



## 2017 EURO MASTERS SERIES

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### NOTICE OF RACE

Date	Venue	Entry Fee	Entry Closing Date
6 - 9 April	Calella, Spain	€ 100	27/03/2016
20 - 22 May	Ostende, Belgium	€ TBA	TBA
25 - 28 May	Beulakerwijde, Netherlands	€ TBA	TBA
10 - 15 June	Master European Championship Fouesnant, France (separate NOR)	€ 210	11/05/2016
30 June– 2 July	Hayling Island, Great Britain	£70	17/06/2016
30 June– 2 July	Neusiedlersee Austria	€ TBA	TBA
29- 30 July	Nauvo, Finland	€ TBA	TBA
10 - 13 August	Sandhamn, Sweden	SEK TBA	TBA
1- 3 September	Kiel, Germany	€ TBA	TBA
8- 10 September	Le Pradet, France	€ 80	03/11/2017
20 -22 October	Roses, Spain	€ TBA	TBA
10 - 12 November	Mali Losinj, Croatia	€ TBA	TBA

For more details about each venue, including links to entry forms, late entry fees, accommodation and travel arrangements, please see point 20 Venue Information below or visit the Euro Masters website at:  
TBA: To be announced

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#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. Each regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-16 (RRS). 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*”
- 1.3. Appendix P "Special Procedures for Rule 42" will apply with changes to include: allowing a jury initiated redress, 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.
- 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 and with 2.1 Entry regulations above. 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. Crew substitution of the registered sailor is not permitted.

- 2.3. Competitors shall reach the following ages during 2017:

Age group	Master Category
35 to 44	Laser Standard Apprentice Master (men only) Laser Radial Apprentice Master (men and women)
45 to 54	Laser Standard Master (men only) Laser Radial Master (men and women)
55 to 64	Laser Standard Grand Master (men only) Laser Radial Grand Master (men and women)
65 and over	Laser Radial Great Grand Master (men and women) Laser Standard Great Grand Master (men only)
75 and over	Laser Radial Legend
35 and older	Laser 4.7 (Women only)

- 2.4 Any sailor who has not, by the closing time for registration, completed registration at the venue will be removed from the list of sailors for that event and will not be scored at that event. This also applies to sailors who have complied with all other entry requirements.

## 3. ENTRY FEES & MAILING ADDRESSES FOR ENTRIES

Entries must be made by the date specified on the EurILCA website. Payment of entry fees may be made on site at some regattas provided the competitor has entered and sent the completed entry form to be received by the entry closing date. Please check the information on the EurILCA website for individual regattas. Where on site entry is available, sailors who did not complete an entry form by the entry closing date, or sailors who cannot show confirmation that the host has received their entry form by the entry closing date, will be charged the late entry fee. See also Notice of Race 2.4.

## 4. MEASUREMENT/INSPECTION

Boat and equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, wet clothing rules and sailing instructions at the discretion of the regatta measurer, class representative, race committee or international jury.

## 5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Copies of Sailing Instructions will be available from the Race Offices and/or the local website of the organising club the latest one day before the Regatta/s.

## 6. RACING FORMAT / COURSES

The courses will be detailed in the sailing instructions. In principle, trapezoid courses will be used with inner and outer loops. The target time for the first boat in each race will be 60 minutes.

Two races will be 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.

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 5 competitors.

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 Sailing Instructions will describe the fleet's composition procedure. There will be no qualifier and final series.

## **7. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT**

- 7.1. All competitors shall use only one hull, sail, mast, boom, centreboard and rudder.
- 7.2. In the event of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the written permission of the Regatta Measurer, Jury or Race Committee. 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, Jury or Race Committee shall be applied for before the end of Protest Time at the end of the day in which the substitution takes place.
- 7.3. Female competitors shall place a red diamond 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 with Laser class rule 4(g). Please see <http://www.laserinternational.org/rules/classrules/parttwo/sailregistrationnumbers>

## **8. PROGRAMES**

The programs of the individual regattas are detailed below. Further information may be obtained from the website of the organising club and / or the Notice of Race of the individual regatta.

## **9. INTERNATIONAL JURY**

An international jury may 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.

## **10. WHISTLE SYSTEM**

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

## **11. 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.

## **12. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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

## **13. 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.

## **14. SAFETY**

Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times when afloat, except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes rule RRS 40.

## **15. SCORING**

### **15.1. Individual Regattas**

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

A minimum of 1 completed race is required to validate the individual regatta.

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

There will be separate rankings for each Master category as defined in 16.1 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 Radial Legend Masters (75 & Over) result will be determined by the series score in the combined Great Grand Master and Radial Legend Master fleet. (Note: This result will be extracted from the overall result and published without recalculation.). 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.

### **15.2. Overall Series**

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 2017 Euro Masters Series consist of the 11 regattas as of this Notice of Race for the Series plus the European Master Championship for a total of 12 regattas. A minimum of 2 regattas must be sailed by a competitor to be included in the 2017 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.

## **16. PRIZES**

16.1. Prizes for each Regatta will be awarded in the following Master categories.

### Standard Fleet:

Laser Apprentice Standard (35 to 44 years)

Laser Master Standard (45 to 54 years)

Laser Grand Master Standard (55 to 64 years)

Laser Great Grand Master Standard Men (from 65)

### Laser Radial Fleet:

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 (from 65)

Laser Great Grand Master Radial Women (from 65)

Laser Great Grand Master Standard Men (from 65)

Laser Legend (from 75)

### Laser 4.7 Fleet:

Laser 4.7 Women Overall

16.2 Overall Series

EurILCA prizes will be awarded in each category subject to ILCA Honour Awards By Law.

## **17. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT**

By entering the Championships competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race 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.

## **18. LIABILITY**

The Sailing Clubs, the National Authorities, EurILCA, their officers, members and volunteers do not accept liability for loss of life or property, personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the Euro Masters Series regattas

All those taking part in an 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 or she is sailing.

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

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. Insurance requirements details for each regatta can be found in the regatta information below.

All competitors shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1,500,000 (1.5 million Euros) per event or equivalent there of in any other currency.

**19. INDEMNIFICATION**

To the fullest extent permitted by law, each competitor agrees to indemnify and hold the Sailing Clubs, the National Authorities, 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.

**20. 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 EurILCA website.

**21. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information will be notified either from EurILCA or from individual organising clubs.

**22. VENUE INFORMATION**

Please visit the EurILCA.org website

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