



2017 Laser Performance Masters Autumn Championships

Saturday 2nd Sept to Sunday 3rd Sept 2017

Pevensey Bay Sailing Club

Organizing Authority: Pevensey Bay Sailing Club in conjunction with the UK Laser Association (UKLA)

NOTICE OF RACE RULES

Documents governing this event, including this Notice of Race and any amendments thereto, will be available at the event website:

www.pbsc.eu/opens-2/

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply, except that rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

The Royal Yachting Association National prescriptions will apply.

Competitors should note that Pevensey Bay Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found at:

www.rya.org.uk/racing/racing-rules/pages/hub.aspx

If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

The notation [DP] in a rule of the NoR or SI means that the penalty for breaching the rule is at the discretion of the protest committee.

1 ADVERTISING & IDENTIFICATION

[DP] Boats may be required to display bow numbers and/or advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

2 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

The regatta is open to all International Laser dinghies.

Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form on the UKLA event link:

<http://www.kbsuk.com/laser/masters/index.asp?EventID=16>

Competitors shall be full members of the International Laser Class association. During registration sailors will be required to show clear written evidence of current membership of their national Laser Association. Temporary membership of the class association is available by paying an additional fee of £10.00 which will be put towards that sailor's membership fee if he/she joins the class association this year (i.e. membership year 2017).

Competitors shall reach the age of 33 during 2017. In order to qualify for age category prizes they shall reach the following ages in 2017:

- (a) 35 to compete in the Apprentice Masters (Standard or Laser Radial)
- (b) 45 to compete in the Masters (Standard or Laser Radial)
- (c) 55 to compete in the Grand Masters (Standard or Laser Radial)
- (d) 65 to compete in the Great Grand Masters (Standard or Laser Radial)
- (e) 75 to compete in the Legend category (Standard or Laser Radial)

Standard and Radial rigs will have separate series and results. 4.7 rigs will race with the radial fleet. There will be at least one prize for each rig/age category that has three or more entrants. A competitor may change rig after registration with permission from the race committee but results achieved with the rig the competitor changes to will be ignored.

3 FEES

Entry fee per boat: £45.00

4 SCHEDULE

Registration:

Friday 1st Sept: 18.00 - 20.00

Saturday 2nd September: 09:00 - 10:30

The race schedule is as follows:

Date:	Time of 1st warning signal & scheduled races per day:	
	Time:	# Races:
Sat 2 nd September	12:00	3
Sun 3 rd September	10:30	3

There will be a briefing for competitors at 10:30 on Saturday 2nd September

The sailing instructions will specify a time on the last day of racing after which no warning signal may be made.

5 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

There will be no formal pre-event inspection, but a boat may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules.

[DP] Sails shall display the class boat number in full. For identification purposes 'sail number' shall mean a maximum of the last four digits of the Laser sail number. If as a result there is a conflict between two or more 'sail numbers' the organizing authority will allocate modified number(s) to be displayed by one or more of the boats throughout the event, at the boat owner's expense. All competitors shall use only one hull, sail, mast, boom, centreboard and rudder. In the event of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the permission of the race committee or technical committee.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be published on the event website.

7 VENUE

The racing area will be Pevensy Bay, approximately one to two miles to the east of Sovereign Harbour.

Venue information is available at www.pbsc.eu

8 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be trapezoids or triangle sausage.

9 SCORING

Two races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

- 9.1 (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10 SUPPORT BOATS

[DP] Support boats shall register at the Race Office during the registration period.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

[DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

12 PRIZES

Prize giving: The prize giving will be held as soon as possible after the last race of the series. Prizes will be awarded to sailors in all Masters categories to approximately the square root of entries in that category

Additional prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

13 MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event. This may include the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) operated under CAA guidelines.

14 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) *They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;*
- (b) *They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;*
- (c) *They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;*
- (d) *Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;*
- (e) *The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;*
- (f) *The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.*
- (g) *It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.*
- (h) *Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2 million against third-party claims, or the equivalent in other currencies.*

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

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