



2016 NB Sailsports Laser Winter Series

Notice of Race

All Laser sailors are cordially invited to compete in the 2016 NB Sailsports Laser Winter Series. This is a series of short races 3 per day held at 4 venues; Middle Harbour Amateur Sailing Club, Georges River Sailing Club, Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron and Double Bay Sailing Club. The individual clubs will be the organising authority for each of the four venues.

The format is designed to give everyone the opportunity to get some pre-season racing in a variety of conditions at several venues. The earlier starts at some of the venues is an attempt to catch the best of the winter winds. There will be three races each day with a total of 12 races with your best 9 results to count towards the series result.

NB Sailsports are the sponsor of the series with the main prize being a free trade in of your old boat for a brand new Laser. Each race completed gains the participants a raffle ticket. The more races you complete, the greater your chances of being the holder of the winning ticket that will be drawn at the final event at Double Bay Sailing Club. Other prize draw prizes include; new spars, sails, tillers and ropes.

NB will have their van at the venues to assist sailors to upgrade their gear. New; ropes, sails, spars and repair kits will be available and to provide assistance. NB can also arrange bookings for hull make-overs and repairs and of course take orders for new boats if your old one is not up to scratch.

Rules

The Series will be governed by the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia, the rules and by-laws of the International Laser Class Association, (except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions) and by the Sailing Instructions.

Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third party liability insurance with cover of not less than \$AUS 10,000,000.

Eligibility

Anyone with a Laser, from anywhere. Each skipper shall be responsible for ensuring that their yacht and equipment comply with the ILCA rules and the Yachting Australia Special Regulations.

Dates , venues and organising authorities:

- Round 1: May 15 Middle Harbour Amateur SC – 3 races from 1pm
- Round 2: June 18 Georges River 16ft SC, first start 1pm – 3 races
- Round 3: August 7 Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, first start 11am – 3 races
- Round 4: August 27 Double Bay Sailing Club, first start 1pm – 3 races

Racing Area

The racing area will be on the waters of the respective club in the vicinity of the club house as outlined in sailing instructions and briefing on the day at the venue.

Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available at the venue on the day of the event.

Series

12 races in total. The best 9 results will count towards the NB Sailsports Sprint Series so you can sail 3 of the 4 venues and still get a decent result.

Scoring

The series shall be scored using Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 Appendix A A4 Low Point System. The fleet will be scored as one and division prizes awarded according to the boat's finish in this overall result.

Because of the beach entry system the number of entries will not be known until the last race the points for non finishers will be adjusted as the number of entries changes through the series.

Prizes

Prizes will be given for excellence, for effort, and the main prize is for participation. There will be prizes for Standard, Radial and 4.7 rig provided five or more boats compete. The participation raffle prizes include a free trade in on your old boat for a brand new Laser. Each race completed gains the participants a raffle ticket, the more races you complete, the greater your chances of being the holder of the winning ticket that will be drawn at the final event at Double Bay Sailing Club. Other prize draw prizes include; new spars, sails, tillers and ropes.

Fees

\$20 each day per boat. Beach entries will be accepted but it does aid organisers to enter in advance on the NB web site at <http://tinyurl.com/nb2016entry>

Disclaimer

All those taking part in this Regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 4 Decision to Race "A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing". The NSW and ACT District Laser Association the hosting clubs, their officers, and the Regatta officials, volunteers and sponsors do not accept any liability for the material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior, during or after the regatta.

Questions

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We'd love to see you for the whole series, or for as many races as you fancy.