

2007 Laser Radial World and European Youth Championship
4 to 11 August 2007
Scheveningen, The Netherlands

Organising authority: The Stichting Evenementen Laserklasse Organisatie Nederland with the support of the Vereniging Jachtclub Scheveningen in conjunction with the International Laser Class Association.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing. The prescriptions of the National Authority will not apply except as follows:

Rule 68 Damages:

- 1.1.a. A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.
- 1.1.b. A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the *rules*. No protest committee shall adjudicate any claim for damages, Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
- 1.1.c. A basic purpose of the *rules* is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the *rules* a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the *rules* shall be based on fault as determined by the application of the *rules*, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

Rule 76 Exclusion of Boats or Competitors:

- 1.1.d. An organising authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, colour, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or age.
 - 1.1.e. A boat whose entry is rejected or cancelled or a competitor who is excluded from a race or series shall be entitled to a hearing conducted by the protest committee under rules 63.2, 63.3, 63.4 and 63.6.
- 1.2. Add to rule A11: ARB means scoring penalty after arbitration; PTS scoring penalty for a yellow flag after finish; DPI means discretionary penalty under SI 20.7 (last sentence).
 - 1.3. Advertising - The organising authority may require competing boats to carry event sponsor advertising on the hull.
 - 1.4. Sails shall have the full sail number AND NATIONAL LETTERS in accordance with the class rules and the rule App G1.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located near the race office. The Race Office is situated Scheveningen, Hellingweg and will be open from 0900 daily from 4 August.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races, including information that 3 races will be scheduled, will be posted by 2100 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the signal mast near the Race Office.
- 4.2. No boat shall go afloat before the "launch flag" of her class is hoisted (with one sound signal).
The "launch flag" for the Radial Women class will be a pink flag with the letter W
The "launch flag" for the Radial Men fleet will be a blue flag with the letter M.

The first warning signal will be made not less than 1 hour after the "launch flag" is hoisted and not before the scheduled time.

- 4.3. Flag AP with two sound signals (one when lowered) means "The race is postponed. The first warning signal will be made not less than 90 minutes after AP is lowered." This changes Race Signals.

5. MEASUREMENT

- 5.1. All competitors shall present their boats for scrutiny by the Regatta Measurer before the start of the first race. Boats shall be presented fully rigged with all control lines in position.

Measurement will take place at the boat park between the following times:

Saturday 4 August – 0900 to 1200 and 1300 to 1800

Sunday 5 August – 0900 to 1200

Measurement outside these times may be allowed at the discretion of the Regatta Measurer and will be charged 20 Euro per boat (except in the event of damage).

- 5.2. Wet clothing, measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the Regatta at the discretion of the Race Committee or the International Jury.

6. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 6.1. All competitors shall use only one hull, sail, mast, boom, centreboard and rudder which shall be identified during measurement.

- 6.2. In the event of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the written permission of the Regatta Measurer. If the damage occurs later than 90 minutes before the first scheduled start on a racing day, and before the start of the last race of the day, provisional verbal permission shall be obtained from the Regatta Measurer, Jury or Race Committee and the written permission of the Regatta Measurer shall be applied for before the end of Protest Time at the end of the day in which the substitution takes place.

7. RACE FORMAT

- 7.1 Men and Women fleets will have a separate start. The Men's fleet will be divided into three groups and will sail a qualifier and finals series. The Women's fleet will not be divided.

- 7.2 spare

- 7.3 (a) For the qualifying series boats will be assigned to colour groups each day of, as nearly as possible, equal size. The groups will be posted 2 hours before the practice race and thereafter by 2100 hrs on the evening before each day with racing in groups.

- (b) Assignments will be based on the scores available at 2100 hrs that day regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided. For the purpose of rule 36, a race in a qualifying series remains the same race when restarted or resailed, irrespective of any re-grouping.

- (c) If all groups in a fleets have not completed the same number of races the series scores for reassignment will be calculated for those races, numbered in order of completion, completed by all groups in that fleet.

- (d) When, at the end of the day, groups have sailed an unequal number of races the group(s) with the lowest number of races will sail their outstanding races the following day in the previous day's groups before any racing in the new groups.

- 7.4 (a) The qualifying series will conclude after the 3rd racing day if at least 4 qualifier races have been completed by all qualifying fleets. If at least 4 qualifer races have not been completed after the 3rd racing day, the qualifying series will conclude after the 4th racing day.

- (b) If at the end of the qualifying series some qualifying fleets have more race scores than others, the most recent races will be abandoned so that all boats in the qualifying series have the same number of race scores.

- (c) The final-series fleets will have, as nearly as possible, equal size. Boats with the best qualifying-series scores (see SI 23, Scoring) will race all final-series races in the Gold fleet;

boats with the next-best qualifying-series scores will race in the Silver fleet

- 7.5 Different final-series fleets need not have completed the same number of final races.
- 7.6 Any recalculation of qualifying-series scores after boats have been assigned to final-series fleets will not affect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a boat to a higher fleet.
- 7.1 Male and female fleets will have a separate start. The male fleet will be divided into two groups and will sail a qualifier and finals series. The female fleet will not be divided.
- 7.2 spare
- 7.3 For the qualifying series boats will be assigned to colour groups each day of, as nearly as possible, equal size. The groups will be posted by 2100 hrs on the evening before each day when there is racing in groups.
- (a) Assignments will be based on the scores available at 2100 hrs that day regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided. For the purpose of rule 36, a race in a qualifying series remains the same race when restarted or re-sailed, irrespective of any re-grouping.
- If all groups in a fleets have not completed the same number of races the series scores for reassignment will be calculated for those races, numbered in order of completion, completed by all groups in that fleet.
- (b) When, at the end of the day, groups have sailed an unequal number of races the group(s) with the lowest number of races will sail their outstanding races the following day in the previous day's groups before any racing in the new groups.
- 7.4 (a) After completion of racing on the 4th racing day and the completion of at least 4 qualifier races boats will be assigned to final-series fleets on the basis of their qualifying-series scores. When, at the end of the 4th racing day, 4 qualifier races have not been completed the 5th racing day will be used for qualifier races and the fleet will assigned to final-series fleets at the completion of racing on the 5th racing day. There will be the same number of fleets in the final series as there were in the qualifying series. The final-series fleets will have, as nearly as possible, equal size. Boats with the best qualifying-series scores will race all final-series races in the Gold fleet; boats with the next-best qualifying-series scores will race in the Silver fleet.
- (b) A boat's worst score will be excluded to calculate the division into the finals fleets if there are two or more qualifier races completed.
- (c) Any recalculation of qualifying-series scores after boats have been assigned to final-series fleets will not affect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a boat to a higher fleet.

8. PROGRAMME

8.1.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Item</u> |
|-------------------|---|
| Saturday 4 August | Measurement, Registration |
| Sunday 5 August | Measurement, Registration |
| Monday 6 August | 1st warning signal 1100 each Racing Day This changes the Notice of Race. 1st Racing Day - 2 races (male qualifier, female series). |
| Tuesday 7 August | 2nd Racing Day - 2 races (male qualifier, female series). |

Wednesday 8 August 3rd Racing Day - 2 races (male qualifier, female series).
 Thursday 9 August 4th Racing Day - 2 races (male qualifier, female series).
 Friday 10 August 5th Racing Day Finals - 2 races (male qualifier or finals, female series).
 Saturday 11 August 6th Racing Day Finals - 2 races (male finals, female series).

Prize giving and closing ceremony

8.2. Any race for which a warning signal is not given by 1500 hrs on the last day of the regatta will be abandoned and not re-sailed.

9. CLASS FLAGS, FLEET AND GROUP IDENTIFICATION

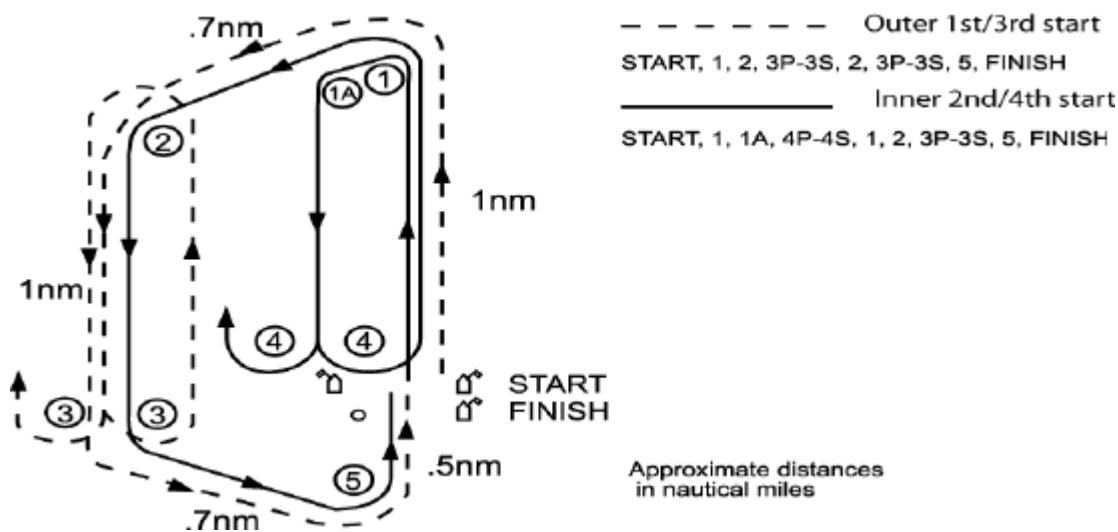
- 9.1. The Class Flags for the male fleet will be flags corresponding to the colour group. The class flag for the female fleet will be numeral pennant 1.
- 9.2. **Fleets divided into colour groups:** On her bottom mast between the vang fitting and the boom each boat shall display a coloured band of her group colour. Before the day's racing each competitor shall collect a band from the launch area desk.
- 9.3. Spare.
- 9.4. **Female competitors** shall place on each side of their sail a red diamond (back to back) above the top batten.

10. COURSE AREA

The approximate course area will be displayed on the official notice board.

11. THE COURSE

11.1. The diagram shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left. Mark 1A is not a mark of the course when sailing from mark 1 to mark 2.



- 11.2. The gates at Marks 3 and 4 may be laid after the start.
- 11.3. The length of the course will be set for a target time of 60 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 11.4. The course may be shortened to finish at a rounding mark provided 4 or more legs (excluding 1 to 1a) have been sailed.

12. MARKS

- 12.1. Standard Marks 1, 1A, and 4 (gate) will be yellow.
Standard Marks 2, 3 (gate) and 5 will be orange.
Alternate Marks (see instruction 15.1) will be blue.
- 12.2. The starting marks will be race committee boats at both ends of the starting line.
- 12.3. The finishing marks will be the race committee boat at the starboard end and an a blue mark at the port end.

13. THE START

- 13.1. Races will be started as follows:

| <u>Time before start</u> | <u>Signal</u> | <u>Visual signal</u> | <u>Sound signal</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 5 minutes | Warning | Class Flag(s) | 1 sound |
| 4 minutes | Preparatory | Flag P or Black Flag | 1 sound |
| 1 minute | | Flag P or Black Flag removed | 1 long sound |
| 0 minutes | Start | Class Flag(s) removed | 1 sound |

- 13.2. The warning signal for the second and third start will be made as soon as practicable after the previous start

- 13.3.

Race Programme / Daily Race Order

| <u>Race</u> | <u>Start</u> | <u>Fleets (Flags)</u> | <u>Course</u> |
|-------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1, 2, 3* 1 | | Youth Female (F) | Outer loop |
| 1, 2, 3* 2 | | Youth Male (Yellow) | Inner loop |
| 1, 2, 3* 3 | | Youth Male (Blue) | Outer loop |
| 1, 2, 3* 4 | | Youth Male (Red) | Inner loop |

* Race 3 sailed only if so notified (see instruction 3)

- 13.4. The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on two race committee boats.
- 13.5. Boats whose warning signal has not been displayed shall keep clear of the starting area between the warning and starting signals of the preceding start(s).
- 13.6. A boat that starts more than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rule 63.1 and A4.1.

14. STARTING PENALTIES

- 14.1. Standard Penalty Rule

Unless a black flag is displayed as the preparatory signal, the following rule will apply to all starts (this changes rule 29.1):

If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is identified within the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and Mark 1 during the minute before her starting signal, she will be disqualified from that start without a hearing.

- 14.2. Black Flag Rule

- 14.2.a. Rule 30.3 is supplemented as follows:

Sail numbers will be displayed for at least 3 minutes. A long sound signal will be made when the numbers are initially displayed. A boat whose number is so displayed shall leave the racing area, defined in instruction 14.2 (b) before the new preparatory signal. If she fails to do so, she will be scored DNE.

- 14.2.b. Before the starting signal, the racing area is the area within 100 metres of the starting line.

After the starting signal, the racing area is the area within an imaginary line drawn 100 metres outside any point where a boat might sail during normal racing and includes the area bounded by marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 at all times when any boat of any fleet is still racing.

14.2.c. When the race committee decides that its application of rule 30.3 entitles a boat to redress under rule 62.1(a), it may give her redress by not displaying her sail number and not disqualifying her (change of rules 30.3, 60.2 and 63.1).

14.3. If possible the sail numbers of boats disqualified under instruction 14.1 or rule 30.3 will be displayed at Mark 1.

15. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

15.1. When it is not possible to change the position of Standard Marks, the course may be reset using one or more Alternate Marks. When Alternate Marks are already in use, the course may be reset using Standard Marks.

15.2. A change of course after the start will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the changed mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. When a course is changed Mark 1a may not be re-set immediately.

15.3. The compass bearing of the changed leg may be displayed. "+" and "-" signals will not be displayed. A flag or shape indicating the colour of the next mark will be displayed under flag C. This changes rule 33.

16. ABANDONING A RACE

Under rule 32.1, the race committee may abandon the race because of a major wind shift or irregular winds or when the wind speed drops below 5 knots (2.5 m/s). A competitor may not request redress because of action or no action by the race committee under this instruction. This changes rule 62.1(a).

17. THE FINISH

17.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the port-end finishing mark.

17.2. If a course is shortened at a "gate" the finishing line will be between the 2 gate marks.

18. IMMEDIATE PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULE 42

18.1. Appendix P will apply with the following changes:

18.2. On the first protest, if protested after she has finished, a boat will be given a scoring penalty of 8 points without a hearing.

18.3. Rule App P3 is modified to read "If a boat has been protested for the first time under P1 and the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, **the penalty from her first protest is cancelled**, but the protest is counted to determine the number of times she has been protested during the series. If a boat has been protested for the second time under P1 and the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or the race is abandoned, **the boat shall not sail in this race** if it is restarted or re-sailed. If she does, she shall be disqualified without a hearing and her score shall not be excluded.

18.4. Action by the jury under Appendix P will not be grounds for redress by a competitor or the race committee. The Jury may initiate a redress hearing. This changes rule 60.1(b) and 60.2(b).

19. TIME LIMIT

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes rule 35, App A.4 and 5 .

20. PROTESTS

20.1. Protests form are available at the jury office. Protests shall be delivered to the jury office no later than the protest time limit. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board and may be different for each fleet or group.

20.2. Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit. Protests will be heard at the jury office.

- 20.3. Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit. The posting constitutes notice to competitors under rule 61.1(b).
- 20.4. A list of boats that, under instruction 18 and rule 42, have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the jury will be posted.
- 20.5. On the last day of the qualifying series and on the last day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- (a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed about the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) No later than 15 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed about the decision on that day.
 - (c) If no racing has taken place on that day no later than 30 minutes after signal 'AP over A' is displayed ashore.
- This changes rule 66.
- 20.6. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 66.
- 20.7. Breaches of instructions 1.3, 4.2, 9.2, 9.3, 13.5, 25 and 26 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). For these breaches the jury may apply another penalty in place of disqualification.
- 20.8. Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in rule 70.4.

21. ARBITRATION SYSTEM

- 21.1. As an alternative to a complete protest hearing by the jury for an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2, competitors may be given the choice of using an arbitration system. A condition for this is that the parties that are present at the time scheduled for the hearing agree to accept the decision of the arbitrators. The arbitration system changes rules 63 and 64.
- 21.2. The arbitrators will be two members of the jury. They will take the evidence of the parties and give their opinion as to any rule breaches. This opinion will be binding as a protest decision on the parties. However, the hearing may be reopened under rule 66. If a party to a hearing asks for a reopening, the penalty, if any, will be DSQ. If the arbitrators refer the case to the full jury, or the jury initiates a reopening, the penalty will be the penalty prescribed in instruction 21.3 or a greater penalty.
- 21.3. If the arbitrators penalise a boat, the penalty will be a scoring penalty of 30% (rounded up to the next whole number) of the number of entrants in the fleet or group. See rule 44.3(c).
- 21.4. If, at the time of offering the arbitration system to the parties, any of the parties refuse to accept the system, the protest will be heard by the full jury and the penalty score becomes DSQ or more (DNE).

22. WHISTLE SYSTEM

To encourage boats to take penalties afloat, jury members may blow a whistle when they see what they believe to be a breach of a rule.

23. SCORING

- 23.1 A total number of 5 races, consisting, where applicable, of the qualifying races and any final races completed by the Gold fleet, are required to constitute a regatta for all fleets.
- 23.2 For split fleets during either the qualifying series or the final series, rule A4.2 is changed such that the "number of boats entered in the series" is the number of boats in the largest fleet in the applicable series.
- 23.3 To determine the final series fleets at the end of the qualifying series only: If two or more qualifying series races have been completed by all qualifying fleets, a boat's qualifying series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 23.4
- (a) When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's regatta score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (b) When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's regatta score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores. However, no more than one score

may be excluded from the final series.

- 23.5 For boats with scores from final-series races, rule A8 is changed such that only final-series scores will be used to break ties with no scores excluded.
- 23.6 If a points scoring penalty for a breach of rule 42 or under the Arbitration System would result in a score worse than DSQ, the penalty will be that corresponding to DSQ. The scores of other boats will not be changed.

24. PRIZES

The first competitor overall in the Laser Radial Male and the Laser Radial Female fleets will be awarded the title Laser Radial Male/Female Youth World Champion respectively. Place prizes, including Laser cubes will be awarded for the first ten competitors on a ratio of one per ten entries to tenth place whichever is the least.

The first European Male Competitor in the overall scoring will be awarded the title Laser Radial Youth European Male Champion. The first European Female competitor in the overall scoring will be awarded the title Laser Radial Youth European Female Champion.

25. TEAM BOATS/ GEAR

- 25.1. Team and support boats shall register prior to the start of the first race and shall declare the names and sail numbers of the competitors with whom they are associated.
- 25.2. Team and support boats shall not be in the racing area during the period between the first warning signal of the first fleet or group in a race and the finish of the last boat in the last fleet or group, except when a postponement is signalled, in which case they may be in the racing area until the first signal after the end of the postponement. The racing area is defined in instruction 14.2.(b) *Note: To be certain of not infringing this instruction team boats are advised to anchor at least 150 metres outside the starboard end of the starting line and below the extension of the starting line.*
- 25.3. Instruction 25.2 will not apply to rescue operations.
- 25.4. If a team or support boat does not comply with instruction 25.1 and/or 25.2 a penalty may be applied to some or all associated competitors.
- 25.5. Competitors without coach or support boats may leave a small bag on the Race Committee signal boat.

26. SAFETY

- 26.1. Each competitor shall wear a securely fastened life jacket or waistcoat type buoyancy aid while afloat. This changes rule 40.
- 26.2. Competitors who require assistance should wave one arm with hand open. If no assistance is required, the arm should be waved with fist closed.
- 26.3. If considered necessary a competitor may be ordered by a race organisation boat to abandon his or her boat and board a patrol boat.
- 26.4. All competitors shall use the "TALLY" system as mentioned in a separate instruction "Do's & Don'ts - SAFETY & CONDUCT RULES OF THE BEACHMASTER" every day before they go racing and immediately on returning to shore. This instruction will also be published on the official notice board.
- 26.5. Competitors that fail to comply with the instruction mentioned in SI 26.4 will be protested.

27. LIABILITY

The Stichting Evenementen Laserklasse Organisatie Nederland with the support of the Vereniging Jachtclub Scheveningen and the International Laser Class Association and their officers, members and volunteers do not accept liability for loss of life or property, or personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the 2007 Laser Radial Women European Championships and the Laser Radial Men World Championships. The establishment of the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibilities of a competitor being solely and entirely responsible for the management of a boat he or she is sailing.

A competitor must be of good health and a competent sailor capable of racing a Laser Radial in open water in 25 knot winds.

It is the responsibility of each sailor, and where applicable the nominated responsible adult, to decide

to participate in a race or to continue racing.

A competitor is wholly and exclusively responsible for third party liability insurance on the boat that he or she is sailing and for his or her personal accident and health insurance. For third party liability insurance the recommended minimum amount of cover by the Dutch National Authority is one million Euro.

28. COMMITTEE BOATS

- 28.1. Each race committee boat may display a flag with the letters RC.
- 28.2. Patrol boats may display a flag with the letters RESCUE.
- 28.3. Mark laying boats may display a flag with the letters RC.
- 28.4. Jury boats may display a flag with the letters JURY.