

Royal Belgian Sailing Club - Heusden
Open Belgian Team Racing Championship
Laser Standard & Laser Radial
8th September 2012

NOTICE of RACE

1 INTRODUCTION

Two competitions are organised jointly: a team racing event for three boat teams sailed in Laser Standard and a team racing event for three boat teams in Laser Radial, all boats being supplied by the competitors. If less than 6 teams apply in a class they will be invited to change to the other class.

2 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority is the Royal Belgian Sailing Club.

3 RULES

- 3.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing including appendix D, Team Racing Rules.
- 3.2 All races will be umpired. The ISAF Call Book for Team Racing will apply.
- 3.3 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the RBSC website (www.rbrc.be) and at registration.
- 3.4 In accordance with rule 70.5(a) the right of appeal will be denied.
- 3.5 In accordance with a decision of KBYV-FRBY at least 6 teams must compete in any class to constitute a valid championship.

4 ELEGIBILITY

- 4.1 Entries are invited from teams composed of 3 boats. All competitors must be member of a club affiliated to a National Authority although not necessarily from the same club (i.e. different clubs may team together).
- 4.2 Competitors do not have to be member of their National Laser Class Association. (this changes KBYV – FRBY rule)
- 4.3 No competitor may sail for more than one team.
- 4.4 Teams can be composed of 3 or 4 competitors, although only 3 competitors of one team may compete in any one race.

5 ENTRIES

- 5.1 The closing date for receipt of entries is 8 september 2012
- 5.2 The entry fee will be € 35 per competitor.
This entry fee comprises a sandwich and a drink at noon, free BBQ and a drink in the evening and free cocktail after price giving
- 5.3 Entry is limited to a total of 16 teams.
- 5.4 If more than 16 teams apply for entry by 4 September 2012, teams will be accepted in the following order:
 - 4.5.1 The first applying team representing the host club (RBSC) for this Championship.
 - 4.5.2 The first applying Youth team (all members under 21) for Laser Standard
 - 4.5.3 The first applying Youth team (all members under 18) for Laser Radial
 - 4.5.4 In order of receipt of entry complete with entry fee.
- 5.5 Decisions of the race committee about entry or eligibility shall not be cause for redress. This amends rules 62.1 and 63.1.
- 5.6 All competitors who will be under 18 years of age on 8 September 2018 shall provide at registration a fully completed and signed parent/guardian declaration form.

6 EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Registration will take place from 08h30 on the racing day.
- 6.2 The race schedule for the first round will be available at 09h15.
- 6.3 Unless otherwise notified by email to accepted entries not less than seven days before the event, there will be a briefing for all competitors at 09h15 and the first warning signal will be at 10h00.
- 6.4 The format of the event will be a qualifying round using the "Swiss seeding" system (See Appendix A), followed by semi-finals (sudden death) and finals (best of 3).
- 6.5 The aim is to start semi-finals around 16h00 and finish racing around 18h00.
- 6.6 The format may be modified during the event in a fair and practical way as solely determined by the race committee taking into account the entries, weather conditions, time constraints and any other relevant factors.

7 BUOYANCY AND CLOTHING

7.1 Adequate personal flotation devices and wet or dry suits shall be worn by all competitors at all times when afloat as required by the Laser Class rules.

8 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, INSURANCE

8.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

8.2 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to water, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and that her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

8.3 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least € 1.000.000,-

8.4 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, umpires, patrol boats and beachmasters.

8.5 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

9 PRIZES

9.1 These will be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

Appendix A

Swiss Seeding as defined for use in the Open Belgian Team Racing Championship Laser 2012

Aim

- Rapidly determine best teams
- More evenly matched races

System

After each flight a provisional result is published.

Races for the next flight will be between teams ranked 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6, 7 and 8 of the provisional result. Composition of the first flight will be determined by the Racing Committee.

Scoring the series

The series will be scored according to D4 except that ties will be broken using, in order

- (a) the points scored in all races;
- (b) position in the previous result;

This changes D4.2 and D4.3

Eventual resails and corrections due to Protest Committee decisions will be taken into account for the final result but **not** for the composition of the flights

Odd number of competitors

In case of an odd number of competitors a virtual team BYE is created. The team having to sail against BYE stays ashore and receives 0,5 wins and 10 Points. Bye receives 0,5 wins and 11 points.

Medal Races

Semi finals are held between team ranked 1 versus team ranked 4, and team ranked 2 versus team ranked 3 on a "Sudden Death" basis. (BYE not included)

Finals are held between the winners of the semi-finals on a "Best of Three" basis