



Laser EUROPA CUP 2015

Europa Cup series is part of the Europa Cup Trophy

Co-ordinating Authority: The International Laser Class Association (ILCA) European Region

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NOTICE OF RACE

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The Gran Canaria Europa cup 2015 will be held in the Bay of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria from 13 to 15 February, 2015, organized by the Real Club Náutico de Gran Canaria and the Real Federación Española de Vela.

1 VALIDITY

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

Date	Venue	Entry Fee	Closing Date	Grade
13-15 February	Las Palmas – Gran Canaria ESP			1
27-29 March	SWITZERLAND -Lugano			1
03 – 06 April	FRANCE - Brest			0
19 – 12 April	ITALY - Malcesine			1
17 – 19 April	ROMANIA - Constantia			1
01 – 03 May	BELGIUM - Nieuwpoort			1
08 - 10 May	SLOVENIA - Koper			1
22 - 24 May	NETHERLANDS - Hoorn			1
6 – 7 June	NORWAY - Oslo			
12 – 14 June	FINLAND - Helsinki			1
26 - 28 June	DENMARK			1
04 – 07 July	GERMANY – Warnemunde			0
10 - 12 July	POLAND - Dziwnów			1
21 – 23 August	SERBIA – Donji Milanovac			1
11 – 13 September	HUNGARY - Balatonfüred			1
18 – 20 September	AUSTRIA - Attersee			1
25 – 27 September	LITHUANIA - Kaunas			1
19 – 21 September	HUNGARY - Balatonfüred			1
09 – 12 October	MOROCCO - Tanger			1
16 – 18 October	PORTUGAL - Cascais			1
23 – 25 October	SPAIN - Murcia			1
18 - 21 December	ISRAEL - Haifa			1
28 – 31 December	CROATIA - Hvar			1

For more details about each venue, including, rental boats, late entry fees, accommodation and travel arrangements, link to the website of the organizers, you can click on the “Country- venue” in the table above or please go to <http://www.eurilca.org/index.php/regattas> .



2 RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the *Rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016.
- 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 1.1 Entry regulations above. 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

These memberships shall be with the Laser Fleet/District Association and with the ISAF 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 ISAF National Authority in which he has permanent residence in accordance with the ILCA constitution Article 10 (3) and ILCA rule part two Article 9. The sailor can only be member of one Laser Fleet/District Association.

- 4.1.a Sailors must have a valid ISAF ID to enter a race.
To register as an ISAF Sailor go to: <http://members.sailing.org/sailors/profile.php>
The ISAF Sailor ID must be with the ISAF National Authority of the country, where he is a member of the International Laser Class Association as of 4.1
To avoid scoring errors, sailors should ensure to use only one ISAF ID for all entered regattas of the series.
- 4.1.b The sailor will be scored as member of the District they belong to and is normally reflected in his/her ISAF Sailor ID as in 4.1.a.
- 4.1.c If a sailor is unable to present their ILCA or EurILCA 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 EurILCA to cover administrative costs. €50 will be passed on by EurILCA 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 1997 or earlier.
- 4.2.b **The Laser Radial Europa Cup** is restricted to sailors who are born in 1999 or earlier.
- 4.2.c **The Laser 4.7 Europa Cup** is restricted to sailors who are born in 2002 or earlier having his/her 12th birthday before the first day of the race. Boy sailors are not eligible if born in 1996 or earlier.
- 4.2.d Proof of age can be required at registration.

5 ENTRY PROCEDURES

- 5.1 Entries will open 30 days before the first day of each race.



- 5.2 To enter a Europa Cup regatta a sailor needs to be registered at the EurILCA website. The entries will be collected through the private area of each EurILCA registered member.
See web page " <http://www.eurilca.org/index.php/entries-online> ".
- 5.3 Application of entries must be submitted until the entry closing date as shown in table 1.1. Those dates may be upgraded as you can see and check at <http://www.eurilca.org/index.php/regattas>
- 5.4 Sailors who arrive at the venue intending to enter the event without having previously registered and completed the electronic form on the website (item 5.2 above) by the entry closing date, will not necessarily be accepted. If the sailor is allowed to enter, they will be charged the late entry fee.
- 5.5 Payment of entry fees are made on site, provided the competitor has entered through the electronic system by the entry closing date.
- 5.6 Any sailor who has not finalized the registration at the secretary of the organizing yacht club, by the entry closing time, **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.
- 5.7 After the closure of the entries, crew substitution of the registered sailor is not permitted.

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. Else if only 2 races a day are scheduled, a third race may be sailed when in delay with the program, with the agreement of the ILCA representative. Never a fourth race may be sailed in the same day, if that happens, cannot be counted in the score.
- 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 2015 will be posted on the Official Notice Board and the EurILCA 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, Under 21 (born 1995-96), Boys Under 19 (born 1997-98),
- **Laser Radial Rig Female:** Overall, Girls Under 21 (born 1994-95), Girls Under 19 (born 1996-97), Girls Under 17 (born 1999-2000)
- **Laser Radial Rig Male:** Overall, Boys Under 19 (born 1997-98), Boys Under 17 (born 1999-2000),
- **Laser 4.7 Rig Male:** Boys Under 18 (born 1998-99), Boys Under 16, (born 2000 – 2003)
- **Laser 4.7 Rig Female:** Women (born before 1998), Girls Under 18 (born 1998-1999), Girls Under 16 (born 2000 – 2003).

The age categories are better shown in the following table.

2015 Categories			11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	+
Class/Rig	Sex /	Birth Year	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	
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

12.2.a Scoring for series results in any of these classes, when racing together (for example Radial M and F), shall be made by extraction of the rank place from the overall series results and rescored.

12.2.b Scoring for series results in any of these categories shall be made by extraction from the overall series results without rescored.

12.3 The individual regattas

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).

12.4 The Europa Cup Trophy and Europa Cup Series

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

12.4.b.1 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.b.2 The overall 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.c The Europa Cup Trophy for Clubs

The sum of the overall scores (as per item 12.4 c) of the best 3 scored sailors of each Sailing Club will constitute the sailing club score. It will be made counting the best 3 independently from the fleet and per each single fleet (Standard, Radial F, Radial M, Laser 4.7 M and Laser 4.7 W

12.4.d The Europa Cup Series rank

That Rank will include only the Europa Cup series regatta. It will start with the first Europa Cup regatta of the year and will end with the last one. The score will be mad adding the best 3 scores collected by a sailor during the year

12.4.e The EurILCA Ranking list, including the Europa Cup Trophy will be available at www.eurilca.org.

13 PRIZES

13.1 INDIVIDUAL REGATTA

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 AND EUROPA CUP SERIES

13.2.a The winner of each category (15) noted in item 12.1 above will be awarded with a wild card for the next European championship of his or her choice. DELETE

13.2.b EurILCA prizes (crystal cubes) will be awarded to at 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 like an "overall youth prize" recognizing a prize to the best sailors of all youth categories.

13.3 SAILING CLUBS EUROPA CUP TROPHY.

The best club, scored as per 12.4.d for each fleet, in the European Region will receive a special plaque.

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, 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.
- 18.2 Each competitor is wholly and exclusively responsible for third party liability insurance on the boat that he or she is sailing and for his or her personal accident and health insurance.
- 18.3 Each competitor is wholly and exclusively responsible to maintain his boat in a safe and seaworthy condition checking it before go afloat.

19 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

20 CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

- 20.1 This Notice of Race may be subject to amendments which will be identified in the Notice of Race and noted on the Eurilca website.