



NOTICE OF RACE

2020/2021 Victorian Laser Open & Masters Championship



27th & 28th February 2021

The Organising Authority is the Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club (SSCBC) in conjunction with the Victorian Laser Association Inc and the regatta will be conducted on Port Philip.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off the Beach Boats shall apply.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies for this regatta.
- 1.4 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. - Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.
- 1.5 The Official Notice Board will be online at <https://sscbc.com.au/lasers/>

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Laser Standard, Laser Radial or Laser 4.7 Classes.
- 2.2 Eligibility for Youth Divisions is the competitor's age as at **31st December 2021** and the Divisions are as follows:

Class	Division	Criteria	Birth Year
Laser 4.7	Junior	Under 16	2006 & later
	Youth	Under 18	2004 & 2005
	Women	Under 18	2004 & later
Laser Radial	Junior	Under 17	2005 & later
	Youth	Under 19	2003 & 2002
	Women	Under 21	2001 & later
Laser Standard	Men	Under 21	2001 & later

- 2.3 Eligibility for Masters Divisions is the competitor's age as at **27th February 2021**. Competitors need to be aged 35 years or older and the following Divisions will be sailed:
 - All Classes: Apprentice – 35 to 44 years
 - All Classes: Master – 45 to 54 years
 - All Classes: Grand Master – 55 years to 64
 - All Classes: Great Grand Master – 65 years to 74
 - All Classes: Legend – 75 years and older
- 2.4 All boats shall be entered and skippered by a current financial member of a District of the ILCA.
- 2.5 Eligible boats may enter online via the Australian Lasers at: www.clubops.com.au/event/GHJNK
- 2.6 This regatta is being organised subject to the Australian Laser Class Association COVID-19 policy. If the regatta is cancelled based on this policy, the following refund policy will apply:
 - Cancelled prior to 12th February 2021 – Full refund less any direct costs associated with regatta merchandise that will be provided to entrants
 - Cancelled prior to 26th February 2021 – 50% refund less any direct costs associated with regatta merchandise that will be provided to entrants
 - Cancelled on or after 26th February 2021 – No refund

3. ENTRY FEE

- 3.1 The entry fee is \$93.50 per boat for the Standard and Radial classes and \$77 for the 4.7 class.
- 3.2 All Standard and Radial class entries received prior to **12th February 2021** are eligible for a discounted entry fee of \$77.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 All competitors shall complete registration at SSCBC between 1000hrs and 1230hrs on the 27th February 2021.
- 4.2 Five races will be scheduled.

4.3

Saturday 27 th February	Registration	1000hrs -> 12:30hrs
	VLA AGM	1130hrs
	Information Session	1230hrs
	Racing	1400hrs
	Dinner available	Subject to COVID restrictions
Sunday 28 th February	Racing	1100hrs
	Presentation	Following conclusion of racing

- 4.4 No warning signal will be made later than 1500hrs on Sunday 28th February 2021.

5. MEASUREMENT

Measurement checks and inspections may be carried out at any time. A Boat notified of inspection shall follow the instructions of the Race Committee.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available online at <https://sscbc.com.au/lasers/> and via the Australian Lasers app Regatta tab.

7. VENUE

The Racing Area will be the waters of Port Philip in the vicinity of SSCBC.

8. THE COURSES

Trapezoid courses will be sailed as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

9. SCORING SYSTEM

- 9.1 A minimum of three races are required to be completed to constitute the regatta.
- 9.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
- 9.3 When four or five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 9.4 All Division prizes will be awarded based on the ranking of competitors in the overall results of the applicable class.

10. SUPPORT BOATS/COACHES

- 10.1 Support Persons (Team leaders, coaches, parents and other support personnel) shall not be in the racing area, which is defined as within 50 metres of a racing boat or a mark of the course. This will apply from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished that race, or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, except in the case of an emergency. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be disqualification of all boats associated with the Support Boat who infringes. [DP]
- 10.3 All Support Vessels shall be moored in its assigned place and display a unique 2 digit number supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 10.4 Support Vessel operators shall register during Registration and provide next of kin contact information and agree to 'Support Person Code of Conduct' before going afloat
- 10.5 Operators of Support Vessels shall hold a current Power Boat License (or equivalent) at the time of the event and have a working VHF Radio on board their vessel. It is also a requirement for all personnel on a Support Vessel to wear an appropriate PFD at all times while afloat.
- 10.6 Support Vessels shall make themselves available at all times while afloat to assist the Race Committee in the case of an emergency or rescue, and when required if Victor Flag is displayed according to RRS 37.
- 10.7 The wearing of personal flotation devices is compulsory for all persons in vessels on less than 4.8 metres in Victorian waters. Support Boats shall comply with this requirement for the duration of the regatta.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

In accordance with the Laser Class Rule 22 Section 5 any use of electronic equipment not specifically allowed in the ILCA rules is prohibited unless the rules are modified by the Sailing Instructions.

12. PRIZES

This is a cube event and cubes will be awarded in accordance with ILCA Rules.

13. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

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

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing 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.

15. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 (recommended \$10,000,000) per event or the equivalent. Competitors may be required to produce evidence of such insurance and any competitor not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

16. AMENDMENTS

Any amendments to this Notice of Race shall be posted on the Victorian Laser web-site (www.viclaser.org.au) and via the Australian Lasers app under the Victorian Laser Class.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION:

For further information please contact:

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Additional Competitor Information

Car and Trailer Parking

Limited car parking will be available in the actual club car park. We prefer that trailers not be parked in the club car parks. Cars with trailers can be parked in nearby streets.

A drive up, drop off and go system with bays and turning circles will operate on the first day of the regatta and an inverse system will operate on the last day of the regatta.

Trailers may be stored at the Wooden Boat Shop

Additional details of car and off-site trailer parking arrangements will be communicated via both the viclaser.org.au web-site and **Australian Lasers** app.