



Notice of Race 2018 Fiji Air and Fiji Tourism Laser Masters Oceania Championship

Standard and Radial Rig 13th to 19th October 2018

Venue: Denarau, Fiji

Organizing Authority: Fiji Laser Class Association (FLCA), Oceania Laser Class Association (OLCA), Denarau Yacht Club and Fiji Yachting.

1. RULES

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

1.2 Laser class rule 7 (a) is restricted as follows: "Only one person (the registered sailor) shall be on board while racing."

1.3 Appendix P "Special Procedures for Rule 42" will apply with changes to include; allowing a jury initiated redress, a points penalty for a first penalty given after finishing and to prohibit a boat that has been disqualified for a rule 42 infringement or has retired in recognition of a rule 42 infringement from sailing in a race if that race is restarted or re-sailed.

1.4 In all rules governing this regatta; (a) (DP) denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury; and (b) (NP) denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1.5 (DP,NP) Advertising - The organizing authority may require competing boats to carry event sponsor advertising

1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ENTRY REGULATIONS (NP, DP)

2.1 Only current, fully paid members of the International Laser Class Association and of a World Sailing member national authority may enter the regatta. These memberships shall be with the Laser Fleet/District Association and with the World Sailing member 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 World Sailing member national authority in which he has permanent residence in accordance with the ILCA Constitution, Article 10 (3) and the ILCA Class Rules, Part Two, Article 9. The sailor can only be member of one Laser Fleet/District Association.

2.2 Crew substitution of the registered sailor is not permitted.

2.3 No resale or transfer of entries is allowed.

2.4 Each sailor shall apply using the official online application form (see paragraph 3).

2.5 Entry is restricted to experienced sailors who, on 13th October 2017 for Standard Rig Regatta and 27th October for the Radial Rig Regatta, are aged as follows;

- 21 to 34 Laser Laser Standard Corinthian or Laser Radial Corinthian
- 35 to 44 Laser Standard Apprentice or Laser Radial Apprentice
- 45 to 54 Laser Standard Master or Laser Radial Master
- 55 to 64 Laser Standard Grand Master or Laser Radial Grand Master
- 65 and over Laser Standard Great Grand Master 65 to 74 Laser Radial Great Grand Master
- 75 and over Laser Radial 75 and over

2.6 Proof of age may be required at registration.

3. ENTRY

3.1 Entries will be accepted on the OLCA regatta website in accordance with the “Application and Entry Procedure” appended to this notice of race.

3.2 The entry closing date is 13 September 2018.

3.3 The entry fee is AUD \$300.

3.4 Entries completed after the entry closing date may be accepted solely at the discretion of the event organisers and upon payment of a late entry fee of AUD \$375 (\$300 plus \$75).

CANCELLATION & REFUND

3.5 See Attachment 1, Paragraph 5 “Entries – Cancellation & Refunds” of this notice of race.

4. CHARTER BOATS

4.1 100 charter boats will be available for the regatta for reservation through the official on-line entry system linked on the event web site.

4.2 Refer to the OLCA event website for additional information about charter boats.

5. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT (NP, DP)

5.1 All competitors shall use only one hull, sail, batten set, mast, boom, centreboard and rudder; all of which shall be identified during equipment inspection.

5.2 In the event of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the written permission of the regatta measurer in accordance with the sailing instructions.

5.3 For the purposes of rule G1.1, sails shall display the national letters of the World Sailing member national authority under which the entry was accepted (see 2.1 above.) This changes rule G1.1.

5.4 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organizing authority.

6. PROGRAM

6.1 Standard and Radial Rig Regatta

13th October 2018 0900-1200 & 1300-1800 Registration, Equipment Inspection, Charter Boat allocation.

14th October 2018 0900-1200 & 1300-1800 Registration, Equipment Inspection, Charter Boat allocation.

15th October 2018 0900-1200 & 1300-1800 Registration, Equipment Inspection, Charter Boat allocation Practice race at 1400 followed by an opening ceremony.

16th October 2018 2 races back to back

17th October 2018 2 races back to back

18th October 2018 2 Races back to back

19th October 2018 2 races back to back followed by charter boat return, prize giving party and buffet meal.

The time of the first warning signal for the practice race will be 1400.

The time of the first warning signal on 16th to 19th October will be 1300.

Each day succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race. Any race whose warning signal is not made by 1500 on the 19th October will be abandoned and not resailed.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Copies of sailing instructions will be available from the race office during registration and from the OLCA regatta website after the entry closing date.

8. RACE OFFICE

8.1 The race office is located at the Sofitel Denarau, Denarau, Fiji.

8.2 The race office will be open: 12th – 19th October from 0900 – 1200 & 1300 - 1800 and in addition on race days will remain open until 30 minutes after the close of the protest time unless extended at the discretion of the race committee.

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION (NP, DP)

9.1 Information on equipment inspection will be posted on the official notice board. Boats shall be presented with all equipment that shall be used in the regatta, with the bottom mast and boom with all control lines rigged and with the sail and top section derigged ready for inspection.

9.2 Equipment inspection will take place at the regatta site at the times listed in 6.1 and 6.2 above. Equipment inspection outside these times will only be possible at the discretion of the regatta measurer and on payment of AUD 40.

9.3 Wet clothing and equipment checks may be made throughout the regatta at the discretion of the class representative, race committee or the jury.

10. COACH REGISTRATION & TEAM/COACH/SUPPORT BOATS (NP, DP)

10.1 All coach/support boats shall pre-register online at the OLCA regatta website before or on 12 September 2018.

10.2 A coach fee of AUD 100 shall be paid to the host when registering at the regatta venue. The fee covers the cost of crane operations, moorings, coach boat identification, t-shirt, souvenirs and use of water and electricity in the marina.

10.3 Each coach/support boat shall clearly display an identification number supplied at registration. No other individual support boats shall be used.

10.4 Each coach/support boat is required to carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving all international ship-to-ship channels.

10.5 Coach/support boat drivers and crews shall wear a life jacket or other adequate personal buoyancy securely fastened at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting

clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

10.6 When the coach/support boat engine is running, coach/support boat drivers shall be connected to a device that will stop the engine if the boat driver falls out the boat or is otherwise not in control of the boat.

10.7 The movements of coach/support boats will be restricted as defined in the sailing instructions.

10.8 There will be a coaches meeting at the race office 2.5 hours before the first scheduled start time of the first race of each regatta.

11. COURSES

A trapezoid course will be used with inner and outer loops and an upwind finish. The target time for the first boat in each race will be 50 minutes.

12. WHISTLE SYSTEM

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.

13. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

For protests where only a rule of Part 2 is alleged to have been broken, an arbitration hearing may be offered prior to any formal protest hearing.

14. APPEALS

There shall be no appeal from the decisions of the jury.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION (DP)

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio communication while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

16. SAFETY (DP)

Each competitor shall wear a life jacket or other adequate personal buoyancy at all times when afloat. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

17. SCORING

17.1 A total of four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

17.2 When from four to eight races have been completed one race score will be excluded.

17.3 When nine races or more are completed two races scores will be excluded.

18. TITLES & PRIZES

18.1 Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the ILCA Honour Awards By-Law for each of the following:

- Laser Standard Corinthian Men
- Laser Standard Apprentice Men
- Laser Standard Master Men
- Laser Standard Grand Master Men

- Laser Standard Great Grand Master Men
- Laser Radial Corinthian Man & Women combined
- Laser Radial Apprentice Men & Women combined
- Laser Radial Master Men & Women combined
- Laser Radial Grand Master Men & Women combined
- Laser Radial Great Grand Master Men & Women combined
- Laser Radial Corinthian Women
- Laser Radial Apprentice Women
- Laser Radial Master Women
- Laser Radial Grand Master Women
- Laser Radial Great Grand Master Women
- Laser Radial 75 and over

18.2 Women's results will be determined by the series score in the combined Men & Women competition. (Note: These results will be extracted from the overall results and published without recalculation.)

18.3 The Laser Radial 75 and over result may be determined by the series score in the combined Laser Radial Great Grand Master and 75 and over fleets. (Note: This result will be extracted from the overall result and published without recalculation.)

Cube Prizes

18.4 ILCA cube prizes will be awarded in accordance with the ILCA Honour Award By-Law. 21.

19. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

By entering the regatta competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the regatta and/or using the regatta facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitors approval of such images or any use thereof.

20. LIABILITY

20.1 The Denarau Yacht Club and Fiji Yachting, the Oceania Laser Class Association and all their officers, members and volunteers do not accept liability for loss of life or property, or personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the regatta. Competitors take part in the regatta at their own risk.

20.2 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 is sailing.

20.3 All competitors shall maintain their boats in a safe and seaworthy condition.

20.4 A competitor shall be of good health and a competent sailor capable of racing a Laser Standard or Laser Radial in open water in all conditions including strong winds.

20.5 All competitors shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$2,000,000 per event or equivalent thereof in any other currency.

20.6 A competitor is recommended to have personal accident and health insurance that covers him while attending the regatta and while racing.

21. INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, each competitor agrees to indemnify and hold OLCA, the Denarau Yacht Club and Fiji Yachting, owners, affiliates, officers, employees, agents, committee persons and race officials acting in their official capacities harmless, from any third party claim to the extent arising from a competitor's acts or omissions.

22. REGATTA WEBSITE

All information, documents, entry, charter, accommodation and travel information will be posted or linked on the OLCA regatta website at: <https://www.oceania-laserchamps.com/>

23. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

This notice of race may be subject to amendments which will be identified on the OLCA regatta website.

Attachment 1 Application and Entry Procedure

1. PAYMENTS & REFUNDS

1.1 All fees shall be paid online using Pay Pal or credit card. Credit cards used for payment should have an expiry date at least 3 months later than the entry closing date.

1.2 Refunds (if any) will be made to the same Pay Pal account or credit card.

2. ENTRY PROCEDURE

2.1 Entries should be placed on the event website <https://www.oceaniaLASERchamps.com/> and payment of AUD \$300 made online from the site by or before 13th September 2018.

2.2 If there are available places then at the discretion of the event organisers entries may be accepted after 13 September. These late entries will require an AUD \$375 payment.

2.3 National Laser Associations may refuse a sailor's entry based on sailing ability, membership status or failure to meet other national entry requirements. Sailors will be notified by email if their entry is refused, and the reason for the refusal will be specified.

3. ENTRIES – CANCELLATION & REFUNDS

3.1 If a sailor cancels an entry on or before the entry closing date the full entry fee less a AUD\$50 cancellation fee will be refunded approximately one week after the entry closing date.

3.2 No entry is refundable for cancellations after the entry closing date.

3.3 If a charter boat reservation is cancelled on or before the entry closing date, the damage deposit and the full charter fee less an AUD \$300 cancellation fee will be refunded approximately one week after the entry closing date. [See "Attachment 2 – Charter Boats" for information about charter cancellation and refunds.]

3.4 If a charter boat reservation is cancelled after the entry closing date the damage deposit is refundable but no charter fee is refundable.

Attachment 2 Charter Boats

4. CHARTER – RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS

4.1 100 charter boats for the regatta will be made available to competitors for reservation through the OLCA online entry system accessible via the event web site.

4.2 Required and optional charter fees will be listed on the OLCA event website, and will be displayed during checkout and payment.

6.3 A reservation is established by paying all required charter fees and a refundable damage deposit.

6.4 OLCA is acting in the capacity of booking agent and the charter agreement is between the sailor and the charter provider.

7. CHARTER – TERMS & CONDITIONS

7.1 Sailors using charter equipment will be bound by the “Charter Terms and Conditions” available for preview in the Documents section of the OLCA event website.

7.2 At the regatta venue, the sailor must sign the “Charter Terms and Conditions” before receiving charter equipment from the charter provider.

8. CHARTER – CANCELLATION & REFUNDS

8.1 For cancellations prior to the entry closing date, charter fees are non-refundable unless the sailor’s entry is also cancelled. If the sailor’s entry is cancelled, all charter fees less an AUD \$300 cancellation fee will be refunded.

8.2 No charter fees are refundable after the entry closing date. However, if the OLCA is able to re-book a charter cancelled after the entry closing date, charter fees will be refunded.