

The Laser EUROPA CUP 2016

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NOTICE OF RACE

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1 VALIDITY

1.1 The present NOR will be applied at those regattas constituting a series called Europa Cup

Event Date	Venue	Entry Closing Date	Entry Fee	Grade
March 11 – 13	SLOVENIA – Koper	2/03/2016	€ 75	1
March 31- Apr 3	SWITZERLAND - Lugano	21/03/2016	€ 80	1
April 9 -12	FRANCE – Hyeres	24/03/2016	€ 90	0
April 28 – May 1	NETHERLANDS - Hoorn	22/04/2016	€ 100	0
May 14 – 16	BELGIUM - Nieuwpoort	01/05/2016	€ 75	1
June 3 - 5	NORWAY – Moss	18/05/2016	€ 75	1
June 10 -12	FINLAND – Helsinki	01/06/2016	€ 90	1
June 24 -26	ROMANIA – Eforie Nord	21/06/2016	€ 30	1
July 02 - 05	GERMANY – Warnemunde	17/06/2016	€ 80	0
July 08 - 10	POLAND - Dziwnow	06/07/2016	€ 60	1
July 27 - 31	GREECE - Alexandropolis	20/07/2016	€ 30	1
August 19 - 21	SERBIA – Donji Milanovac	16/08/2016	€ 50	1
September 09 - 11	HUNGARY - Balatonfüred	31/08/2016	€ 50	1
September 16 -18	AUSTRIA - Attersee	11/09/2016	€ 75	1
September 23 - 25	LITHUANIA - Kaunas	22/09/2016	€ 30	1
October 07 - 09	Principauté de. MONACO	Moved to December 2 nd -4 th		
October 13 - 16	SPAIN – Salou	TBD	€ TBD	1
October 21 - 23	PORTUGAL - Cascais	16/10/2016	€ 60	1
December 02-04	Principauté de. MONACO	27/11/2016	€ 75	1
December 16 -19	ISRAEL – Haifa	15/12/2016	€ 40	1
December 28 – 31	CROATIA - Hvar	18/12/2016	€ 70	1

TBD= To be defined, waiting for final agreement due to the special event made together with the Spanish national championship..

For more details about each venue, including, rental boats, late entry fees, accommodation and travel arrangements, link to the website of the organizers, you can click on the “Country- venue” in the table above or please go to <http://www.eurilca.org/index.php/regattas/gobal-regatta-archive> or at the Europa Cup page of the www.eurilca.org website. The upcoming events will be show on the web front page; the past events listed in the archives

2 RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the *Rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016.
- 2.2 No National Authority prescriptions will apply.
- 2.3 Rule 7 (a) of the Laser class rules is restricted as follows:
"Only one person shall be on board whilst racing. The person shall be named on the entry form."
- 2.4 Sails shall have the full sail number **and national letters** in accordance with the Class Rules and RRS. The national letters shall denote the National Authority of which the sailor is a member in accordance with RRS 75.2 and with 1.1 Entry regulations above. This changes RRS Appendix G 1.1
- 2.5 Appendix P will apply, with some amendments specified in Sailing instructions (SI 16.1).
- 2.6 The EurILCA Ranking List rules will be applied.
- 2.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will prevail.

3 ADVERTISING

- 3.1 The event is "free advertising" as per ISAF regulation 20.
- 3.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Only current fully paid members of the International Laser Class Association and of an ISAF National Authority may enter the Regatta. These memberships shall be with the Laser Fleet/District Association and with the ISAF National Authority of the country, where the sailor normally sails, even though such place may not be his permanent residence; however, such member, for any valid reason and with the approval of both District Chairmen, may select instead the Fleet/District and the ISAF National Authority in which he has permanent residence in accordance with the ILCA constitution article 10 (3) and ILCA rule part two article 9. The sailor can only be member of one Laser Fleet/District Association.
 - 4.1.a Sailors must have a valid ISAF ID to enter a race.
To register as an ISAF Sailor go to: <http://members.sailing.org/sailors/profile.php>
The ISAF Sailor ID must be with the ISAF National Authority of the country, where he is a member of the International Laser Class Association as of 4.1
To avoid scoring errors, sailors should ensure to use only one ISAF ID for all entered regattas of the series.
 - 4.1.b The sailor will be scored as member of the District they belong to and is normally reflected in his/her ISAF Sailor ID as in 4.1.a.
 - 4.1.c If a sailor is unable to present their ILCA or EurILCA membership card, he / she will be charged a fee of €70 (payable in local currency), €10 of which will be retained by the collecting club, and €10 will be retained by EurILCA to cover administrative costs. €50 will be passed on by EurILCA to the sailor's district, which may refund it to the sailor if he/she is already a current member, or may put it towards that sailor's membership fee if he/she is not a member.
- 4.2 **RIGS AGE ELIGIBILITY AND CATEGORIES**
 - 4.2.a Proof of age can be required at registration.
 - 4.2.b **Competitors are divided and scored in the following categories:**
 - **Laser Standard Rig:** Overall, Under 21 (born 1996-97), Boys Under 19 (born 1998-99),
 - **Laser Radial Rig Female:** Overall, Girls Under 21 (born 1996-97), Girls Under 19 (born 1998-99), Girls Under 17 (born 1999-2000)
 - **Laser Radial Rig Male:** Overall, Boys Under 19 (born 1998-99), Boys Under 17 (born 2000-01),
 - **Laser 4.7 Rig Male:** Boys Under 18 (born 1999-2001), Boys Under 16, (born 2002 – 2004)
 - **Laser 4.7 Rig Female:** Women (born before 1999), Girls Under 18 (born 1999-2001), Girls Under 16 (born 2002 – 2004).

- 4.2.c **The Laser 4.7** eligibility is restricted to sailors who are born in 2004 or earlier having his/her 12th birthday before the first day of the race.

The age categories are better shown in the following table.

2016 Categories			Età	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	+
Class/Rig	Sex /	Birth Year	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996		
Laser 4.7	Boys		NO	Under 16				Under 18		No				
	Girls		NO	Under 16				Under 18		Open Female				
Laser Radial	Boys/Men		NO					Under 17	Under 19	Open				
	Boys/Ladies		NO					Under 17	Under 19	Under 21 F	Open			
Laser Standard	Boys/Men		NO						Under 19	Under 21 M	Open			

5 ENTRY PROCEDURES

- 5.1 Entries will open 45 days before the first day of each race.
- 5.2 To enter a Europa Cup regatta a sailor needs to be registered at the EurILCA website. The entries will be collected through the private area of each EurILCA registered member.
See web page " <http://www.eurilca.org/index.php/entries-online> "
- 5.3 Application of entries must be submitted until the entry closing date as shown in table 1.1. Those dates may be upgraded as you can see and check at <http://www.eurilca.org/index.php/regattas/gobal-regatta-archive>
- 5.4 When a sailor fills his first application to enter the regatta at the venue without having previously registered and completed the electronic form on the website (item 5.2 above) by the entry closing date,
- 5.4.a he must provide the ISAF sailor ID to the organizers
- 5.4.b he must be registered in the website,
- 5.4.c if it does not follow those prescriptions, the regatta's result cannot be scored in the ranking lists
- 5.4.d to his boat will be charged the late entry fee
- 5.4.e his application will not necessarily be accepted.
- 5.5 Entry fee payment is normally due on site.
When the event's organizing committee requires the payment of the entry fee till the entry closing date, and that has been reported in the essential information page published at the Eurilca website, and to do this the sailor must fill the organizer's electronic entry form, he has to follow the entry procedure twice: once for the Eurilca, and another for the event organizer.
The application made on the Eurilca website will be the proof of entry and no additional late entry fee must be charged to the sailor.
When any application has been made at the Eurilca website there will be reason for the applicability of the late entry fee.
- 5.6 Any sailor who has not finalized the registration at the secretary of the organizing yacht club, by the entry closing time, **will be removed** from the list of sailors and will not be scored at that event.
This also applies to sailors who have complied with all other entry requirements.
- 5.7 After the closure of the entries, crew substitution of the registered sailor is not permitted.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 There are two races a day scheduled, a third race may be sailed when in delay with the program, with the agreement of the ILCA representative. Never a fourth race may be sailed in the same day, if that happens, cannot be counted in the score.

- 6.2 The race committee may decide to split some or all of the classes into groups where each class has more than 80 entries. This split is mandatory if the entries of a single class are more than 85. A grouping system will be used and the colours will be re-assigned every day as specified in the sailing instructions.
- 6.3 If the fleet is split as per 6.2 above, and at least 4 races were sailed, the last day the fleet will be divided in Gold and Silver fleets (and bronze and emerald if in case) and raced in "finals" format.

7 BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 7.1 All competitors shall use only one hull, sail, mast, boom, centreboard and rudder. Mark II sail is allowed.
- 7.2 Sails shall have the full sail number and NATIONAL LETTERS in accordance with the Class Rules and the RRS. The national letters shall denote the National Authority of which the sailor is a member in accordance with RRS 75.2 and with the Notice of Race clause 4.1 Eligibility and Entry Regulations. This changes RRS Appendix G 1.1.
- 7.3 Women competitors shall place a red diamond on each side of their sail (back to back) in compliance with class rule 4(g).

8 MEASUREMENTS

- 8.1 Boat and equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, wet clothing rules and sailing instructions at the discretion of, race committee (including the class measurer and the class representative) or the international jury.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 The approved Sailing instructions for the Laser Europa Cup 2016 will be posted on the Official Notice Board and the EurILCA website. Sailing Instructions will be available from the on-site Race Office on the day before the start of each regatta.

10 THE COURSES

Trapezoid courses will be used with inner and outer loops and an upwind finish.

11 PROTESTS AND PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.
- 11.2 Scoring penalties will be applied as specified in Sailing instructions (SI 16).
- 11.3 To encourage boats to take penalties afloat, jury members may blow a whistle when they see what they believe to be a breach of a rule. If no boat takes a penalty, the jury may lodge a protest.

12 SCORING

12.1 The Europa Cup Series final rank

- The sum of the best 4 scores at Europa Cup regattas with mandatory one score obtained in the grade 0 sailed regatta determines the competitor's total ranking score.
- To be fully eligible a boat has to sail at least one of the grade 0 races, this year organized in FRA, NED, GER.
- No score differences at each regatta based on its grade.

12.1.a Scoring for series results in any of these above categories shall be made by extraction from the overall series results without rescoring.

12.2 The single Europa Cup regattas

When only one race is sailed in a Grade 0 Europa Cup, the regatta will be downgraded as grade 1

12.2.a Each sailor takes its minimal low score like the position of his boat in the final rank of each event.

12.2.b Sailors sailing a boat only scored as DNC, DNF, DNS, DSQ, DNE, OCS, BFD will be deleted from the list and do not takes any score.

- 12.2.c Where a fleet is split into Gold and Silver groups, the 1st ranked in the silver fleet will be ranked in the subsequent place of the gold fleet; that concept is extended when we have more groups, red, emerald.
- 12.2.d Where men and women fleets sail together (in Radial and Laser 4.7 Fleets) the men and women will be ranked separately by simply extracting the women's positions from the overall positions and rescored as 1st, 2nd, ... etc.
- 12.2.e Nationality is assigned according to the ISAF Sailor ID linked to the competitor. A competitor can only ask to change Nationality at the beginning of each year.
- 12.2.f The Europa Cup series ranking will be available at www.eurilca.org.

13 PRIZES

13.1 PRIZES ASSIGNMENT BY CATEGORY.

Competitors are divided in the following categories, that includes in the youth groups also the younger sailors :

- **Laser Standard Rig:** Overall, Under 21 (born 1996-99), Boys Under 19 (born 1998-99), .
- **Laser Radial Rig Female:** Overall, Girls Under 21 (born 1996-2001), Girls Under 19 (born 1998-2001), Girls Under 17 (born 2000-2001).
- **Laser Radial Rig Male:** Overall, Boys Under 19 (born 1998-2001), Boys Under 17 (born 2000-2001)
- **Laser 4.7 Rig M:** Boys Under 18 (born 1999-2004), Boys Under 16, (born 2001 – 2004) .
- **Laser 4.7 Rig F:** Girls Under 18 (born 1999-2004), Girls Under 16 (born 2001 – 2004).

13.2 SINGLE REGATTA AND EUROPA CUP SERIES

EurILCA prizes will be awarded to at the first 3 places in each category noted in item 13.1 above subject to ILCA Honour Awards By Law.

14 SAFETY

- 14.1 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times when afloat, except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes rule 40.
- 14.2 Each event may introduce a Check-in and Check-out system, which will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions for each relevant event.

15 TEAM AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 15.1 Team and support boats shall, at all times when afloat, be conspicuously identified by the country name, national letters or national flag of the team they represent. They must fill an accreditation form at the Race office before go afloat.

16 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 16.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show at their discretion, any photographs, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

17 LIABILITY

- 17.1 The sailing clubs, national authorities and the International Laser Class Association, their officers, members and volunteers do not accept liability for loss of life or property, personal injury or damage caused by, or arising out of, the Europa Cup regattas, and competitors take part in the regattas entirely at their own risk.

- 17.2 The establishment of the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibilities of a competitor being solely and entirely responsible for the management of a boat he or she is sailing.
- 17.3 A competitor must be of good health and a competent sailor capable of sailing a Laser in strong winds. It is the responsibility of each sailor to decide to participate in a race, to continue racing,

18 INSURANCE

- 13.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1.000.000 € per event or the equivalent.
- 13.2 Each competitor is wholly and exclusively responsible for third party liability insurance on the boat that he or she is sailing and for his or her personal accident and health insurance.
- 18.1 Each competitor is wholly and exclusively responsible to maintain his boat in a safe and seaworthy condition checking it before go afloat.

19 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 19.1 Additional information will be notified either from the EurILCA or from individual organising clubs.

20 CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

- 20.1 This Notice of Race may be subject to amendments which will be identified in the Notice of Race and noted on the Eurilca website.