



Notice of Race Gul Laser 4.7 Ladder Series 2016-2017

The Gul Laser 4.7 Ladder are a series of 10 separate events held from September 2016 till July 2017. The following Clubs will host the UKLA Laser 4.7 Ladder events:

Ladder	Venue	Date	
Ladder 1	WPNSA	3 rd -4 th September 2016	RYA NJS (Winter) Indicator 1
Ladder 2	Grafham Water Sc	24 th –25 th September 2016	RYA NJS (Winter) Indicator 2
Ladder 3	Rutland SC	29 th -30 th October 2016	Laser Inlands & European Qualifier1
Ladder 4	Datchet Water SC	12 th -13 th November 2016	European Qualifier 2
Ladder 5	Draycote Water SC	21 st -22 nd January 2017	Laser 4.7 Winter Championship, World Qualifier 1 & European Qualifier reserve date
Ladder 6	Queen Mary SC	25 th -26 th February 2017	World Qualifier 2)

Ladder 7	WPNSA	11 th -12 th March 2017	joint with Laser Radial and Standard Qualifiers & Laser 4.7 Worlds Qualifier reserve date
Ladder 8	Rutland SC	6 th -7 th May 2017 Rutland SC	Eric Twiname Championship & NJS (Summer) Indicator 1
Ladder 9	Pwllheli SC	13 th - 14 th May 2017	RYA NJS (Summer) Indicator 2
Ladder 10	TBC		

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority will be the International Laser UK Class Association in conjunction with the sailing club hosting each event.

2. RACING RULES

Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 to 2016 and the prescriptions of the RYA, the Rules of the International Laser Class Association, the International UK Laser Class Association and any other such rules as the Sailing Instructions and Local Instructions may prescribe. Issues pertaining to the conduct of the Ladder Series (eg. Scoring) will refer to RRS 2013-2016.

3. ADVERTISING

Advertising is to be in accordance with ISAF Advertising Code. Boats maybe required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.



4. LIABILITY AND INSURANCE (RISK STATEMENT)

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.”**

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and, therefore, involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) He/she is aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of him/herself and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) He/she is responsible for the safety of him/herself, his/her boat and his/her other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) He/she accepts responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by his/her own actions or omissions;
- d) His/her boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and he/she is fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organisers does not relieve him/her of his/her 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) His/her boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims per event or equivalent.
- h) The fact the Race Committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor, which are set out above in this document.

5. ENTRY RESTRICTIONS

Only current members of the UKLA, and current members of the Laser Class Associations of other countries, may enter any of the events. However, temporary membership, which will be valid for three days only, may be offered to participants on the understanding that they will apply for permanent membership of the UKLA at a later date. The person and boat stated on the Entry Form for each event will be the only person to compete in that boat at that event.



6. ENTRY FEE AND REGISTRATION

Entry for each event will be accepted from competitors until 7 days before the first race. Entries after that period will be at the discretion of the UKLA 4.7 Class Association. An entry will only be accepted on presentation of a valid UKLA Membership Card, or a valid Membership Card from the Laser Class Association of another country, or a valid receipt of Temporary Membership, completion of the Entry Form and payment of the Entry Fee. Registration will take place at the same time.

Entry, by pre-payment, can be made on the UKLA website, using the down-loadable documents. There will be a late entry fee for entries not made 7 days prior to the 1st race. The UKLA may waive this under certain conditions and will make the decision if your entry will be accepted if made after the 7 days prior to the 1st race.

Registration must still be made at the event in order to

1. Notify attendance.
2. Confirm sail number.
- 3 Sign declaration of suitable insurance

- 4 In the case of junior/youth sailors, a declaration completed by parent
5. Collect a tally number if required.

Entries for the ladder held in conjunction with the Zone Championships, Inlands Championships, Eric Twiname Trophy and Ladder 10 will be in accordance with those event NOR and **SI's. Sailors are responsible for entering their National Junior Squad** applications via the RYA website as well as entering for the Squad indicators.

ENTRY FEE REFUNDS Cancellations made by a competitor, received in writing before the Late Entry Fee Date, will be refunded in full. Cancellations made after the Late Entry Date, but before the event, will be refunded less a £5 UKLA handling charge and any charge made by the hosting Club. **Refunds for Cancellation of an Event and/or for a 'No-Sail' Event** will be subject to any and all expenses incurred by the Event Organisers, together with a £5 UKLA handling charge.



7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Limited number of copies of the Laser 4.7 Ladder Sailing Instructions may be available at Registration and any Local Instructions will be announced verbally or given in writing and/or displayed on a notice board. To save printing costs, you are asked to download and print the Ladder Sailing Instructions from the UKLA web-site.

8. RACING PROGRAMME

Racing will be for the Laser 4.7 Ladder Series. Racing will be as described in the Ladder Sailing Instructions. It is intended that there will be up to six races over the two days.

Saturday	10.00 – 11.00 Registration
	10.00 – competitors briefing - Sea venue
	10.30 – competitors briefing – Inland venue
	12.00 – 1 st Race start
	2 further races back-to-back
Sunday	
	10.00 – 1 st Race start
	2 further races back-to-back

Coached Events: For coached events please see the event web page for registration, head coach briefing and race times.



No Warning signal will be made after 14.30 for sea venues and 15.30 for inland venues on the final day of the event. If no races are sailed on Saturday, the race officer may start earlier than 10am on the Sunday, in which case, the revised start time will be posted on the official notice board no later than 19.00 on the Saturday Evening.

Prize giving will be held as soon after the final race on Sunday. The above is dependent upon local conditions. The Ladder Event held within the Zone Championships, Inland Championships, Eric Twiname Trophy and Ladder 10 will be raced at times stated within those events NOR and SI's.

9. COURSES

The Courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. PENALTIES

Alternative penalties will be allowed and an on-the-water Jury will operate as described in the Ladder Sailing Instructions.

11. MEASUREMENT

Random measurement checks may be carried out during an event at the discretion of the Race Committee to ensure that all Lasers comply with the class rules.

12. SCORING

The system of Scoring will be described in the Ladder Sailing Instructions.

13. PRIZES

There will be a prizegiving, sponsored by Gul, at the end of each individual ladder event. The results of all 2015-2016 Ladder Events (Ladders 1-10) sailed will be added and discards taken into account. The overall prizegiving (sponsored by Laser Performance) will take place at the 2017 UKLA Inland Championship.



14. RESULTS

Class Ladders - The final overall positions of each Laser will be entered on to their Ladder which is a rolling ranking system of up to 10 events with the worst three ladder event positions being discarded.

However, if only 7, 8 or 9 events are sailed, then only 2 ladder event positions will be discarded, if 5 or 6 events are sailed then only 1 ladder event position will be discarded and, if 4 or less are sailed scored, then no events will be discarded. **In the case of a 'no-sail' event, those competitors who a) register and pay the necessary entry fee and b) sign a declaration of attendance after all racing is finally abandoned, will be awarded 'average points' for that event. The average points will be computed from all events not scored DNC (Averages will be calculated to 1 decimal place and will not be rounded to the nearest whole number. (NB: for clarification, for the purpose of applying discards, the 'no-sail' event, which now scores, applies as if it was sailed)**

15. UKLA Inland Championship and Ladder 10

The Notice of race and SI's for the UKLA Inland Championship and Ladder 10 replaces the ones above.

16. Zone Championships and the Eric Twiname Trophy ET Trophy

The Notice of race **and SI's for this event with replace the ones above.** Please see these on the RYA Website and enter via the RYA website.

17.SAFETY

Adequate personal buoyancy (with a minimum rating of 50 Newtons and being either a life jacket or waistcoat type buoyancy aid) shall be worn at all times when afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40. Please read the local Sailing Club **websites and SI's regarding sailing clothing required whilst on the water. Some sailing clubs request full wetsuits/drysuits to be worn (not 3/4 hickers) during the winter months.**