

The Laser EUROPA CUP 2012

Incorporating Youth Grand Prix

The Europa Cup series is part of the Europa Cup Trophy

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NOTICE OF RACE

1 VALIDITY

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

Date	Venue	Entry Fee	Entry Closing Date	EurILCA Grade	ISAF Grade
16 – 18 March	SLOVENIA – Koper	€ 80 EUR	March 10 th	1	3
23 – 26 March	ITALY – Torbole	€ 80 EUR	March 17 th	0	2
29 March – 01 April	SWITZERLAND – Lugano	€ 80 EUR	March 23 rd	1	3
06 – 09 April	FRANCE – Martigues	€ 90 EUR	March 31 st	0	2
01 – 03 June	NETHERLANDS – Hoorn	€ 80 EUR	May 26 th	1	3
08 – 10 June	SWEDEN – Gothenburg	€ 80 EUR	June 2 nd	1	3
12 – 15 July	GERMANY – Warnemunde	€ 60 EUR	July 7 th	0	2
07 – 09 September	HUNGARY – Balatonfured	€ 70 EUR	September 1 st	1	3
13 – 16 September	AUSTRIA – Breitenbrunn	€ 70 EUR	September 9 th	1	3
20 – 23 September	POLAND – Puck	€ 75 EUR	September 14 th	1	3
28 – 30 September	DENMARK – Aarhus	€ 80 EUR	September 14 th	1	3
26 – 28 October	SPAIN – Vigo	€ 30 EUR	October 20 th	1	3
19 – 21 October	PORTUGAL – Cascais	€ 50 EUR	October 13 th	1	3
28 – 31 December	CROATIA – Hvar	€ 70 EUR	December 25 th	1	3

1.2 For more details about each venue, including links to entry forms, late entry fees, accommodation and travel arrangements, please see point 20 below, Venue Information.

2 RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the *Rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012.

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 4.1 Entry regulations below. 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
 - 4.1.a The sailor can only be member of one Laser Fleet/District Association.
 - 4.1.b The sailor will be scored as member of the District to pertain and normally is reflected in his/her ISAF Sailor ID.
 - 4.1.c The memberships of this District can be different of the ISAF National Authority of the country, where the sailor normally sails, even though such place may not be his permanent residence.
 - 4.1.d If a sailor is unable to present the 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 ILCA to cover administrative costs. €50 will be passed on by ILCA 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 Age Eligibility
 - 4.2.a **The Laser Standard Europa Cup** is restricted to sailors who are born in 1995 or earlier.
 - 4.2.b **The Laser Radial Europa Cup** is restricted to sailors who are born in 1997 or earlier.
 - 4.2.c **The Laser 4.7 Europa Cup** is restricted to sailors who are born in 2000 or earlier having his/her 12th birthday before the first day of the race. Male sailors are not eligible if born in 1994 or earlier.
 - 4.2.d Proof of age can be required at registration.
- 4.3 Each competitor shall be registered as an ISAF sailor. **Sailors must have a valid ISAF ID to enter a race.** To register as an ISAF Sailor go to: <http://www.sailing.org/2056.php>. To avoid scoring duplication, sailors should ensure to use only one ISAF ID for any event entered in the series.
- 4.4 Any sailor who has not, by the closing time for registration, completed registration at the secretary of the organizing yacht club **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.
- 4.5 After the closure of the entries, crew substitution of the registered sailor is not permitted.

5 ENTRY PROCEDURES

- 5.1 Entries will be collected by an electronic form **ONLY** through www.eurilca.org/europacup/entriesonline.html. ISAF Sailor ID is required. Entries will open no later than a month before the first day of each race.
- 5.2 Application of entries must be submitted until the entry closing date as shown in table 1.1.
- 5.3 Sailors who arrive at the venue asking to be entered into the event without having previously completed the electronic form at the website (item 5.1 above) by the entry closing date, will not necessarily be accepted. If the sailor is accepted and allowed to enter, they will be charged the late entry fee.
- 5.4 Payment of entry fees is usually made on site, provided the competitor has entered through the electronic system by the entry closing date. For individual regattas requirements, please check the ILCA website local information area as shown at item 20 “Venue Information”.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 There are two races a day for a 4 day racing series and three races a day on the first two days of a 3 day series with 2 races on the last day.
- 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.

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 2012 will be posted on the Official Notice Board and the ILCA 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 Competitors are divided and scored in the following categories:

- **Laser Standard Rig:** Overall, (born before 1992), Boys Under 21 (born 1992-93), Boys Under 19 (born 1994-95),
- **Laser Radial Rig Female:** Women (born before 1992), Girls Under 21 (born 1992-93), Girls Under 19 (born 1994-95), Girls Under 17 (born 1996-97)
- **Laser Radial Rig Male:** Men (born before 1994), Boys Under 19 (born 1994-95), Boys Under 17 (born 1996-97),
- **Laser 4.7 Rig Male:** Boys Under 18 (born 1995-96), Boys Under 16, (born 1997 – 2000)
- **Laser 4.7 Rig Female:** Women (born before 1995), Girls Under 18 (born 1995-96), Girls Under 16 (born 1997 – 2000).

The age categories are better shown in the following table.

2012 Categories			Età	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	+
Class/Rig	Sex /	Birth Year	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992		
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

- 12.2 Scoring for series results in any of these categories shall be made by extraction from the overall series results without rescoreing.
- 12.3 The individual regattas
- 12.3.a For all classes, 2 races (completed by all groups) are required to constitute a series. When only one race is sailed, the regatta will be counted for the Europa Cup Trophy, but the score point generating from the final result will be calculated with a *one step downgraded* Grade factor (F).
- 12.3.b Discards: will be managed as Sis 21
- 12.4 The Europa Cup Trophy
- 12.4.a The single event score will be collected and scored in the **EurILCA ranking** list, therefore the final position in the results list will be a part of a formula constituting the final score. Ranking Points (P) are calculated using the following method.
- $$P = R \times Q \times QT \times YWF \times F$$
- Where
- P = Ranking Points
 - R = Regatta Points (101- final position)
 - Q = Quality Factor (max value 1.5)
 - QT = Quantity Factor (max value 1.5)
 - YWF = Year Weighting Factor (max value 1.5)
 - F = Event Grading Multiplier (3 or 3.3) – see item 1.1 EurILCA Grade
- Every calculated point (P) will be rounded up 1/1000.
- 12.4.b The Europa Cup Trophy will include all the events of Europa Cup, the Euromaster series events, the European championships, each District championship, the major regattas of each district.
- 12.4.c The general score will add the seven highest values of P over the last two years to determine the competitor's total ranking score. No more than the 4 best values of P over the last two years, related to the Europa Cup Races, will be counted.
- 12.4.d The EurILCA Ranking list, including Europa Cup Trophy will be available at www.eurilca.org/ranking/rl.html .

13 PRIZES

13.1 INDIVIDUAL REGATTA PRIZES

13.1.a Prizes for each regatta will be awarded in conformity of the categories listed as at item 12.1 above

13.2 OVERALL EUROPA CUP TROPHY

13.2.a The winner of each category (14) noted in item 12.1 above will be awarded with a wild card for the next European championship of his or her choice.

13.2.b ILCA prizes (cubes and plaques) will be awarded for at least the first 3 places in each category noted in item 12 above subject to ILCA Honour Awards By Law.

13.2.c Additional prizes may be added

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.

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 or to continue racing.

18 INSURANCE

- 18.1 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.

19 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

20 VENUE INFORMATION

Date	Venue	Click the links below for more info
16 – 18 March	SLOVENIA – Koper	www.laserinternational.org/europe/europacup2012/venues/Slovenia OR as a PDF: http://www.laserinternational.org/files/Slovenia.pdf
23 – 26 March	ITALY – Torbole	www.laserinternational.org/europe/europacup2012/venues/Italy OR as a PDF: http://www.laserinternational.org/files/Italy.pdf
29 March – 01 April	SWITZERLAND – Lugano	www.laserinternational.org/europe/europacup2012/venues/Switzerland OR as a PDF: http://www.laserinternational.org/files/SUI2012.pdf
06 – 09 April	FRANCE – Martigues	www.laserinternational.org/europe/europacup2012/venues/France OR as a PDF: http://www.laserinternational.org/files/FRA2012.pdf
01 – 03 June	NETHERLANDS – Hoorn	TBA
08 – 10 June	SWEDEN – Gothenburg	TBA
12 – 15 July	GERMANY – Warnemunde	www.laserinternational.org/europe/europacup2012/venues/Germany OR as a PDF: http://www.laserinternational.org/files/GER2012.pdf
07 – 09 September	HUNGARY – Balatonfured	www.laserinternational.org/europe/europacup2012/venues/Hungary OR as a PDF: http://www.laserinternational.org/files/HUN2012.pdf
13 – 16 September	AUSTRIA – Breitenbrunn	www.laserinternational.org/europe/europacup2012/venues/Austria OR as a PDF: http://www.laserinternational.org/files/AUT2012.pdf
20 – 23 September	POLAND – Puck	www.laserinternational.org/europe/europacup2012/venues/Poland OR as a PDF: http://www.laserinternational.org/files/POL2012.pdf
28 – 30 September	DENMARK – Aarhus	www.laserinternational.org/europe/europacup2012/venues/Denmark OR as a PDF: http://www.laserinternational.org/files/DEN2012.pdf
19 – 21 October	PORTUGAL – Cascais	www.laserinternational.org/europe/europacup2012/venues/Portugal OR as a PDF: http://www.laserinternational.org/files/POR2012.pdf
26 - 28 October	SPAIN – Vigo	www.laserinternational.org/europe/europacup2012/venues/Spain OR as a PDF: http://www.laserinternational.org/files/ESP2012.pdf
28 – 31 December	CROATIA – Hvar	www.laserinternational.org/europe/europacup2012/venues/Croatia OR as a PDF: http://www.laserinternational.org/files/CRO2012.pdf