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## **Laser 4.7 Update**

### **Laser 4.7 National Junior Squad**

A big thank you to the RYA and Paignton Sailing Club for running our National Junior Squad indicator event this weekend! A record of 51 Laser 4.7 sailors competed and the RYA will select up to 8 boys and up to 8 girls in the next few days. The next Summer Squad selection will be starting in March 2018.

### **Open Training**

The UKLA are very pleased to announce that Charlie Bailie Strong has taken over the UKLA Head Coach role for the Laser 4.7 fleet.

Charlie is very keen to support our fleet and run our Open Training starting this October. The Open Training will be aimed at a high (squad) level and advertised on the events calendar in the near future.

Charlie is a past member of the GBR Laser Olympic Development Squad. He has been coaching for 9 years, including the Paralympic classes and lasers. Charlie coached at the London 2012 Paralympic Games, and the Rio 2016 Olympics. Currently Charlie is coaching the RYA laser Standard and the Radial Youth Class. He is also coaching the Under 21 and P3 Laser Class squad sailors.

The class would like to thank Dan Belben for his time as our UKLA Laser 4.7 Head Coach. Unfortunately, work commitments have made it impossible for him to continue in this role. Dan has helped so many of our sailors to progress, many who have been selected for the National Junior Squad and achieved some fantastic results in the 2017 Laser 4.7 Worlds and European Championship.

### **Laser 4.7 World and European Qualifiers**

Our First European Qualifier is next month. Below are the links to the Qualifying Documents. If you are not sure if you want to go, please sail at least in one of the events to keep your options open. We do not give discretionary places so to be able to be ranked you have to sail at least one of these events!

<http://www.laser.org.uk/base.php?SessionCRC=-1953786701&PageSelect=Laser47>



### **Sailingfast**

Sailingfast are our official sponsor for the Laser 4.7 fleet. They kindly supply us with prizes for our Ladder events and also our overall Ladder. We are looking forward to the prize giving for our overall 2016-2017 Ladder event at the Inlands in Grafham. Sailingfast will be able to deliver your pre ordered items for free to our next Ladder 3 at Hailing Island SC or Ladder 4 at Grafham Water SC.

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### **Behaviour**

The RYA have reminded all sailors and parents to behave appropriately on and off the water. This includes the use of Facebook.

<http://www.kbsuk.com/data/Laser47Events/data/docs/RYA%20Guidance%20-%20Support%20Persons%20-%202012.16.pdf>

Remember you are representing the UKLA and we are very grateful for our hosting clubs to run our events. We and the Radial and Standard Classes would like to maintain good relationships with these Clubs.