



NOTICE OF RACE

2019/2020 Victorian Laser Open & Masters Championship



23rd & 24th November 2019

The Organising Authority is the Victorian Laser Association Inc in conjunction with the Sandringham Yacht Club (SYC) and the regatta will be conducted on Port Philip.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 2 for 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.
- 2.2 Eligibility for Youth Divisions is the competitor's age as at **31st December 2019** and the Divisions are as follows:

Class	Division	Criteria	Birth Year
Laser 4.7	Junior	Under 16	2004 & later
	Youth	Under 18	2002 & 2003
	Women	Under 18	2002 & later
Laser Radial	Junior	Under 17	2003 & later
	Youth	Under 19	2001 & 2000
	Women	Under 21	1999 & later
Laser Standard	Men	Under 21	1999 & later

- 2.3 Eligibility for Masters Divisions is the competitor's age as at **23rd November 2019**. Competitors need to be aged 35 years or older and the following Divisions will be sailed:
 - All Classes: Apprentice – 35 to 44 years
 - All Classes: Master – 45 to 54 years
 - All Classes: Grand Master – 55 years to 64
 - All Classes: Great Grand Master – 65 years to 74
 - All Classes: Legend – 75 years and older
- 2.4 All boats shall be entered and skippered by a current financial member of a District of the ILCA.
- 2.5 Eligible boats may enter online via TryBooking at: www.trybooking.com/BDYHD

3. ENTRY FEE

- 3.1 The entry fee is \$93.50 per boat for the Standard and Radial classes and \$77 for the 4.7 class.
- 3.2 All Standard and Radial class entries received prior to **31st October 2019** are eligible for a discounted entry fee of \$77.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 All competitors shall complete registration at SYC between 1000hrs and 1230hrs on the 23rd November 2019.
- 4.2 Five races will be scheduled.
- 4.3

Saturday 23 rd November	Registration	1000hrs -> 12:30hrs
	Information Session	1230hrs
	Racing	1400hrs
	Dinner available	
Sunday 24 th November	Racing	1000hrs
	Presentation	Following conclusion of racing

- 4.4 No warning signal will be made later than 1500hrs on Sunday 24th November 2019.

5. MEASUREMENT

Measurement checks and inspections may be carried out at any time. A Boat notified of inspection shall follow the instructions of the Race Committee.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available online at <https://www.viclaser.org.au/> and via the Sailor app Event tab.

7. VENUE

The Racing Area will be the waters of Port Philip in the vicinity of SYC.

8. THE COURSES

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

9. SCORING SYSTEM

- 9.1 A minimum of three races are required to be completed to constitute the regatta.
- 9.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
- 9.3 When four or five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 9.4 All Division prizes will be awarded based on the ranking of competitors in the overall results of the applicable class.

10. SUPPORT BOATS/COACHES

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 All Support Boats shall register via TryBooking (www.trybooking.com/BDYHD) and pay a support boat registration fee of AUD\$27.50.
- 10.3 All Support Boats shall be moored in its assigned place and display any insignia supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 10.4 Coaches using a Support Boat shall provide next of kin contact information and sign a 'Coaches Code of Conduct' at the time of registration
- 10.5 Operators of Support Boats shall hold a current Power Boat Licence (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.
- 10.6 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.
- 10.7 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.

11. 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.

12. PRIZES

This is a cube event and cubes will be awarded in accordance with ILCA Rules.

13. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In participating in an Event, a competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the Event, 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 said Event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said Event without compensation.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.

15. 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. Competitors may be required to produce evidence of such insurance and any competitor not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

16. AMENDMENTS

Any amendments to this Notice of Race shall be posted on the Victorian Laser web-site (www.viclaser.org.au) and via the Sailor app under the Victorian Laser Class.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION:

For further information please contact:

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Web-site: viclaser.org.au

Additional Competitor Information

Car and Trailer Parking

Car and trailer parking will be available in Trey Bit Reserve.

Additional details of car and off-site trailer parking arrangements will be communicated via both the viclaser.org.au web-site and **Sailor** smartphone app.