



2016 Laser Masters Qualifier

Felpham Sailing Club, West Sussex

**Organizing Authority: Felpham Sailing Club in conjunction with
the UK Laser Association (UKLA)**

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Appendix P Special Procedures for Rule 42 will apply.
- 1.3 The Royal Yachting Association National prescriptions will apply. These can be viewed at: <http://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/Racing/RacingInformation/RacingRules/RYA%20Prescriptions%202013.pdf>
- 1.4 Competitors should note that Felpham SC implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 - 2016).
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 ADVERTISING & IDENTIFICATION

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

3 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all International Laser dinghies.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form on the UKLA website, and submitting the entry fee.
- 3.3 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, which will be put towards that sailor's membership fee if he/she joins the class association this year (i.e. membership year 2016).
- 3.4 Competitors shall reach the age of 33 during 2016. In order to qualify for age category prizes they shall reach the following ages in 2016:
 - (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)
- 3.5 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
- 3.6 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.

4 FEES

Entry fee per boat: £40.00.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration:

Sat 11 June : 09:00 - 11:00

5.2 The race schedule is as follows:

<i>Date:</i>	<i>Time of 1st warning signal & scheduled races per day:</i>	
	<i>Time:</i>	<i># Races:</i>
Sat 11 June	12:00	3
Sun 12 June	10:30	3

5.3 There will be a briefing for competitors at 11:00 on Saturday 11 June.

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

6 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

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

6.2 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.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be published on the event website, and will be available at registration.

8 VENUE

8.1 The racing area will be off the beach at Felpham Sailing Club, Bognor Regis, West Sussex.

8.2 Venue information is available at www.felphamsailingclub.co.uk

9 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward and triangular, or trapezoids.

10 SCORING

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

10.2 (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.

11 SUPPORT BOATS

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

12 BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places whilst in the boat park.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions, text messages or cellular phone calls while racing.

14 PRIZES

14.1 Prizes will be awarded to sailors in all Masters categories, to approximately the square root of the number of entries in that category.

15 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.

16 RISK STATEMENT

16.1 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."

16.2 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.

17 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2million per event or the equivalent.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

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