

2012 AUSTRALIAN LASER CHAMPIONSHIPS

ISAF GRADE 2 EVENT

Incorporating:

**2012 Australian Laser Championships
2012 Australian Laser Radial Championships
2012 Australian Laser Radial Women's Championships
2012 Australian Laser 4.7 Championships**

27 December 2011 – 4 January 2012

NOTICE OF RACE

Organised By

Queensland Laser Association Inc. (QLA)

Hosted By

Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron (RQYS)

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Manly, Queensland 4179 Australia
Phone: 07 3396 8666 | Fax: 07 3393 4100
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Web: <http://sailing.rqys.com.au>



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 and be registered as an "ISAF Sailor" on the ISAF Website (www.sailing.org/isafsailor).
- 3.2 Proof of age shall be required for entrants in any of the age-related divisions.
- 3.3 Eligibility for age group division in any of the Youth Divisions shall be the competitor's age as at 31 December 2012.
- 3.4 4.7 Class Junior – Under 16 and is defined as being under 16 years of age at 31 December 2012 (born in 1997 or later)
- 3.5 Radial Class Junior – Under 17 and is defined as being under 17 years of age at 31 December 2012 (born in 1996 or later)
- 3.6 4.7 Class Youth – Under 18 and is defined as being under 18 years of age at 31 December 2012 (born in 1995 or 1996)
- 3.7 Radial Class Youth – Under 19 and is defined as being under 19 years of age at 31 December 2012 (born in 1994 or 1995)
- 3.8 Laser Standard Youth – Under 21 and is defined as being under 21 years of age at 31 December 2012 (born in 1992 or later)
- 3.9 Eligible boats may enter online via <http://www.rqys.com.au/index.php/2012-australian-laser-championship/> or by mail to:
2012 Australian Laser Championship
RQYS Marine Sports Manager
PO Box 5021
Manly QLD 4179
- 3.10 Entries close 1700 hours Thursday 1 December 2011.
- 3.11 Late entries will be accepted however will incur a late fee.
- 3.12 Entries are not confirmed until full payment has been made.
- 3.13 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 - \$265.00
Late Entry Fee - \$365.00
- 4.2 Entry fees are stated in Australian AUD\$
- 4.3 Entry fees include the competitors entry to the Welcome and Presentation Functions.

5. CLASSES AND DIVISIONS

- 5.1 Racing will be conducted in three (3) classes as follows;
 - Laser Standard
 - Laser Radial
 - Laser 4.7
- 5.2 A minimum of five (5) entries are required to constitute a division.

- 5.3 The following division will be included if five (5) or more entries are received for that division:
- Standard Rig – Open and Youth
 - Radial Rig – Open, Youth and Junior
 - 4.7 Rig – Open, Youth and Junior
 - Women Radial Rig – Open, Youth and Junior
 - Women 4.7 Rig – Open, Youth and Junior

6. FORMAT

- 6.1 Fleets within each Class shall be that combination of boats as nominated by the Organising Authority.
- 6.2 Depending on the number of entries Classes may be sailed as;
- a normal series
 - a qualifying and final series
- 6.3 For a qualifying and final series format, competitors will sail four (4) days (29 December 2011 to 2 January 2012) of qualifying races and two (2) days (3 to 4 January 2012) of finals races.
- 6.4 Depending on fleet numbers the Organising Authority may require fleets to race each day in two separate colour groups. Those groups will be changed for each day of Qualifying races. After completion of the Qualifying races, the fleets will be seeded into Gold and Silver Fleets. Seeding for Gold and Silver fleets will be based on standings after discard (if any) at the conclusion of racing on 2nd January 2012. Any discard shall be a boat's worst excludable score.

7. SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Time / Warning Signal
Tuesday 27 Dec 2011	Registration and Measurement	0800 – 1700
Wednesday 28 Dec 2011	Registration and Measurement	0800 – 1700
	Competitors Meeting	1100
	Practice Race	1330
	Welcome Function	1730
Thursday 29 Dec 2011	Race 1 and Race 2	First Warning @ 1330
Friday 30 Dec 2011	ALCA Annual General Meeting	0930
	Race 3 and Race 4	First Warning @ 1330
Saturday 31 Dec 2011	Race 5 and Race 6	First Warning @ 1330
	New Years Eve Party (RQYS)	From 1830
Sunday 1 Jan 2012	Lay Day	
Monday 2 Jan 2012	Race 7 and Race 8	First Warning @ 1330
Tuesday 3 Jan 2012	Race 9 and Race 10	First Warning @ 1330
Wednesday 4 Jan 2012	Race 11 and Race 12	First Warning @ 1200
	Presentation Cocktail Party	1830 (approximately)

- 7.1 Two (2) 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.

- 7.2 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.

8. MEASUREMENTS

- 8.1 All boats and equipment shall be presented to the official measurers for scrutiny and approval during the times specified in NOR 7.
- 8.2 As beach trolleys will be shared during the regatta, all boats shall be presented for Measurement on **serviceable beach trolleys**. "Serviceable" specifically includes being fitted with **pneumatic tyres or equivalent** and have **adequate padding**. Any boat presented on an unsatisfactory or unserviceable trolley will be refused entry at Measurement.
- 8.3 For the duration of the regatta each competitor shall use only one hull, sail, mast, boom, centerboard and rudder, each of which shall be identified and stamped or otherwise marked by the official measurer during measurement. Such equipment may only be replaced as allowed by and in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.4 The boats of female competitors shall display a red diamond on their sail in accordance with ILCA Women's Policy.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration from Tuesday 27 December 2011. SIs may be available earlier from <http://www.rqys.com.au/index.php/2012-australian-laser-championship/>

10. 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.

11. THE COURSES

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

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 Appendix P as modified by the Sailing Instructions shall apply.
- 12.2 Application for the appointment of a National Jury has been made.

13. MEDIATION

- 13.1 Mediation may be used for potential breaches of rules of RRS Part 2.
- 13.2 Through mediation a boat may take a scoring penalty of 20% of the fleet size in that race.

14. SCORING

Fleets with a Normal series

- 14.1 Twelve (12) races are scheduled of which six (6) are required to constitute a series with the following discard provisions;

Races Completed	Discards
• Up to 6	0
• 7 – 10	1
• 11 – 12	2

Fleets with a Qualifying and Final series

- 14.2 Twelve (12) races are scheduled. Eight (8) races are planned for the Qualifying series and four (4) races for the Final series. A qualifying race will not count until both qualifying races for that fleet for that race have been completed. A total of six (6) races are required to constitute a series with the following discard provisions;

Qualifying Races

Races Completed	Discards
• Up to 5	0
• 6 – 8	1

Final Races

Races Completed	Discards
• 1 – 2	0
• 3 – 4	1

- 14.3 When a Class sails a Qualifying and Final series, the Gold and Silver Fleets (as determined at NOR 6) will be scored separately based on the sum of each boat's scores (after discards) in both qualifying and final races.
- 14.4 Except as modified by the Sailing Instructions, all Division prizes will be awarded based on the racing of competitors in the overall results of the applicable Class.
15. 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 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.
- 15.3 Support boats may be required by the race committee to assist in extreme conditions.
16. 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.
17. PRIZES
- 17.1 Laser Class cubes shall be awarded in accordance with ILCA guideline
- 17.2 Perpetual Trophies will be awarded in accordance with ALCA policy
- 17.3 A minimum of five (5) entries is required to constitute a division
- 17.4 Cubes will only be awarded for youth and open divisions
- 17.5 Junior are not eligible for youth cubes but are eligible for open cubes
- 17.6 Australian results will be determined by their overall placing and medallions will be awarded to place-getters based on normal ILCA fleet size guidelines
- 17.7 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority
18. 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.
19. 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.

20. CHANGES TO NOTICE OF RACE

Any changes to this Notice of Race will be published on <http://www.rqys.com.au/index.php/2012-australian-laser-championship/>

21. 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.

22. INSURANCE

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

23. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

Queensland Laser Class Association

Debbie Stoddart – QLA Secretary

Email: sailing@qldlasers.com

Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron

Suellen Hurling – Marine Sports Manager

Phone: +61 7 3396 8666 | Mobile: +61 488 995 591 | Email: sailing@rqys.com.au

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

24. 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

[Jason Goulding](#) | [Website \(www.lasersailing.com.au\)](#)

NB Sailsports +61 (0)2 4340 2223

Henry Bagnall +61 (0)412 485 216

[Website \(www.nbsailsports.com.au\)](#)

25. RQYS GATE ACCESS

Please contact the RQYS office or phone on +61 7 3396 8666 to obtain Gate Access to the rigging lawns:

Gate Access Options

- AUD\$50 refundable deposit for a Gate Tag that works 24/7
- Free Gate Pin Code that works from 7am to 7pm for the duration of the regatta

26. ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is available on site at RQYS:

- [Manly Marina Cove Motel](#)
- [Yachting Queensland Dorms](#)
- [Camping](#)

[Click here](#) for a full list of accommodation available in the local area

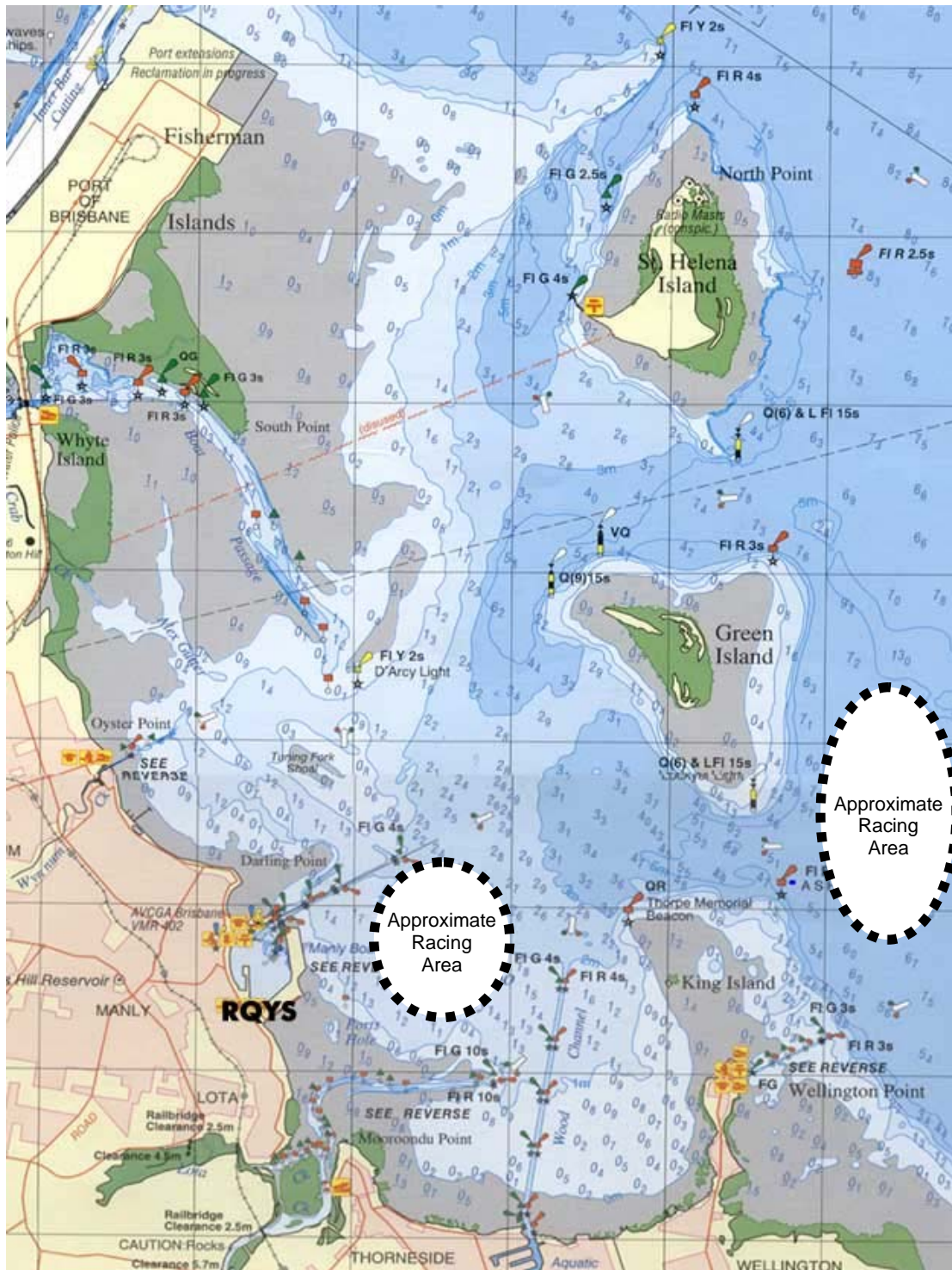
ATTACHMENT 1

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"/> Open	<input type="checkbox"/> Women's	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth	<input type="checkbox"/> Women's Youth	
Skipper Name				Date of Birth	
Full Address inc. Post Code					
Country & State				Mobile Phone	
Email				ISAF #	
Full Name of Yacht Club				YA# AUS sailors only	
Declaration: 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. <input type="checkbox"/> I hereby agree to the terms and conditions.					
Signature Skipper				Date	
Entrants Under 18 Years – Parent/Guardian Declaration: As parent/guardian of the above named entrant I agree to his/her participation in this event on the terms and conditions as outlined in the Notice of Race and similarly indemnify all parties involved in the organisation and conduct of the event. <input type="checkbox"/> I hereby agree to the terms and conditions.					
Signature Parent/Guardian 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)	\$265.00	Full payment must be received prior to entry being accepted. Entry fees includes the competitors entry to the Welcome and Presentation Functions.			
Late Entry Fee (AUD)	\$365.00				
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/index.php/2012-australian-laser-championship/		