



Notice of Race

2018 AUSTRALIAN LASER MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Divisions 4.7s, Radials and Standard Rigs

9 - 12 FEBRUARY 2018

Organising Authority:

MAROOCHY SAILING CLUB

on behalf of the

**Australian Laser Class Association Inc.
and
Queensland Laser Association Inc.**

Entries online only at:

www.lasermasters2018.com

1. Organising Authority

The Organising Authority is the Maroochy Sailing Club on behalf of the Queensland Laser Association Inc. (QLA) and the Australian Laser Class Association Inc. (ALCA).

2. Rules

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2.2 Australian Sailing Prescriptions and Special Regulations, Part 2 Off the Beach Boats will apply.

2.3 Sails shall have the full sail number and a red rhombus for all women competitors in accordance with the Class Rules and RRS.

3. Advertising and GPS Tracking

3.1 The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by any boat, if it is considered offensive to public taste or if it contravenes the laws of the governments of Queensland or Australia.

3.2 Boats may be required to display event advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies [DP].

3.3 Boats may be required to carry GPS tracking devices during racing.

4. Eligibility and Entry

4.1 The regatta is open to all Laser Masters sailors in accordance with ILCA policy.

4.2 All competitors shall be financial members of a District of the International Laser class Association (ILCA)

4.3 Proof of age may be required for entrants.

4.4 Eligibility for categories shall be the competitor's age at 8st February, 2018

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| Categories | Age |
|--------------------|----------|
| Apprentice Master | 35 to 44 |
| Master | 45 to 54 |
| Grand Master | 55 to 64 |
| Great Grand Master | 65 to 74 |
| Legend | +75 |

4.5 Entries may be lodged via the Regatta web site at lasermasters2018.com through the online entry system before 1630hrs (EST) on 2 February 2018 accompanied by the required entry fee (see NOR 5). For competitors who do not have access to the internet, please fill in the entry form and mail to the Maroochy Sailing Club.

4.6 Late entries will **only be accepted via the Regatta web site** up to 1700 hours, 8 February, 2018 accompanied by the required entry fee and late fee. Beach entries will not be available.

5. Fees

5.1 The entry fee includes one ticket to the Regatta dinner and welcome and presentation functions is \$220

5.2 The late fee is an additional \$100 with no exceptions

6. Divisions and Categories

6.1 Racing will be conducted in three Divisions.

- Laser Standard
- Laser Radial
- Laser 4.7

6.2 The following categories will be included if five or more entries are received for that category:

- Laser Standard - App.M, Master, GM, and GGM for Men only
- Laser Radial – App.M, Master, GM, GGM and Legend for Women and Men
- Laser 4.7 – App.M, Master, GM, GGM and Legend for Women and Men

7 Schedule

7.1 Schedule of Events:

| Date | Time | Activity |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Friday, 9 February 2018 | 0800 –1100 | Registration |
| | 1100 | Competitor Meeting |
| | 1330 | First warning signal (2 races) |
| | 1800 | Welcome Function |
| | Saturday 10 February 2018 | 1300 |
| Sunday, 11 February 2018 | 1830 | Regatta Dinner |
| | 1300 | First warning signal (3 races) |
| Monday, 12 February 2018 | 1800 | Masters Meeting |
| | 1100 | First warning signal (2 races) |
| | ASAP after sailing | Trophy Presentation Function |

7.2 Additional races may be sailed on any day at the Race Committee's discretion

7.3 The Race Committee may elect to change the start time of the following day's racing based on weather forecasts and the various fleet requirements. A notice advising of any such change will be posted no later than 1800 on the preceding race day.

7.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made later than 1500 hours

8. Measurement

8.1 It is a competitor's responsibility to ensure that his/her boat and equipment comply with class rules. Measurement and clothing checks may be carried out at any time and a yacht or helmsperson which fails an inspection may be disqualified from ALL races held on the day prior to such inspection.

8.2 For the duration of the regatta, each competitor shall use only one hull, sail, mast, boom, centreboard, rudder and one batten set. Such equipment may only be replaced as allowed by and in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

8.3 As dollies maybe shared during the regatta, all boats shall have serviceable dollies. 'Serviceable' specifically includes being fitted with pneumatic tyres at least 60 mm wide (or equivalent) and having adequate padding. Any boat with an unsatisfactory or unserviceable dolly will be refused entry.

9. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available when registering at the Regatta Office of the Organising Authority and may be available earlier on the regatta website at .

10. Venue

10.1 The regatta site shall be the Mooloolaba Marina at 35 to 37 Parkyn Parade, Mooloolaba.

10.2 The racing area shall be the waters of Mooloolaba Bay.

11. The Courses

11.1 The courses will be trapezoid or windward / return, as described in the Sailing Instructions.

12. Penalty System

12.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 shall apply.

13. Arbitration

Protest arbitration will apply and will be in accordance with the Sailing Instructions

14. Scoring

14.1 Ten (10) races are scheduled. Four (4) races are required to constitute a series.

14.2 When four races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of all her race scores

14.3 When from four to nine races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her worst score.

14.4 When ten races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

15. Support Boats

15.1 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.

15.2 All Support Boats shall register at the Regatta Office and pay a Support Boat fee of \$100. The registration fee will only be refundable at the conclusion of the Championships if there has been full compliance by that Support Boat with NOR 15..

15.3 All Support Boats shall be moored in their assigned place and display the flag supplied by the Organising Authority.

15.4 Coaches using a Support Boat shall provide next of kin contact information and sign a 'Coaches Code of Conduct' at the time of registration

15.5 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.

15.6 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.

16 Radio Communications

16.1 Except in an emergency a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data communications and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats [DP].

17.Prizes

17.1 Laser class cubes and prizes shall be awarded in accordance with the ILCA bylaws

17.2 Australian Championships Perpetual trophies will be awarded in accordance with ALCA policy.

17.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

18. Disclaimer of Liability

18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organising 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.

19. Insurance

19.1 Each competitor shall be insured with a valid third party insurance with a minimum cover of AUD\$10,000,000 per incident or equivalent. Signing the entry and declaration form confirms currency of this insurance.

20. Rights to Use Name and Likeness

20.1 In participating in the regatta, a competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the regatta, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time and 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 regatta in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said regatta without compensation.

21.Changes to Notice of Race

21.1 Any changes to this Notice of Race will be published on the regatta website no later than 9 January, 2018.

22. Charter Boats

Charter boats will not be provided by the Organising Authority, but may be available from a range of independent providers. Further information may be obtained from the event web site.

23. Further Information

For further information, please contact
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24 Charter Boats

Charter boats may be available from various suppliers. Please refer to the Charter Boats page at lasermasters2018.com.

25 Accommodation: Ample and varied accommodation is available in the local area. Early bookings are recommended. Refer to the Accommodation page at lasermasters2018.com.

26 Boat Storage: Boat and trolley parking in the rigging area for competitors arriving prior to the commencement of the regatta will be available from Thursday 8th February. Further details will be made available at lasermasters2018.com.