

2012 AUSTRALIAN LASER MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP

4-7th March 2012

NOTICE OF RACE

Organised By

Queensland Laser Association Inc. (QLA)

Hosted By

Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron (RQYS)

578 Royal Esplanade
Manly, Queensland 4179 Australia
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1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (2009-2012) (RRS), the Rules and By-Laws of the International Laser Class Association (except as these may be changed by the Sailing Instructions) and by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 2 *Off-the-Beach Boats* will apply. It will be the responsibility of all competitors to ensure that personal floatation devices comply with a standard equivalent to those listed in Regulation 5.01 *Personal Floatation Devices*.
- 1.3 Sails shall have the full sail number in accordance with the Class Rules and RRS.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 All advertising will be in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.
- 2.2 Boats and or competitors may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 Proof of age shall be required for entrants in any of the age-related division.
- 3.3 The regatta is open to all Laser Masters sailors who are at least 35 years of age at 4th March 2012.
- 3.4 Eligibility for age division shall be determined by the competitors age at 4th March 2012.
- 3.5 Eligible boats may enter online via www.rqys.com.au or by mail to:
2012 Australian Laser Championship
RQYS Marine Sports Manager
PO Box 5021
Manly QLD 4179
- 3.6 Entries close 1700 hours Friday 17th February 2012.
- 3.7 Late entries will be accepted however will incur a late fee.
- 3.8 Entries are not confirmed until full payment has been made.
- 3.9 The Organising Authority will not be refunding entry or late fees under any circumstances.

4. FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee for all classes and divisions:
Entry Fee - \$100.00
Late Entry Fee - \$150.00
- 4.2 Entry fee includes the competitors entry to the Welcome and Presentation Functions
- 4.3 Entry fees are stated in Australian AUD\$ and include GST.

5. CLASSES, DIVISIONS AND FORMAT

- 5.1 Racing will be conducted in three (3) classes as follows;
 - Laser Standard
 - Laser Radial
 - Laser 4.7
- 5.2 Divisions will include;
 - Apprentice Masters (35-44 years)
 - Masters (45-54 years)
 - Grand Masters (55-64 years)
 - Great Grand Masters (65 years plus)
- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 Fleets within each Class shall be that combined of boats as nominated by the organising authority.

- 5.5 Depending on the interest received, and a formal decision from ILCA, it is the organising authorities' intention to offer racing to Great Grand Masters in each of the Standard, Radial and 4.7 Classes.
- 5.6 A minimum of five (5) entries are required to constitute a division.

6. SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Time / Warning Signal
Sunday 4 March 2012	Registration	1400 – 1700
Monday 5 March 2012	Registration	0800 – 1100
	Competitors Meeting	1130
	Race 1 and Race 2	First Warning @ 1330
	Welcome Function & Cruiser weigh in	1730
Tuesday 6 March 2012	Race 3, Race 4 and Race 5	First Warning @ 1200
	Regatta Dinner	1830 for 1900
Wednesday 7 March 2012	Race 6 and Race7	First Warning @ 1200
	Presentation Function	ASAP after sailing

- 6.1 The Race Committee may elect to change the start time of the following days racing based on weather forecasts and the various fleet requirements. A notice advising of any such change will be posted by later no than 1830 on the preceding race day.

7. MEASUREMENTS

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 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.
- 7.3 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.
- 7.4 As beach trolleys will be shared during the regatta, all boats shall have **serviceable beach trolleys**. "Serviceable" specifically includes being fitted with **pneumatic tyres** and have **adequate padding**.
- 7.5 The boats of female competitors shall display a red diamond on their sail in accordance with ILCA Women's Policy.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration from Thursday 1 March 2012. SIs may be available earlier from <http://www.qldlasers.com>

9. VENUE

- 10.1 The host club is Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron
578 Royal Esplanade
Manly QLD 4179
- 10.2 Attachment 1 shows the location of the regatta harbour.
- 10.3 Attachment 2 shows the location of the approximate racing areas.

10. THE COURSES

The courses will be trapezoid type as described in the Sailing Instructions.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 Except as modified by the Sailing Instructions, all Age Division points will be awarded based on the placing of competitors in their age division in each race.
- 11.2 Seven (7) races are scheduled, of which Three (3) shall constitute a series. When four (4) or more races are completed a boats worst score shall be discarded.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

- 15.1 Except when participating in rescue operations, team leaders, coaches, parents and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment of all classes. The areas the boats are racing in is defined as the area inside the course and within 50 meters of any mark, lay line, starting line, finishing line or any area where any boat that is racing is sailing or may sail.
- 15.2 The race committee or the protest committee may protest any boat whose support boat is in breach of Instructions 21.1. Penalties imposed as a result of a protest under this rule will result in a penalty being imposed on the boat(s) supported by the support boat.
- 15.3 Support boats shall be marked with a white flag displaying a number in black. Support boats are required to register with the RQYS Marine Sports office to acquire this flag and to supply the skippers details, boats call sign, contact number and competitor they are representing.
- 15.4 Support boats may be required by the race committee to assist in extreme conditions.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

14. PRIZES

- 17.1 Laser Class cubes and other prizes shall be awarded in accordance with ILCA guidelines; therefore the number of prizes allocation in any division shall depend on the number of entries. A minimum of five (5) entries is required to constitute a Division.
- 17.2 Laser Class cubes and other prizes will be awarded regardless of the competitor's nationality or country of residence.
- 17.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

15. TELEVISION AND MEDIA

Attendance at a media/press conference each day may be required for the top three competitors as well as individual heat winners. Suitable notification will be given.

16. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in an event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at the 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 said event in which the competitor participated and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

17. CHANGES TO NOTICE OF RACE

Any changes to this Notice of Race will be published on <http://www.qldlasers.com>

18. DISCLAIMER OF ENTRY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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. Competitors confirm that there

is a valid and current certificate of insurance in accordance with paragraph 22 of this Notice of Race.

19. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5m per event or equivalent.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

Queensland Laser Class Association

Debbie Stoddart – QLA Secretary

Email: sailing@qldlasers.com

Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron

Marine Sports Manager

Phone: 07 3396 8666 | Email: marinesports@rqys.com.au

Website: <http://sailing.rqys.com.au>

21. 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 from the event web site <http://www.laser.asn.au> or from

Performance Sailcraft Australasia +61 2 4389 1088

[Michael Mills](#) | [Jason Goulding](#) | [Website](#)

NB Laser Hobie Sports +61 2 4321 1320

[Kevin Winchester](#) +61 412 464 283 | [Sales Team](#) +61 412 485 216 | [Website](#)

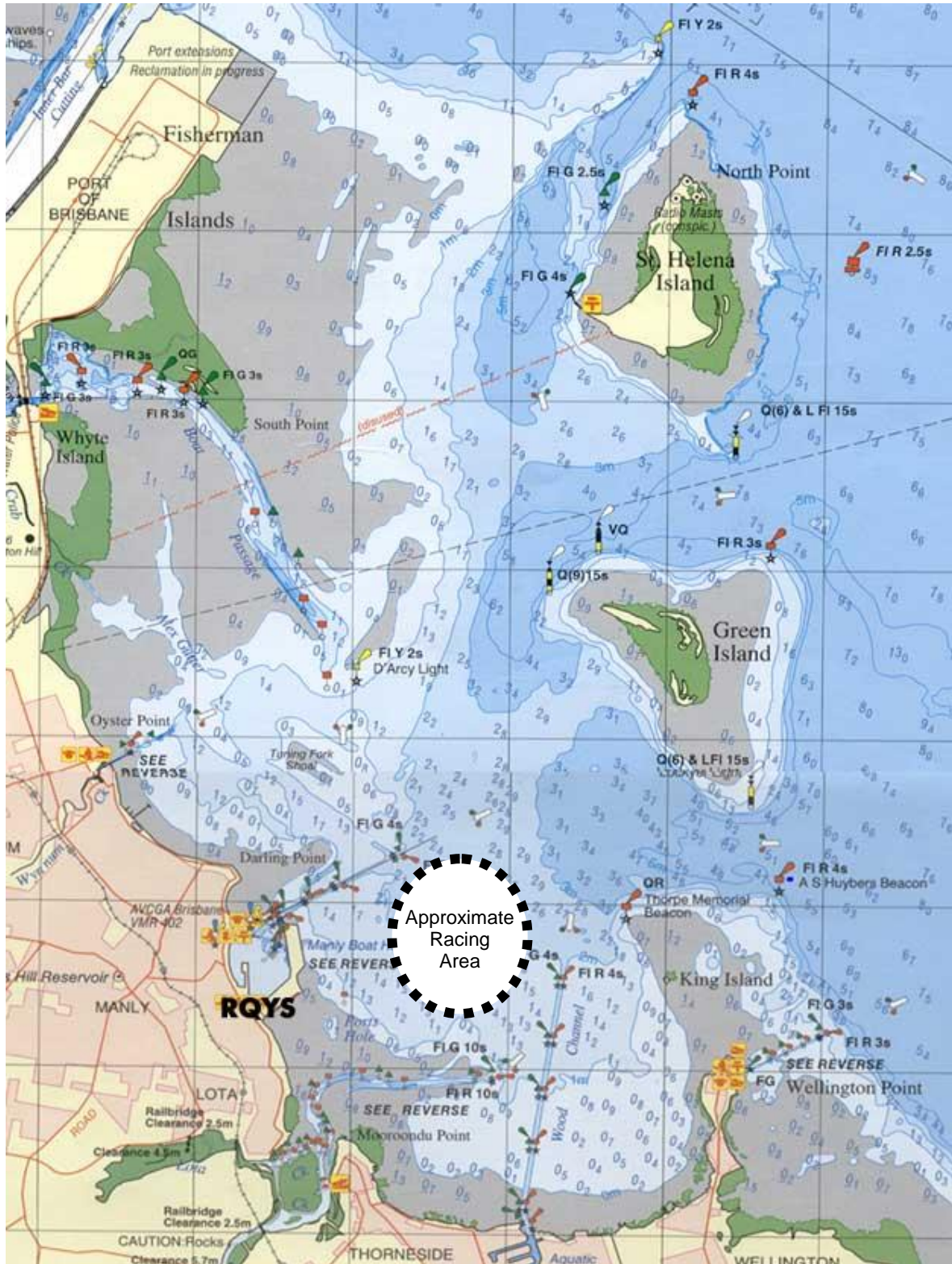
ATTACHMENT 1

Regatta Harbour



ATTACHMENT 2

Approximate Racing Area



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GENERAL DETAILS					
Class	<input type="checkbox"/> Standard	<input type="checkbox"/> Radial	<input type="checkbox"/> 4.7	Sail Number	
Division	<input type="checkbox"/> Apprentice	<input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Grand Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Great Grand Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Women
Skipper Name				Date of Birth	
Full Address inc. Post Code					
Country & State				Mobile Phone	
Email					
Full Name of Yacht Club				YA# AUS sailors only	
Declaration:					
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<input type="checkbox"/> I hereby agree to the terms and conditions.					
Signature Skipper				Date	
PAYMENT DETAILS					
<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque (payable to RQYS) <input type="checkbox"/> RQYS Member Charge – Member # <input type="checkbox"/> Direct Transfer Account Name: Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Ltd. BSB: 034 053 Account: 800410 <i>Please quote your SAIL NUMBER as the reference</i>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card (Visa/Mastercard 1.25% surcharge Diners/Amex 2% surcharge) VISA MASTERCARD DINERS AMERICAN EXPRESS (please circle your selected card)					
Name on Card.....					
Card Number.....					
Expiry..... Signature.....					
Entry Fee (AUD)		\$100.00	Full payment must be received prior to entry being accepted. Entry fee includes the competitors entry to the Welcome and Presentation Functions.		
Late Entry Fee (AUD)		\$150.00			
Regatta Dinner (Tuesday)	Number attending @ \$50 per person	\$_____	The cost of the Regatta Dinner is not included in the entry fee. Tickets for this function will be limited to about 200 and can be purchased with the entry for \$50 per person.		
Total Payment		\$_____			
Please forward completed entry form to:					
Post	2012 Australian Laser Championship Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron PO Box 5021 Manly QLD 4179 AUSTRALIA				
Fax	+61 7 3393 4100 Attention To: RQYS Marine Sports Manager				
Email	marinesports@rqys.com.au			Enter Online - http://www.rqys.com.au/	