



**UK LASER 4000 CLASS ASSOCIATION**

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER – TUESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER  
2008**

**Organising Authority**

**ROYAL TORBAY YACHT CLUB  
TORQUAY, DEVON, ENGLAND**

**in conjunction with  
UK LASER 4000 CLASS ASSOCIATION**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**ALL TIMES ARE BRITISH SUMMER TIME (BST)**

## 1. **RULES**

1.1 The championship will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 The Prescriptions of The Royal Yachting Association will apply.

1.3 Racing rules will be changed as follows:-

Rule 31 A boat touching a mark other than a starting or finishing mark and passing it on the correct side does not infringe rule 31.1. A boat which, in the opinion of the race committee, causes a racing mark to be significantly re-located may be disqualified from that race or any re-start.

Rule 32 The course may be shortened to control the length of a race so that the leader finishes after approximately 45 minutes.

Rule 44.2 The 'two turns penalty' is amended to 'one turn penalty' including one tack and one gybe.

The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.

## 2. **IMAGE RIGHTS**

Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority and the UK Laser 4000 Class, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

## 3. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

3.1 The championship is open to all boats of the Laser 4000 Class.

3.2 Entrants must be fully paid-up members of the Class Association as defined within the Class Association Rules.

3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and sending it, together with the required fee, to The Club Secretary, Royal Torbay Yacht Club, 12 Beacon Terrace, Torquay TQ1 2BH by Friday 29th August 2008.

3.4 Competitors under the age of 18 years at the time of the event shall be required to complete and lodge the parental/guardian consent form included on the entry form at time of registration and prior to commencement of racing.

3.5 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee who may impose a £10 additional entry fee.

## 4. **FEES**

4.1 The entry fee will be £100.00 per boat.

4.2 The entry fee includes launching and storage facilities.

- 4.3 The entry fee includes two tickets to the Commodore's Reception and two tickets to a competitors supper.

## 5. **SCHEDULE**

- 5.1 Registration:  
Saturday 6th September from 0800 hours at RTYC Clubhouse.
- 5.2 Dates of racing and number of races:  
Saturday 6th September – 3 races.  
Sunday 7th September – 3 races.  
Monday 8th September – 3 races  
Tuesday 9th September – 2 races
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1300 hours.
- 5.4 There will be a competitors briefing at 1100 hours on Saturday 6th September at RTYC Clubhouse.

## 6. **MEASUREMENT**

- 6.1 All competing boats shall comply with the Laser 4000 measurement rules.
- 6.2 The race committee reserves the right to require any boat or sail to be submitted for measurement at any time before or during the series.
- 6.3 A buoyancy aid of an "International Standard Approved Type" will be worn by both crew during racing at this event.

## 7. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration or by visiting the RTYC web site ([www.royaltorbayyc.org.uk](http://www.royaltorbayyc.org.uk)).

## 8. **THE COURSES**

Windward-Leeward courses will be laid in Torbay.

## 9. **SCORING**

- 9.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.2 (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from four to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When from 7 to 11 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## 10. **BERTHING**

- 10.1 Boats will be launched from trolleys on the slipway and stored on the open hard standing adjacent to the slipway.

## 11 **CREW CHANGES**

- 11.1 Crew changes during the event may not be made unless written approval is granted by the Race Committee in advance of the race in which the change occurs.

## 12. **PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded for the first six places.

## 13. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 13.1 Competitors participate in the championship 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 championship.

- 13.2 Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else reduces this responsibility.

- 13.3 It is for the competitors to decide whether their boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea, the competitors confirm that the boat is fit for those conditions and they are competent to sail and compete in them.

- 13.4 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and/or competitors, nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include Royal Torbay Yacht Club, the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beach masters.

- 13.5 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the owner/competitor of their responsibilities.

## 14. **INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 or the equivalent.

## 15. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact the Championship organiser. Fran Deimel, Royal Torbay Yacht Club, 12 Beacon Terrace, Torquay TQ1 2BH Telephone 01803 292006, email f.deimel@nhs.net.