



# **2014 Laser Masters Championships**

**13<sup>th</sup> February 2014 to 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

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### 1. Organising Authority

The Organizing Authority is the Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club (GLYC) on behalf of the Victorian Laser Association (VLA) and the Australian Laser Class Association Inc. (ALCA).

### 2. Rules

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

### 3. Advertising

Competitors may be required to display event sponsor's names(s)/logo(s). If required, the Organizing Authority will supply these items and they shall be affixed as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions. Sponsor's bibs or similar may also be supplied.

### 4. Eligibility

4.1 All competitors shall be financial members of a District of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA) and of a yacht or sailing club affiliated with ISAF.

4.2 Proof of age shall be required for all entrants.

4.3 The regatta is open to all Laser Masters sailors who are at least 35 years of age at 13th February 2014. Eligibility for age divisions shall be determined by the competitor's age at 13th February 2014.

### 5. Entries

5.1 Entries may be lodged via the web site [www.viclaser.yachting.org.au/?ID=63888](http://www.viclaser.yachting.org.au/?ID=63888) before 1st February 2014 accompanied by the required entry fee (see Clause 6).

5.2 Late entries will only be accepted via the web site up to 1300 hours, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014 accompanied by the required entry fee and late fee.

5.3 At the discretion of the Organizing Authority, late entries may be accepted (in person only) at the Regatta Office, during Registration.

5.4 All boats shall complete registration with the Organizing Authority at the times specified in Clause 8.

5.5 The Organizing Authority will not refund entry or late fees in any circumstances. Entries will not be valid until applicable payment has been received by the Organizing Authority.

### 6. Fees

6.1 The entry fee for all classes and divisions (and which includes one ticket to the welcome and presentation functions) is \$135.00.

6.2 The late fee is an additional \$75.00 *with no exceptions*.

### 7. Classes, Divisions and Racing Format

7.1 Racing will be conducted in three (3) classes as follows:

- Laser Standard

- Laser Radial
- Laser 4.7

7.2 Divisions will include:

- Apprentice Masters (35 – 44 years)
- Masters (45 – 54 years)
- Grand Masters (55 – 64 years)
- Great Grand Masters (65 years plus) (all classes)

provided a minimum of 5 entries are received for that Division.

7.3 Men and women competitors from the same age division will race together, but there will also be separate Women’s prizes (cubes) in each age division should sufficient entries be received as per ILCA guidelines.

7.4 Fleets within each Class shall be that combination of boats as nominated by the Organising Authority.

## **8. Program**

8.1 Schedule of Events:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2014	1000 – 1300	Registration
	1300	Info Session
	1430	Practice Race
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	0900 – 1200	Registration
	1300	Competitor Meeting
	1430	Racing (2 races planned)
	1800	Welcome function
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1430	Racing (3 races planned)
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1430	Racing (3 races planned)
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2014	1300	Racing (2 races planned)
	1800	Presentation Function

8.2 Two or three races per day are planned. Additional races may be sailed on any day provided that no fleet becomes more than one race ahead of schedule and that notice of an additional race is posted by 1830 the previous day.

8.3 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 1830 on the preceding race day.

8.4 No Warning Signal will be displayed after 1500 on the last day of racing.

## **9. Measurement**

9.1 It is each competitor’s responsibility to ensure that his/her boat and equipment complies with the ILCA rules and the Yachting Australia Special Regulations.

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- 9.2 The Organising Authority may inspect any boat at any time during the regatta. Any competitor's boat which fails an inspection may be disqualified from all races prior to such inspection.
- 9.3 For the duration of the regatta, each competitor shall use only one hull, sail, mast, boom, centreboard and rudder. Such equipment may only be replaced as allowed by and in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.4 The boats of female competitors shall carry a Red Rhombus on their sail in accordance with ILCA rule 4.g.
- 9.5 As beach trailers/dollies will be shared during the regatta, all boats shall have a serviceable beach dolly. 'Serviceable' specifically includes being fitted with pneumatic tyres at least 60 mm wide (or equivalent) and have adequate padding. Any boat presented on an unsatisfactory or unserviceable beach trailer/dolly will be refused entry at Measurement.

### **10.Sailing Instructions**

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

### **11.Regatta Site and Racing Area**

The regatta site shall be the Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club, Paynesville, VIC. The racing area shall be on the Gippsland Lakes. Depending on weather and lake conditions, the preferred location will be Lake Victoria. However, the Organising Committee may be required to use Lake King as a second preference.

### **12.Courses**

The courses shall be either windward/leeward or trapezoid.

### **13.Scoring**

- 13.1 All Age Division points will be awarded based on the placing of competitors in their age division in each race.
- 13.2 Ten races are scheduled of which four shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.3 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
- 13.4 When six to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her worst race score.
- 13.5 When nine or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

### **14.Radio Communications**

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. Mobile phones or similar devices are prohibited.

## **15.Prizes**

- 15.1 Laser class cubes and prizes shall be awarded in accordance with the ILCA bylaws. However, the number of prizes allocated in any division shall depend on the number of entries. A minimum of five (5) entries is required to constitute a division.
- 15.2 Laser class cubes and other prizes will be awarded regardless of the competitor's nationality or country of residence.
- 15.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

## **16.Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. None of the Organizing Authority, the VLA, ALCA or GLYC will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **17.Insurance**

All competitors must have a valid third party insurance policy with a minimum cover of AUD\$10,000,000 whilst racing. Signing the entry and declaration form confirms currency of this insurance.

## **18.Rights to Use Name and Likeness**

In participating in the regatta, a competitor automatically grants the Organizing 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.

## **19.Changes to Notice of Race**

Any changes to this Notice of Race will be published on the regatta website [www.viclaser.yachting.org.au/?ID=63888](http://www.viclaser.yachting.org.au/?ID=63888) no later than 30th November 2013.

## **20.Charter Boats**

Charter boats will not be provided by the Organizing Authority, but may be available from a range of independent providers. Further information may be obtained by contacting Scott Lovig at SLH on +613 5975 6399 or slhobie.com.au

## **21.Further Information**

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