

Ulster Championships2022

Strangford Lough YC.

2nd/3rd July.

Supported by CH Marine

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The event will be organised by the Host Club in association with the Irish Laser Association.

The notation [NP] in a rule of the notice of race (NoR) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Racing rule(s) Signal AP, 33, 35, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2, A5.1, A5.2 will be changed. The changes will appear, in full, in the sailing instructions.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Standard Sailing Instructions will be available on the Irish Laser Association website. The Supplementary Sailing Instructions for this event will be available at the Event.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the International Laser Class.
- 4.2 Helms shall be a member of the Irish or other National Laser Class Association.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and paying on the class website.
- 4.4 Competitors under the age of 18 shall ensure that their declaration form has been signed by

a responsible adult and must be submitted at registration.

- 4.5 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.6 Boats should enter before 21st June 2022 Late entries may be accepted only at the discretion of the Organising Authority up to 29th June 2022.

5 FEES

The normal entry fee is €50.00. Late entry fee will be €75.00.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

Does not apply.

7 ADVERTISING

[DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply.

9 SCHEDULE

- 9.1 Registration: Friday 1st July 1800 to 2000, Saturday 2nd July 0900 to 1015.
- 9.2 Briefing – A Briefing will be held at 1015 on Saturday 2nd July.
- 9.3 Racing: *Date 2nd/3rd July* *Race*
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| Saturday | Races 1 to 3 |
| Sunday | Races 4 to 6 |
- 9.4 Six Races are scheduled.
- 9.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Saturday is 1155. The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Sunday is 1055.
- 9.6 An additional race may be run on the Saturday at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 9.7 No Warning signal will be made after 1500 on the last day of racing.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Equipment may be inspected at any time during the event.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 11.1 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.
- 11.2 All boats shall have a painter of at least 7 metres in length, made fast to the bow.

12 VENUE

The Sailing Area will be TBC.

13 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be either trapezoid or triangle.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The Exoneration Penalty and the RYA Arbitration Procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See the official notice board for details. Decisions from Arbitration can be referred to the protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.
- 14.2 RRS Appendix P applies.

14.3 RRS P2.3 does not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it applies to any penalty after the first one.

15 SCORING

15.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.

16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 [DP] Shall register with the Organising Authority at registration and, if required, carry identification flags provided by the Organising Authority.

16.2 [DP] Support boats shall have an operating VHF marine radio and maintain a watch on the dedicated working channel in the event they are called by the Event Safety Officer to assist in the case of an emergency. [DP]

16.3 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels shall stay 150m outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

16.4 When the engine of a support vessel is running, all support persons on that vessel, shall wear a personal flotation device and the support vessel driver shall use a kill cord.

17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

Does not apply.

18 BERTHING

[DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply.

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOL

Does not apply.

21 DATA PROTECTION

The data processing policy is available on the class website.

22 RISK STATEMENT

22.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone"

Sailing by its nature is 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 omissions;
- (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 organiser 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 familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

22.2 [NP] [DP] COVID Statement

By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the venue/OA/sailing club COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols, or legislation, even if they later prove to be unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

23 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 Pounds Sterling €3,000,000 EUR per incident or the equivalent.

24 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows: First, Second and Third in each class. Further Prizes may be awarded.

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Irish Laser Association.

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

For information on Hotel and Bed and Breakfast Accommodation - contact:
Strangford Lough YC.