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LASER EURO MASTER - OSTEND BELGIUM

MAY 5th, 6th and 7th, 2018

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 Each regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the National Authority will not apply.
- 1.3 Laser class rule 7 (a) is restricted as follows "only one person shall be on board whilst racing. The person shall be named on the entry form"
- 1.4 Appendix P "Special Procedures for Rule 42" will apply with changes to include: allowing a jury initiated redress, 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 the race if that race is re-started or re-sailed.
- 1.5 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 2.1 Euro Masters Entry regulations. This changes RRS Appendix G 1.1.
- 1.6 The LASER EURO MASTER CUP of OSTEND also qualifies as the Open Belgian Championship 2018 LASER MASTER Standard, Radial and 4,7.
- 1.7 In the event of a conflict between this Notice of Race, the Class Rules and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instruction shall prevail
- 1.8 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Boats may enter by completing the online entry form at <http://www.rnsyc.be/ostend/en/regatas.asp> and sending it in, together with the required fee, by April 30, 2018.
- 3.2 Only current fully paid members of the International Laser Class Association 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. The ISAF number of the sailor must be with the ISAF National Authority as defined above.



During registration each sailor will be required to show clear written evidence of current membership of their national Laser Association.

If a sailor is unable to present this, he/she will be charged a fee of € 70, € 10 of which will be retained by the collecting club and € 10 by EurILCA, to cover administration. € 50 will be passed on to the sailor's district, who 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.

3.3 Crew substitution of the registered sailor is not permitted.

3.4 If a BELGIAN sailor is unable to present his sailing license (issued by WWSV or FFYB) at registration, he/she shall deliver a signed declaration that he shall mail a copy of this license within 8 days to regatta@rnsyc.be and deposit a warranty of € 50 (payable in local currency) which will be refunded when the copy has been provided, otherwise the warranty will not be refunded and the sailor will be disqualified and removed from the final results.

3.5 Competitors shall reach the following ages during 2018:

3.5.1	Age Group	Master Category
3.5.2	35 to 44	Laser Standard Apprentice Master (men only)
3.5.3	35 to 44	Laser Radial Apprentice Master (men and women)
3.5.4	45 to 54	Laser Standard Master (men only)
3.5.5	45 to 54	Laser Radial Master (men and women)
3.5.6	55 to 64	Laser Standard Grand Master (men only)
3.5.7	55 to 64	Laser Radial Grand Master (men and women)
3.5.8	65 to 75	Laser Radial Great Grand Master (men and women)
3.5.9	65 to 75	Laser Standard Great Grand Master (men only)
3.5.10	75 and over	Laser Radial Legend
3.5.11	35 and over	Laser 4.7 (Women only)

3.6 Any sailor who has not, by the closing time for registration, completed registration at the venue will be removed from the list of sailors for that event and will not be scored at that event. This also applies to sailors who have complied with all other entry requirements.

4 SPARE

5 FEES

Required fee is € 80, - if paid before April 30th, 2018, € 100 from that date on, and includes a 2 course dinner on Sunday, Tomato soup as starter, main Ostend Fish stew. Accompanying persons not sailors can sign up for € 20 at this dinner during registration. (If you don't eat fish, please let us know)

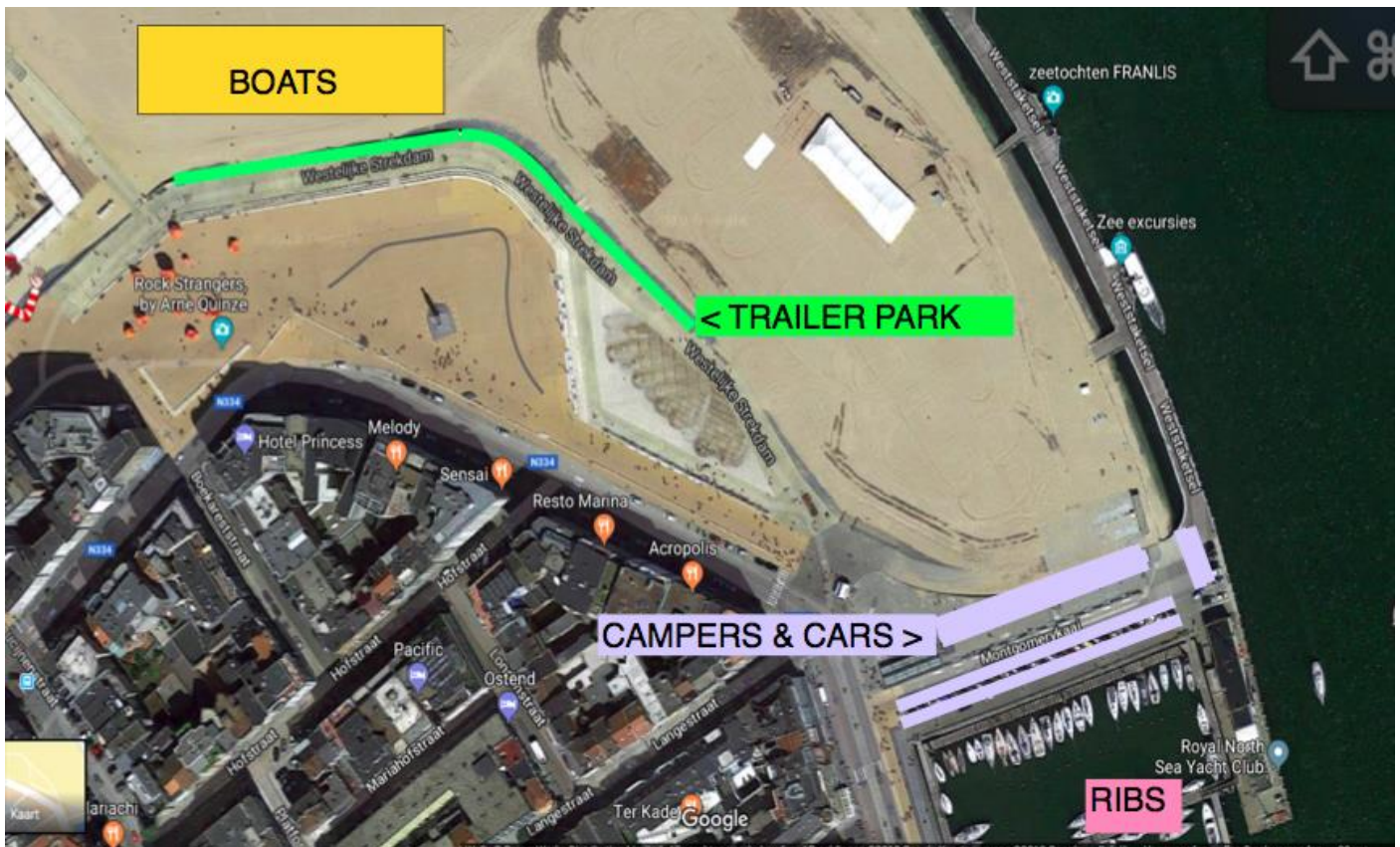
5.1 Payment can be made to
Royal North Sea Yacht Club

Montgomerykaai 1
B-8400 OOSTENDE
IBAN: BE87 3800 0984 7894
BIC: BBRU BE BB

5.2 All charges relating to transfer of the entry fee shall be paid by the remitter

6 VENUE

A full presentation of the regatta venue, free parking zones for cars and campers on site, trailer park, boat park, clubhouse, mooring for ribs in the Montgomery marina, sailing area's and tidal currents can be downloaded [here](#).



7 MEASUREMENT/INSPECTION

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 the regatta measurer, class representative, race committee or protest committee.



8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on May 1st, 2018 at <http://www.rnsrc.be/ostend/en/regatas.asp> .
Hardcopies on paper will not be distributed, but one copy will be displayed at the Notice Board.

9 THE COURSES

Trapezoid courses will be used with inner and outer loops. The target time for the first boat in each race will be 50 minutes.

10 BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 10.1 All competitors shall use only one hull, sail, mast, boom, centreboard and rudder.
- 10.2 In the event of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the written permission of the Regatta Measurer, Jury or Race Committee. If the damage occurs later than 90 minutes before the first scheduled start on a racing day and before the start of the last race of the day, provisional verbal permission shall be obtained from the Regatta Measurer, Jury or Race Committee and the written permission of the Regatta Measurer, Jury or Race Committee shall be applied for before the end of Protest Time at the end of the day in which the substitution takes place.
- 10.3 Female competitors shall place a red diamond on each side of their sail (back to back). The diamond shall be 240mm high and 180mm wide +/- 5mm and shall be located in the centre of the sail immediately above the top batten with Laser class rule 4(g). Please see <http://www.laserinternational.org/rules/classrules/parttwo/sailregistrationnumbers> and in the 2016 Handbook page 28 for more information.

11 SCHEDULE

11.1 Registration at the race office of the RNSYC

Friday May 4	From 18.30 to 20.30 h
Saturday May 5	From 08.00 to 09.30 h

11.2 Dates of racing:

Saturday May 5	11.55 first warning signal
Sunday May 6	10.25 first warning signal
Monday May 7	10.25 first warning signal

- 11.3 Three races will be scheduled per day, back to back. More than 3 races per day will not be allowed.
- 11.4 There will be a separate start for the Laser Standard and Laser Radial Rigs and for the Laser 4.7 if there are at least 5 competitors.
- 11.5 If there are a large number of participants in the Standard fleet or in the Radial fleet or in the 4,7 fleet, they will be divided into further fleets, according to the Sailing Instructions. The Organizing Committee has the right to determine the number of participants to create the fleets. These fleets will be composed of one or several age categories of the same Rig, in order to form fleets of approximately up to 60 participants. The Sailing Instructions will describe the fleet's composition procedure. There will be no qualifier and final series.
- 11.6 On the last day of racing, no warning signal shall be made after 15.00 h except in case of a general recall.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 Whistle system: To encourage boats to take penalties afloat, protest committee members may blow a whistle when they see what they believe to be a breach of a rule.
- 12.2 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.

13 SAFETY

- 13.1 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 RRS 40.
- 13.2 The event will introduce a Check-in and Check-out system, which will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.



14 SCORING

14.1 EURO MASTER OSTEND BELGIUM

14.1.1 1 valid race IS required to constitute a series for the Euro Master Circuit, 3 valid are required to be completed to constitute a series for the Open Belgian Laser Master Championship.

14.1.2 When 4 or more races are completed, 1 race score will be excluded.

14.1.3 There will be separate rankings for each Master category as defined in 16.1 Prizes below. It will be by extraction for each age category from the overall position in the Laser Standard fleet and Laser Radial fleet unless there is more than one start in the Laser Standard or Laser Radial fleets when the ranking will be extracted from the overall position in the starting fleet. A separate ranking will be extracted from each age category for the Laser Radial women. The fleet rankings are for information only (no overall winners of the Standard or Radial fleet).

14.1.4 If a point scoring penalty would result in a score worse than DSQ, the penalty will be that corresponding to DSQ. The scores of other boats will not be changed.

14.2 OVERALL MASTER SERIES

See website EurILCA

15 SUPPORT BOATS

All support boats shall display at all times a flag they can obtain at registration against a deposit of € 50, -

16 BERTHING

Competing boats and their trailers shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park, support boats shall remain in their assigned places in the Montgomery dock.

17 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, 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.

18 ANTI DOPING & DRUG TESTING

Competitors shall comply with rule 5 and ISAF Regulation 21 Anti-Doping Rule and Anti-Doping Code, which ban the use of drugs. Drugs testing may take place during the event.

19 PRIZES

19.1 The Prize giving for the Euro Master Belgium will be at the RNSYC clubhouse. Prizes will be awarded in the following Master categories.

Standard Fleet:

Laser Apprentice Standard (35 to 44 years)

Laser Master Standard (45 to 54 years)

Laser Grand Master Standard (55 to 64 years)

Laser Great Grand Master Standard Men (from 65)

Laser Radial Fleet:

Laser Apprentice Radial Men (35 to 44 years)

Laser Apprentice Radial Women (35 to 44 years)

Laser Master Radial Men (45 to 54 years)

Laser Master Radial Women (45 to 54 years)

Laser Grand Master Radial Men (55 to 64 years)

Laser Grand Master Radial Women (55 to 64 years)

Laser Great Grand Master Radial Men (from 65)

Laser Great Grand Master Radial Women (from 65)

Laser Legend (from 75)

Laser 4.7 Fleet:

Laser 4.7 Women Overall

19.2 Overall Series: See website EurILCA

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY



- 20.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".
- 20.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in an event, each competitor (parent for minors) agrees and acknowledges that:
- 20.2.1 they are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in an event;
- 20.2.2 they are responsible for the safety of themselves and their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
- 20.2.3 they accept responsibility for any loss, damage, personal injury or death to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 20.2.4 their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 20.2.5 the provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 20.2.6 the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- 20.2.7 their boat is adequately insured.
- 20.3 It is for the helmsman of the boat to decide whether he / she is fit to sail in the conditions that he / she will find. By launching or going to sea, and or staying at sea, the boat helmsman confirms that he / she is fit for those conditions and he / she is competent in them.
- 20.4 Nothing done by the organiser can reduce the responsibility of the helmsman of a boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, howsoever it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in racing. The organisers include everyone helping to run the race and the event such as the Organising Authority, the Race Committee, the Race Officers, patrol boats and beach masters
- 20.5 Boats in danger and MOB: crews are also reminded of their primary responsibility to offer assistance to any man overboard or boats in danger at any time. If they stand by or assist redress can be requested
- 20.6 INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, each competitor agrees to indemnify and hold the Sailing Clubs, the National Authorities, European Region ILCA and the International Laser Class Association, 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.

21 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of € 1.500.000, - per incident or the equivalent

22 RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

The Media Rights belong exclusively to ROYAL NORTH SEA YACHT CLUB. By participating in this regatta, a competitor automatically grants to the organizing authority and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion or still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

23 WIFI

The Royal North Sea Yacht Club offers free Wireless Internet Access in and around the Club House.

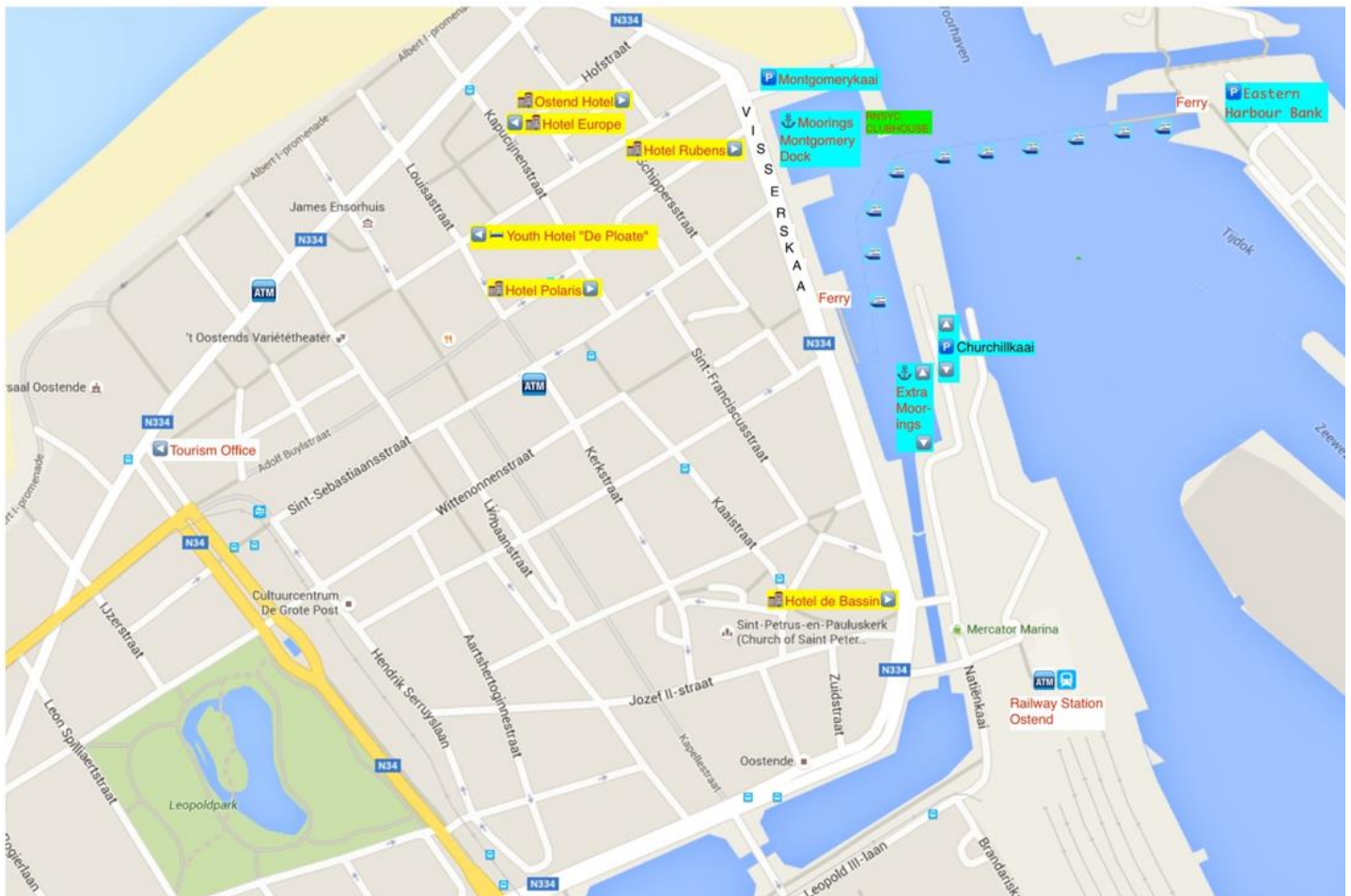
24 FURTHER INFORMATION

24.1 Nearby recommended hotels in Ostend:

- 24.1.1 Europe Hotel (****, double room €115-170), Kapucijnenstraat 52, 8400 Oostende, +32 (0)59 70 10 12 - Fax +32 (0)59 80 99 79, www.europhotel.be



- 24.1.2 Hotel de Bassin (****, double room €89-135), Visserskaai 1, 8400 Oostende, +32 (0)59 703 383, www.hoteldubassin.be
- 24.1.3 Hotel Polaris (****, double room €94-109), Groentenmarkt 19, 8400 Oostende, +32 (0)59 279 006, www.hotelpolaris.be
- 24.1.4 Ostend hotel (***, double room €105-135), Londenstraat 6, 8400 Oostende, +32 (0)59 704 625, www.hotelostend.be
- 24.1.5 Hotel Rubens (**, double room €80-120), Visserskaai 44, 8400 Oostende, +32 (0)59 808 508, www.hotelrubens.be
- 24.1.6 Youth Hostel "De Ploate" (*, €24,50 p/p) Langestraat 72, 8400 Oostende, +32 (0)59 805 297, www.jeugdherbergen.be
- 24.2 **Tourism office Ostend:** Monacoplein 2, 8400 Oostende, +32 (0)59 701 199, www.visitoostende.be



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