



Maidenhead Sailing Club (MSC)
LASER (ILNA) Open THAMES VALLEY CIRCUIT SERIES 2019
Saturday 29 June 2019

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Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions & Rules, and Entry form



NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

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Rules – refer to Sailing Instructions & Rules below.

ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY - The event is open to all boats of the Laser Standard, Laser Radial and Laser 4.7 Class where the helm is a member of the UK Laser Class Association and/or a member of an RYA affiliated sailing club. This shall be stated on the entry form with eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and presenting it, together with the required fee at the race office.

Fees - £16 per Laser boat entry, cash only (includes teas/coffees, showers and lunch)

Race schedule (all classes have the same start but separate prizes for each class)

	Race no	Time of Warning Signal Class	Race start	Class
Registration from 9:30				
Race briefing at 10.15				
	Race no 1	10.55	11.00	Laser Standard, Radial & 4.7
	Lunch			
	Race no 2	ASAP after Lunch		Laser Standard, Radial & 4.7
	Race no 3	ASAP after Race 2		Laser Standard, Radial & 4.7

Sailing Instructions & Rules – available below and from the MSC Race office at registration.

RISK Statement

Rule 4 the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”. Sailing is by its nature 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; Laser TV Open Meeting MSC 2019; (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/rescue 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 venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and attend any safety briefing held for the event.

MEMBERSHIP AND LIABILITY

All visiting competitors will be deemed temporary members of Maidenhead Sailing Club (MSC) during the event and as such shall abide by all the Club’s rules and bye-laws. Members of the Club, their guests and visitors may use the Club premises and other facilities of the Club entirely at their own risk and implicitly accept that: the Club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to members, their guests or visitors to the Club; the Club will not accept any liability for personal injury arising out of use of the Club premises or any other facilities of the Club, or out of participating in any race organised by the Club, whether sustained by members, their guests or visitors or caused by the said members, guests or visitors, whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to, or was occasioned by the neglect, default or negligence of any of the officers, committees or servants of the Club. Before inviting any guests or visitors onto the premises or to participate in events organised by the Club, members will draw attention to this rule.



Sailing Instructions & Rules – MSC LASER Open Meeting 29 June 2019 (Laser Standard, Radial & 4.7)

1 **RULES**

- 1.1 Racing will take place under the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, these sailing instructions and the appropriate class rules. For Handicap Racing, the current Portsmouth Yardstick system will be used. The RRS will change in accordance with RRS 2017-2020.
- 1.2 Competitors should note that Maidenhead Sailing Club implement the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (RRS).
- 1.3 Racing rule(s) 86.1(b) will be unchanged as follows: The zone is the area around a mark within a distance of THREE hull lengths of the boat nearer to it.

2 **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Sailing Committee notice board(s) located at Maidenhead Sailing Club or at the MSC Race Hut.

3 **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10:00 on the day it will take effect.

4 **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff of the MSC Race Hut.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 The Race Schedule will be as published on the MSC Sailing Committee Notice Board or on the MSC website (www.maidenheadsc.org.uk) or in the MSC "Signal" magazine or all of the above. The Schedule published on the Notice Board will take precedence.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day will be as per the Notice of Race.

6 **RACE ENTRY**

- 6.1 A written entry form together with the appropriate fee (if applicable) will be required from each boat before starting the competition.
- 6.2 Under exceptional circumstances, the race committee may permit a boat to use sails carrying distinguishing number other than that required by RRS rule number 77. Such permission must be requested prior to use of the boat for racing.
- 6.3 Adequate personal flotation devices shall be worn by all crew members whilst afloat and on access piers or pontoons. This instruction replaces RRS rule number 1.2.

7 **COURSE**

- 7.1 The course to be sailed will be displayed on the official Course Board, along with a description of the marks to be used.
- 7.2 **Shortening Course.** Races may be shortened by displaying Flag "S".
- 7.3 Change to Position of Mark During a Race. The race committee may move one or more of the course marks during a race. If possible, an official boat will indicate the new course to competitors, but no other signals will necessarily be made. This changes rule 33.

- 8 **CLASS FLAGS** - The LASER Class flag will be used.



9 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

Any area of the lake marked by white stakes is designated as a hazard. A boat hailing for water to avoid the area must be given room to clear, however the area is not out of bounds and can be sailed over.

10 THE START

10.1 Unless otherwise described on the Course Board, the starting line is defined as the line between the mast bearing a blue flag on the committee boat and an outer distance marker.

10.2 Inner Distance Markers. Inner distance markers (IDMs) may be laid adjacent to the Committee Boat. IDMs are marks of the course. Any boat that passes between the IDM, and any part of the Committee Boat it guards, after the preparatory signal will NOT be disqualified. IDMs if used, are described on the Course Board.

All Laser classes will have the same start (but separate prizes).

11 THE FINISH

11.1 The finishing line shall be defined by the course board and shall normally be a line between the Committee Boat mast bearing a blue flag and an outer distance marker.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

As provided in rule 67, the Race Committee may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken rule 42.

13 TIME LIMIT

Unless modified by the competition rules, any boat not finishing within 20 minutes of the leading boat shall be deemed to have retired. Boats which have been lapped by the leading boat will be finished on the lap they are on as they cross the line.

14 DECLARATIONS

Each competitor will sign off after each race unless the Race Officer decides that it is unnecessary.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms are available in the Race Hut. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

15.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.

16 SCORING

16.1 The scoring system shall be in accord with the RRS Low Point System. A boat shall be defined as having entered the series if it has entered one race.

16.2 The number of races which count towards a boat's regatta or series score will be Half the total number of races completed in the regatta or series rounded up to next whole number.

16.3 A minimum of one race is required to be completed to constitute a series or regatta.

17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

17.1 A competitor may change boats during a series and the scores contribute towards an overall series score if the boat is of the same class and rig.

18 EQUIPMENT, Non class Sails AND MEASUREMENT CHECK

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

Non class sail and rigs makes can be used.



19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

20 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the MSC Sailing Committee, and will normally be given to the top three ranked boats at the end of the race series. The first prize trophy (Standard class) remains the property of MSC and must be returned in advance of the next year's race to MSC. Separate prize will be awarded to the Radial & 4.7 classes first positions.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta/race entirely at their own risk. 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 races.

22 INSURANCE

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

23 Rudder position - MSC Race Officer has the option to advise at the Race briefing to allow the rudder position setting can be changed in the event of weed and/or water depth level.

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ENTRY form MSC Laser Open event (Laser Thames Valley Circuit) 29 June, 2019

Please PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY

The information provided will be used solely in our dealings with you at MSC. The club has a data privacy policy found at <https://www.maidenheadsc.org.uk/main/privacy-policy.html> Your data will be stored and used in accordance with this policy.

Entry fee is £16 (cash only) which covers 1 race entry, lunch & teas/coffees for the competitor.

Laser class: Standard/Radial/Laser 4.7 (circle type) Sail no:

Name (Competitor): Date of birth (if under 18**): **Parent/Guardian Name (refer below**):

Home & Mobile Tel. Nos: Address (helm) & post code:

Email address:

Your Club name: Car registration:

Competitor/helm declaration

- Rules - The Laser Class Open Meeting to be sailed at Maidenhead Sailing Club (MSC) on 29 June, 2019 & will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020.
- I agree to be bound by The racing rules of Sailing & all other rules that govern the event & the bye-laws of Maidenhead Sailing Club (MSC) and by the prescriptions of the RYA under which these races are sailed, by the sailing instructions and by the class rules.
- I warrant that I hold valid third party insurance which covers me for my Laser Dinghy (above) that includes 3rd party Liability cover of at least £2 million which covers me while racing. I agree to keep MSC & its officers indemnified against all or any 3rd party claims that may arise in connection with my boat and/or the users thereof. I am aware that visual images of the event & competitors may be taken and I consent to these visual images being made available for use in reporting &/or advertising this & future events.
- I [am] / [am not] a member of the Laser Class association.

Signed (Competitor): Dated: Entry fee £16 paid Yes/No: Club Use Only

****Parent or Guardian declaration (if competitor or helm is under 18 years)**

During this time I will be in or around MSC Club or I will inform the Race Office in writing who is acting in loco parentis during my absence The competitor (above) is my dependent & I accept that my dependent is excluded from the right to claim compensation in certain circumstances. I declare that during the event the boat will have valid & current third party insurance of at least £2 million. I confirm that my dependent is competent to take part & that I am responsible for my dependent throughout the event. During this time I will be on MSC site or I will inform the Race Officer/team in writing who is acting in the place of the parent/guardian during my absence.

Signed (Parent/Guardian): Dated: Mobile & home Tel. Nos:

[Tear off below for competitor]

One lunch voucher Laser Open MSC 29/6/19

R & Sailing Instructions

