



Notice of Race

2022 Laser Masters Australian Championships

25 – 28 February 2022

Venue: Balnarring Beach, Victoria, Australia

Organising Authority: Westernport Yacht Club (WYC), Victorian Laser Association (VLA) and the Australian Laser Class Association (ALCA)

Update 1: (21 June 21) Clause 17.2 – Method of determining Division and Women's Prizes

Update 2: (16 October 21) Update regatta entry booking URL

Update 3: (17 November 2021) ILCA have expanded Apprentice to 30 to 44 years old

Update 4: (6 December 2021) Clause 16.4 – Clarify 2 drops for nine or ten races

Update 5: (1 Feb 22) Clause 3.5 – Add refund option re travel regulations & Update 4.2 & delete 4.4 removing the late entry fee

Update 6: (24 Feb 22) Clause 17.2 – Age Divisions will be scored only within Age Divisions

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 Off the Beach boats shall apply.
- 1.3 ILCA class rule 7 (a) is restricted as follows: "Only one person (the registered sailor) shall be on board while racing."
- 1.4 RRS Appendix T "Arbitration" will apply.
- 1.5 In all rules governing this event.
 - (a) (DP) denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee; and
 - (b) (NP) denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING (DP, NP)

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3. ENTRY REGULATIONS

- 3.1 Only current, fully paid members of the International Laser Class Association and of a World Sailing member national authority may enter the event. These memberships shall be with the ILCA Fleet/District Association and with the World Sailing member national authority of the country, where the sailor normally sails, even though such place may not be their permanent residence; however, such member, for any valid reason and with the approval of both District Chairperson, may select instead the Fleet/District and the World Sailing member national authority in which he has permanent residence in accordance with the ILCA Constitution, Article 10 (3) and the ILCA Class Rules, Part Two, Article 9. The sailor can only be member of one ILCA Fleet/District Association.
- 3.2 Crew substitution of the registered sailor is not permitted.
- 3.3 No resale or transfer of entries is allowed.
- 3.4 Entry is restricted to sailors who, on 25 February 2022, are aged as follows:

30 to 44	Laser Standard, Radial & 4.7 Apprentice
45 to 54	Laser Standard, Radial & 4.7 Master
55 to 64	Laser Standard, Radial & 4.7 Grand Master
65 and over	Laser Standard Great Grand Master
65 to 74	Laser Radial & 4.7 Great Grand Master
75 and over	Laser Radial & 4.7 Legend
- 3.5 **After entry is opened and until the start of the event the Organising Authority will monitor the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic or other potential disruptions to the event, and, having regard for the health and safety of all participants as well as any government travel restrictions or government mandated conditions on gatherings that affect participation in or conduct of the event, may at its sole discretion:**
 - Postpone or cancel the event,

- Change the status of the event from an Australian Championship to a National Regatta,
- Alter the maximum number of entries,
- Make any other decision deemed necessary in the circumstances.

Decisions made will be communicated via the Australian Lasers App and to entrants.

If the event is postponed or cancelled the organising authority will use reasonable endeavors to refund as much of the entry fee as possible, though the amount of any such refunds cannot be guaranteed.

A sailor may request a refund if any State Government implements travel regulations more onerous than in place on 31 January 2022.

4. ENTRY

- 4.1 Entries will be accepted at: www.clubops.com.au/event/GHJOT
- 4.2 The entry closing date is noon on 25 February 2022.
- 4.3 The entry fee is AUD 320.

5. CHARTER BOATS

- 5.1 A limited number of charter boats will be made available to competitors for reservation through TBA vendors.

6. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT (NP, DP)

- 6.1 The event will be sailed in Laser class sailboats as recognised by World Sailing, commonly sold under the brand name "ILCA" or "Laser." All boats must have a valid World Sailing plaque attached in accordance with the ILCA Class Rules to the aft face of the cockpit.
- 6.2 All competitors shall use only one hull, sail, batten set, mast, boom, centreboard and rudder; all of which shall be identified during equipment inspection.
- 6.3 In the event of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the written permission of the event equipment inspector in accordance with the sailing instructions.
- 6.4 Boats may be required to display identification numbers and fleet identification colors supplied by the organising authority.
- 6.5 Access to the boat park may be restricted during certain hours including the hours of darkness.

7. RACING FORMAT

- 7.1 Depending on the number of entries competitors of the same class and different age categories may sail together in a single fleet.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1

Tue 22 February	Pre-regatta Coaching Clinic
Wed 23 February	Pre-regatta Coaching Clinic
Thur 24 February	0900-1700 Early Registration & Charter boat allocation
Fri 25 February	0830-1200 Registration & Charter boat allocation 1200 Information Session 1400 2 races back to back After racing – Complimentary food and one drink
Sat 26 February	1300 3 races back to back After racing – Complimentary food and one drink
Sun 27 February	1300 3 races back to back After racing – Regatta dinner at WYC (Free for competitors)
Mon 28 February	1030 2 races back to back After racing – Prize Giving
- 8.2 Each day succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
- 8.3 On the last day of the championship, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available via the Australian Lasers App.

10. RACE OFFICE

- 10.1 The race office is located at Westernport YC.

11. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION (NP, DP)

- 11.1 Wet clothing and equipment inspections may be made throughout the event at the discretion of the class representative, race committee or the protest committee.

12. COURSES

Depending on entry numbers, either a trapezoid course or windward/leeward courses will be used. The target time for the first boat in each race will be 50 minutes.

13. PROTEST COMMITTEE

A protest committee will be appointed.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION (DP)

Except in an emergency, 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.

15. SAFETY (DP)

Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
16.2 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
16.3 When six to eight races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
16.4 When nine or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

17. PRIZES

ILCA Cube Prizes

- 17.1 ILCA cube prizes will be awarded in accordance with the ILCA Honour Award By-Law.
17.2 All Age Divisions will be scored only within that Age Division.
17.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

18. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

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

19. LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

- 19.1 The Organising Authority 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 event. Competitors take part in the event at their own risk.
19.2 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.
19.3 All competitors shall maintain their boats in a safe and seaworthy condition.
19.4 A competitor shall be of good health and a competent sailor capable of racing a Laser Standard, Laser Radial or Laser 4.7 in open water in all conditions including strong winds.
19.5 At-fault occurrences to other boats are the responsibility of the helmsman. Competitors are not covered by any liability insurance provided by the organising authority and should provide their own coverage for personal goods and liability protection. The organising authority recommends that competitors

consult their own insurance carriers to assure they are covered at this event and regarding additional personal liability insurance coverage.

- 19.6 A competitor is recommended to have personal accident and health insurance that covers him while attending the event and while racing.
- 19.7 To the fullest extent permitted by law, each competitor agrees to indemnify and hold the Organising Authority, 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. LOCAL CONTACT

Please see, Australian Lasers app or contact Nick Ede on 0400 642 254

21. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

This notice of race may be subject to amendments which will be posted via the Australian Laser App.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Australian Lasers App

Competitor information, both prior and during the regatta, will be provided via the **Australian Lasers** app.

Download the **Australian Lasers** app for free via either the iTunes or Google Play stores.

Simply search “Australian Lasers”



When the App opens, select “National & District Events” and then “2022 Laser Masters Australian Championships”

Things to Do and See

The regatta will provide plenty of opportunity to relax on the shores of Westernport and enjoy some of the local treats such as wineries, cideries, gourmet foods and much more. Please visit

<https://www.visitmorningtonpeninsula.org/ThingsToDo.aspx>

Accommodation

There are camping grounds adjacent to WYC. Campsite bookings can be made directly with via <https://www.balnarring.net/camping/>. Other accommodation options are available in Balnarring, Merricks, Somers and other close by options within easy driving distance of WYC.

Please visit accommodation websites like Airbnb, Stayz, booking.com for many options.

Somers is a good option given it's only 5 minutes drive from WYC. It has a large cabin based holiday park, https://www.tripadvisor.com.au/Hotel_Review-g2462769-d4178681-Reviews-Somers_Cabin_Park-Somers_Victoria.html