted (in person only) at the Regatta Office, MOFSC between 0900 hrs and 1430 hrs on 27th December 2014.
- 5.4 All boats shall complete registration with the Organizing Authority at the times specified in Clause 9.1.
- 5.5 The Organizing Authority will not refund entry or late fees in any circumstances. Entries will not be valid until applicable payment has been received by the Organizing Authority.

## 6. Fees

- 6.1 The entry fee for all classes and divisions (and which includes one ticket to the welcome and presentation functions) is \$310.00.
- 6.2 The late fee is an additional \$100.00 *with no exceptions*.

## 7. Classes and Divisions

- 7.1 Racing will be conducted in three (3) classes as follows:
- Laser Standard
  - Laser Radial
  - Laser 4.7
- 7.2 The following divisions will be included if five (5) or more entries are received for that division:
- Laser Standard – Open, Youth and all Masters as per NoR 4.3- 4.4
  - Laser Radial – Open, Youth, Junior, Female and all Masters as per NoR 4.3- 4.4
  - Laser 4.7 – Open, Youth, Junior, Female and all Masters as per NoR 4.3- 4.4

## 8. Racing Format

- 8.1 Fleets within each class shall be that combination of boats as nominated by the Organizing Authority.
- 8.2 Depending on the number of entries, classes may be sailed as (a) a normal series or (b) a qualifying and final series.
- 8.3 For a qualifying and final series format, competitors will sail:
- 3 days (29th December 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014) of qualifying races.  
(1<sup>st</sup> of January is a Lay day)
  - 3 days (2nd to 4th January 2015) of finals races.
- 8.4 The Organizing 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<sup>st</sup> December 2014. Any discard shall be a boat's worst excludable score.

**9. Program**

9.1 Schedule of Events:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Saturday 27 Dec 2014	0800 - 1700	Registration & Measurement
	1800	Welcome function
Sunday 28 Dec 2014	0800 – 1200	Registration & Measurement continued
	1200	Competitor Meeting
	1300-1700	Measurement continued
	1330	Practice race warning signal
Monday 29 Dec 2014	1300	First warning signal
Tuesday 30 Dec 2014	0900	ALCA Annual General Meeting
	1300	First warning signal
Wednesday 31 Dec 2014	1300	First warning signal
Thursday 1 Jan 2015		Lay day – May be used for re-sails
Friday 2 Jan 2015	1300	First warning signal
Saturday 3 Jan 2015	1300	First warning signal
Sunday 4 Jan 2015	1300	First warning signal
	1900	Trophy Presentation

9.2 Two races per day are planned. Additional races may be sailed on any day provided that no fleet becomes more than one race ahead of schedule.

9.3 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 on the preceding race day.

**10. Measurement**

10.1 All boats and equipment shall be presented to the official measurers for scrutiny and approval during the times specified in clause 9.1

10.2 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.

10.3 The boats of female competitors shall carry a Red Rhombus on their sail in accordance with ILCA rule 4.g.

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

**11. Sailing Instructions**

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

**12. Regatta Site and Racing Area**

- 12.1 The regatta site shall be the MOFSC and the racing area shall be the Comet Bay. Maps and charts of the area and waters will be available on the regatta website.
- 12.2 The Regatta Office and Regatta Notice-board will be on the ground floor of the MOFSC clubhouse.

**13. Courses**

The courses shall be trapezoid, as described in the Sailing Instructions.

**14. Penalty System**

- 14.1 Appendix P as modified by the Sailing Instructions shall apply.
- 14.2 Application for the appointment of a National Jury has been made. The right of appeal shall be denied in accordance with rule 70.5 and the National prescriptions thereto.

**15. Arbitration**

Protest arbitration will apply as per the Sailing Instructions

**16. Scoring**

- 16.1 The Low Point scoring system (RRS Appendix A) shall apply.
- 16.2 Twelve (12) races are scheduled. Six (6) races are required to constitute a series.
- 16.3 When from four (4) to nine (9) races have been completed, one race score will be excluded.
- 16.4 When ten (10) or more races have been completed two race scores will be excluded.
- 16.5 When a qualifying/final series is sailed:
  - (a) The qualifying series races and the final series races will count for total points in the championship.
  - (b) A qualifying series race will not count until all qualifying series fleets have completed that race.
  - (c) If four (4) 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 (1) final series race score may be excluded provided that at least four (4) final series races have been completed. No final series race score may be excluded if less than four (4) 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.
- 16.6 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 class.

**17. Support Boats**

- 17.1 Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel 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 when asked to assist by the Race Officer. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be disqualification of all boats associated with the support personnel who infringe.

17.2 All support boats shall register at the Regatta Office and pay a coach fee of \$50 (Welcome function and Closing function. Moored in its assigned place and display a white numbered flag/sticker (supplied by the Organizing Authority).

**18. Radio Communications**

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. Mobile phones or similar devices are prohibited.

**19. Prizes**

19.1 Laser class cubes and prizes shall be awarded in accordance with the ILCA bylaws. However, the number of prizes allocated in any division shall depend on the number of entries. A minimum of five (5) entries is required to constitute a division.

19.2 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 Organizing Authority of their long term residency of at least one year.

19.3 Perpetual trophies will be awarded in accordance with ALCA policy.

19.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

**20. Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. None of the Organizing Authority, the WALA, ALCA or MOFSC will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**21. Insurance**

All competitors must have a valid third party insurance policy with a minimum cover of AUD\$10,000,000 whilst racing. Signing the entry and declaration form confirms currency of this insurance.

**22. Rights to Use Name and Likeness**

In participating in the regatta, a competitor automatically grants the Organizing 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.

**23. Changes to Notice of Race**

Any changes to this Notice of Race will be published on the regatta website [www.mofsc.com.au](http://www.mofsc.com.au) no later than 30th November 2014.

**24. Charter Boats**

Charter boats will not be provided by the Organizing Authority, but may be available from a range of independent providers. Further information may be obtained from the event web site.

**25. Further Information**

For further information, please contact:

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**Chairman of the Jury**

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On-line entries via <http://www.yachtingaustralia.com.au/Entry/?EID=65398> are preferred, however if you do not have access to the internet.

Entrant's details

Class:  Standard  Radial  4.7  Sail Number \_\_\_\_\_

Division:  Open  Junior  Youth  Women's

Apprentice  Master  Grand Master  Great Grand Master

Skipper's Name: ..... Date of Birth: .....

Address: .....

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Suburb/Town State Postcode Country

Email: .....

Mobile for SMS results: .....

Contact number during regatta: .....

Yacht Club: .....

In full

YA Number: ..... ISAF Number: .....

Declaration

I have read and understand the conditions set out in the Notice of Race for this event and agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Sailing Instructions.

Skipper's signature: ..... Date: .....

Entrants Under 18 Years – Parent/Guardian Declaration

I ..... as parent/guardian of the above named entrant agree to his/her participation in this event on the terms and conditions as outlined in the Notice of Race and similarly indemnify all parties involved in the organisation and conduct of the event.

Parent/Guardian's signature: ..... Date: .....

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**Payment Advice:** Please forward your payment to: Mandurah Offshore Fishing Sailing Club,  
115 Breakwater Parade, PO BOX 219, WA 6210  
Fax: 0895358979  
Email: [wba@mofsc.com.au](mailto:wba@mofsc.com.au)

Entry Fee: AU\$310

Late Entry Fee: AU\$100



Payment by:

- Direct transfer to MOFSC: BSB 306072 A/C No. 0450430  
*Please quote your **Sail Number** as the reference*
- Cheque payable to MOFSC (enclosed)
- Charge my MOFSC Account: Member No. ....
- Credit card: VISA or Mastercard (please circle your selected card)

Name on Card: .....

Please Print

Card Number:

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Expiry: ..... / ..... Signature: .....