



Euro Laser Masters Cup 2016

La Rochelle – 14th to 16th May

NOTICE OF RACE

The Euro Laser Masters Cup La Rochelle will be held from the **14th to the 16th May 2016** in La Rochelle bay waters (La Rochelle - France), organized by the Société des Régates Rochelaises and the Fédération Française de Voile in association with the French Laser Class, and with the European Region of the International Laser Class Association (EurILCA). This championship is part of the 2016 EURO MASTERS SERIES (EMS) coordinated by the European Region of the International Laser Class Association (EurILCA).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the "Rules" as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing. The Prescriptions of the National Authority will not apply.
- 1.2 Laser class rule 7 (a) is restricted as follows: *Only one person shall be on board whilst racing. The person shall be named on the entry form. The written permission of the Laser class to change the class rules as required by RRS 87 will be posted on the ONB during the event.*
- 1.3 Appendix P "Special Procedures for Rule 42" will apply with changes to include: allowing jury initiated redress and to score 8 points penalty for a first penalty given after finishing and to prohibit a boat that has been disqualified for a rule 42 infringement or has retired in recognition of a rule 42 infringement from sailing in the race if that race is re-started or re-sailed. The "Special Procedures for Rule 42" will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 Sails shall have the full sail number and NATIONAL LETTERS in accordance with the Class Rules and RRS. The national letters shall denote the National Authority of which the sailor is a member in accordance with RRS 75.2, RRS 77 and with 2.1 Entry regulations below. This changes RRS Appendix G 1.1.

2. ENTRY REGULATIONS

- 2.1. Only current fully paid members of the International Laser Class Association may enter the regatta. These memberships shall be with the Laser Fleet/District Association and with the ISAF National Authority of the country, where the sailor normally sails, even though such place may not be his permanent residence; however, such member, for any valid reason and with the approval of both District Chairmen, may select instead the Fleet/District and the ISAF National Authority in which he has permanent residence in accordance with the ILCA constitution article 10 (3) and ILCA rule part two article 9. The sailor can only be member of one Laser Fleet/District Association. The ISAF number of the sailor must be with the ISAF National Authority as defined above.

During registration each sailor will be required to show clear written evidence of current membership of their national Laser Association.

If a sailor is unable to present this, he/she will be charged a fee of € 70, € 10 of which will be retained by the collecting club and € 10 by EurILCA, to cover administration. € 50 will be passed on to the sailor's district, who may refund it to the sailor if he/she is already a current member, or may put it towards that sailor's membership fee if he/she is not a member.

- 2.2 French competitors shall be in possession of the FFVoile Licence card of 2016, stamped by a doctor.
- 2.3 Crew substitution of the registered sailor is not permitted.
- 2.4 The Championship will be held separately for the following age categories in the Standard Rig, Radial Rig and 4.7 Rig. In order to compete in an age category the competitors shall reach the following ages during 2016:
 - LASER STANDARD (men only):
 - 35 - 44 to compete in the Standard Apprentice
 - 45 - 54 to compete in the Standard Masters
 - 55 - 64 to compete in the Standard Grand Masters
 - 65 - 74 to compete in the Standard Great Grand Masters
 - LASER RADIAL (men and women):
 - 35 - 44 to compete in the Radial Apprentice
 - 45 - 54 to compete in the Radial Masters
 - 55 - 64 to compete in the Radial Grand Masters
 - 65 - 74 to compete in the Radial Great Grand Masters
 - 75 or older to compete in the Radial Legend Masters
 - LASER 4.7 (women only):
 - 35 or older to compete in 4.7

3. ENTRIES



- 3.1 Entries shall be made through the web site www.srr-sailing.com (alternatively, the "Official Entry Form" may be sent by email at the Société des Régates Rochelaises – info@srr-sailing.com).
- 3.2 **Entries shall be made before 8th May 2016, 00:00.** The Organizing Committee has the right to accept entries received after this date.
- 3.3 Entry fee is 75 €, and must be carried out according to point 3.4 of this Notice of Race. For entries made after 00:00 hrs local time on 8th of May 2016 an additional late entry fee of 20 € will be surcharged.
- 3.4 Methods of payment:
- Web site by credit card: www.srr-sailing.com (**no later than 00:00 hrs local time on 8th of May 2016**).
 - Bank transfer (**no later than 00:00 hrs local time on 8th of May 2016**):

RELEVÉ D'IDENTITÉ BANCAIRE

TITULAIRE DU COMPTE : ASS STE DES REGATES ROCHELAISE
 ADRESSE : LES MINIMES
 AVENUE DE LA CAPITAINERIE
 17000 LA ROCHELLE

DOMICILIATION : BPACA LES MINIMES- 00538

CODE BANQUE	CODE GUICHET	NUMERO DE COMPTE	CLE RIB
10907	00538	64219468348	18

IBAN : FR76 1090 7005 3864 2194 6834 818
 Adresse SWIFT (BIC) : CCBPFRPPBDX

(If used this method of payment, please notify your sail number as a reference of the transfer and keep the received with you to avoid any misunderstanding).

- 3.5 **In any circumstance, entry deadline will be at 11:30hrs local time on 14th of May 2016. ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER THIS DEADLINE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- 4. REGISTRATION OF COMPETITORS**
- 4.1 Each competitor shall personally register and sign the registration form at the Race Office from 8:30 to 11:30 on the 14th of May.
- 4.2 The Race Office is located in the tent on the boat park – Port des Minimes.
- 4.3 During registration all participants will be required to show evidence of current membership of their national Laser Association and the ISAF National Authority, and the minimum third part liability insurance cover of 1.500.000.-€.
- 4.4 French competitors will be required to show their 2016 National Sailing Licence card.
- 5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
- 5.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the web site www.srr-sailing.com the days previous to the race. Copies of Sailing Instructions will be handed over at the Race Office during the registration, if they are requested.
- 6. MEASUREMENT**
- 6.1 Wet clothing, measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the Regatta at the discretion of the Regatta Measurer, Class Representative, Race Committee or the International Jury.
- 7. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT**
- 7.1 All competitors shall use only one hull, one sail, one mast, one boom, one centreboard and one rudder.
- 7.2 In the event of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the written permission of the Regatta Measurer, International Jury or Race Committee in accordance with the sailing instructions.
- 7.3 Female competitors shall place a red diamond (rhombus) on each side of their sail (back to back). The diamond shall be 240mm high and 180mm wide +/- 5mm and shall be located in the centre of the sail immediately above the top batten in accordance with Laser class rule 4(g).
- 7.4 Boats may be required to display identification numbers and/or Event Advertising as defined in the sailing instructions and in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 Advertising Code.

**8. PROGRAM**

8.1 Schedule:

DATE	TIME	DESCRIPTION
Saturday, 14 th May	8:30 h – 11:30 h 14:30 h	Registration Starting time of the first race of the day
Sunday, 15 th May	11:00 h	Starting time of the first race of the day
Monday, 16 th May	11:00 h	Starting time of the first race of the day

- 8.2. Any race whose warning signal is not given by 16:00 hrs on the 16th of May will be abandoned and not re-sailed, except as a consequence of a General Recall.

9. RACING FORMAT

- 9.1 Up to 6 races will be sailed.
- 9.2 A minimum of 1 completed race is required to constitute the championship.
- 9.3 Two races are scheduled per day, back to back. The Race Committee has the right to add one extra race per day if the number of races is behind schedule.
- 9.4 There will be separate rankings for each age category of the Standard, Radial and 4.7 fleets. The category ranking will be extracted from the overall result of the corresponding fleet without recalculation.
- 9.5 There will be a separate start for the Laser Standard and Laser Radial Rigs and for the Laser 4.7 if there are at least 10 competitors.
- 9.6 If there are a large number of participants in the Standard fleet or in the Radial fleet or in the 4.7 fleet, they will be divided into further fleets, according to the Sailing Instructions. The Organizing Committee has the right to determine the number of participants to create the fleets. These fleets will be composed of one or several age categories of the same Rig, in order to form fleets of approximately 20 to 60 participants. The first composition of the fleets will be announced on Saturday 14th of May at 12:30 hrs. The Sailing Instructions will describe the fleet's composition procedure. There will be no qualifier and final series in this case.

10. COURSES

Trapezoid courses will be used with inner and outer loops. The Target time for the first boat in each race will be 60 minutes.

11. INTERNATIONAL JURY

An international jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N and perform the duties listed in RRS Appendix N2. Their decisions will be final as provided in rule 70.5 RRS.

12. 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.

13. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

For protests where only a rule of Part 2 is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing may be offered prior to any formal protest hearing.

14. APPEALS

According to RRS 70.5 and 91(b) the jury decisions will be final.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

While racing, a boat shall neither make radio communication nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

16. ANTI DOPING & DRUG TESTING

Competitors shall comply with rule 5 and ISAF Regulation 21 Anti-Doping Rule and Anti-Doping Code, which ban the use of drugs. Drugs testing may take place during the event.

17. SAFETY

Competitors shall wear a life jacket or other adequate personal buoyancy at all times when afloat. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.



18. SCORING

18.1 Scoring for this regatta

The Low-Point Scoring System (RRS Appendix A) will apply.

When 4 or more races are completed, 1 race score will be excluded.

There will be separate rankings for each category as defined in "19. Prizes" below. It will be by extraction for each age category from the overall position in the Laser Standard fleet and Laser Radial fleet unless there is more than one start in the Laser Standard or Laser Radial fleets when the ranking will be extracted from the overall position in the starting fleet. A separate ranking will be extracted from each age category for the Laser Radial women. The fleet rankings are for information only (no overall winners of the Standard or Radial fleet).

If a points scoring penalty 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.

18.2 Ranking for the overall 2016 Euro Masters Series (EMS)

The overall Series ranking will be composed by adding the results (position, not points) for each age category at each individual regatta. A separate ranking will be made for each age category for the Laser Radial women.

The 2016 Euro Masters Series consist of the 13 regattas as of the Notice of Race for the Series plus the European Master Championship. A minimum of 2 regattas must be sailed by a competitor to be included in the 2016 Euro Master Series ranking and a competitor's best 3 results will be scored for the Overall Series ranking. For regattas not sailed a competitor gets DNC based on the total number of participants in the category for the whole Series.

The winner shall be the competitor with the lowest total score. When there is a tie on the total points between two or more boats, the tie shall be broken in favour of the boat with the most first places, and when any such boats remain tied, the most second places and so on, if necessary for such races as count for total points. When the tie still remains, it shall stand as part of the final series results. This changes RRS A8.

19. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for the following categories:

Laser Apprentice Standard Men (35 to 44 years)
Laser Master Standard Men (45 to 54 years)
Laser Grand Master Standard Men (55 to 64 years)
Laser Great Grand Master Standard Men (65 to 74 years)

Laser Apprentice Radial Men (35 to 44 years)
Laser Apprentice Radial Women (35 to 44 years)
Laser Master Radial Men (45 to 54 years)
Laser Master Radial Women (45 to 54 years)
Laser Grand Master Radial Men (55 to 64 years)
Laser Grand Master Radial Women (55 to 64 years)
Laser Great Grand Master Radial Men (65 to 74 years)
Laser Great Grand Master Radial Women (65 to 74 years)
Laser Legend Master Radial Men (from 75 years)
Laser Legend Master Radial Women (from 75 years)

Laser 4.7 Women Overall

20. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

By entering the regatta competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the regatta and/or using the regatta facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitors approval of such images or any use thereof.

21. LIABILITY

The Société des Régates Rochelaises, the Fédération Française de Voile and the European Region of the International Laser Class Association (EURILCA) and all 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 Euro Laser Masters Cup La Rochelle.

All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk and responsibility. Attention is drawn to the RRS Fundamental Rule 4 – Decision to Race, which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

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 is sailing.



International Laser Class Association



Club Société des Régates Rochelaises



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A competitor shall maintain their boat in a safe and seaworthy condition.

22. INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, each competitor agrees to indemnify and hold the Société des Régates Rochelaises, the Fédération Française de Voile and the European Region of the International Laser Class Association (EURILCA) owners, affiliates, officers, employees, agents, committee persons and race officials acting in their official capacities harmless, from any third party claim to the extent arising from a competitor's acts or omissions.

23. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

This Notice of Race may be subject to amendments which will be identified in the Notice of Race and noted on the championship web site of the Société des Régates Rochelaises.

24. INFORMATION

Please contact the Société des Régates Rochelaises office for any further questions you would require:

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14:00 to 18:00 h

25. SOCIAL EVENTS

Social events program will be posted and announced on the Société des Régates Rochelaises web site.

Notice: Points 24 and 25 of this Notice of Race are only informative and shall not be considered as rules of the Notice of Race.

La Rochelle, 14th January 2016