



**Irish Laser Ulster Championships 2018
Saturday 28th to Sunday 29th April, 2018**

**Supported by CH Marine
Ballyholme Yacht Club, Seacliff Road, Bangor BT20 5HT**

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Irish Laser National Championships will be organised by the Host Club in association with the Irish Laser Association.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Irish Sailing will apply.
- 1.3 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 33, 35, 40, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 61.1(a), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2, A4 and A5 will be changed. The changes will appear, in full, in the sailing instructions.
- 1.4 Rules of the Irish Laser Association will apply.
- 1.5 Appendix P will apply.
- 1.6 Boats shall use their correct sail numbers in accordance with ILCA rules and RRS Appendix G.
- 1.7 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

2 ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY AND FEES

- 2.1 Entry is open to boats of the Laser, Laser Radial and Laser 4.7 Class.
- 2.2 Competitors shall be a member of the Irish or other National Laser Association.
- 2.3 Eligible boats may enter online at the discounted rate of €50.00 until Friday 20th April, 2018.
- 2.3 Late entries will be accepted online at the full rate of €75.00 until 2100 hours on 25th April, 2018. Entries may be accepted at the event, £65 or €75 (cash only), at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 2.4 Competitors who are minors shall ensure that their declaration form has been signed by a responsible adult at registration.

3 SCHEDULE

- 3.1 Registration: Friday 27th April 1900 to 2000 for all competitors. Also on Saturday 28th April 0900 to 1030.
- 3.2 Briefing – A Briefing will be held at 1030 on Saturday 28th April 2018.
- 3.3 Racing:

| Date | Race |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Saturday 28 th April | Races 1, 2 and 3 |
| Sunday 29 th April | Races 4, 5 and 6 |
- 3.3 Six Races are scheduled.
- 3.4 The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Saturday 28th April 1155. The scheduled time of the first warning signal on the following day is 1055.

4 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 The Standard Sailing Instructions for Provincial Championships will be available on the Irish laser association web site and at registration. The Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

5 SAILING AREA

- 5.1 The Sailing Area will be immediately to the north of Ballyholme Bay in Belfast Lough.

6 THE COURSES

- 6.1 The courses to be sailed will be Trapezoid or Old Olympic Triangle.

7 PENALTY SYSTEM & ARBITRATION

- 7.1 The Exoneration Penalty and Arbitration Procedure in Appendix T will be available.

Decisions from Arbitration can be referred to the protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

8 SCORING

- 8.1** When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.

9 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 9.1** Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat. This changes RRS 40. Wetsuits and drysuits are not considered to be adequate.

10 PRIZES

- 10.1** Prizes will be given as follows: First, Second and Third in each class. Further Prizes may be awarded.

11 RISK STATEMENT

- 11.1** Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone"
Sailing by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
 - (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
 - (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;

12 INSURANCE

- 12.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

FURTHER INFORMATION

Ballyholme Yacht Club
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ACCOMMODATION

Camping, caravans and motorhomes - We have some limited space on site - contact admin@ballyholme.com as soon as possible - available on a first come first served basis.

For information on Hotel and Bed and Breakfast Accommodation
contact: <http://www.visitardsandnorthdown.com>