

NOTICE OF RACEE - AVIS DE COURSE

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The LASER 4000 & 5000 European Championship is organised by the **Société Nautique de Bandol (SN BANDOL)** under the auspices of the **Fédération Française de Voile (FFV)** and the **LASER 4000 & 5000 Class Association**.

DATES

The LASER 4000 & 5000 European Championship will take place from 24th to 27th June 2009.

COURSES

The races will be sailed in front of BANDOL, in the "BANDOL Bay" between the isle of BENDOR and the coast.

RULES

The Championship will be held under the jurisdiction of the French Sailing Federation and the LASER 4000 & 5000 Class Association.

The event will be governed by:

- Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012
- Prescription of the FFV when they apply
- Class rules of LASER 4000 & 5000 Class Association
- This notice of race
- The sailing instructions and further official notices.

ELIGIBILITY

The ISAF Eligibility Code shall apply.

Participation is open to all LASER 4000 & 5000 boats whose owners are members of the Class Association for year 2009. All members of French crews must have a valid French Sailing Federation license.

ADVERTISING

The European Championship is designated as a Category "C" event, in accordance with Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012.

Yachts may be required to display advertising of the event sponsor on either side on the forward 25% of the hull.

INSURANCE

All competitors shall have cover against third party liabilities and shall be able to produce written proof of this

The FFV recommends that all competitors are taking up a third party liability insurance policy for a cover-amount of 1.000.000€. By subscribing to a FFV-licence at a cost of 42 €, the licence holder will automatically be covered for this liability amount. The FFV licence can be taken up at the registration office.

The race organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his or her skipper or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his or her yacht for the race or races.

The attention of all competitors is drawn to International Racing Rules, Fundamental Rule 4 - "DECISION TO RACE" – "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

PENALTIES

Alternative penalties, 720°, will apply, except that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, shall be required.

SCHEDULE OF RACE AND SOCIAL EVENTS

Wednesday 24 th June 2009 from 9.00 am to 2.00 pm	Registrations and crews' weighing
Wednesday 24 th June 3.00 pm	First Warning signal for the first race
Wednesday 24 th June 6.30 pm	Opening Ceremony

Wednesday 24 th June 7.00 pm	Official “welcome cocktail”
Thursday 25 th June 2.00 pm	Race to follow - According to notice board
Thursday 25 th June 7.00 pm	Official Dinner
Friday 26 th June 2.00 pm Friday 7.00 pm Saturday 27 th June	Race to follow - According to notice board Official crew member’s dinner at Club House Race to follow - According to notice board
Saturday 27 th of June 11.00 am Saturday 27 th June 1 st July	Race to follow –according to notice board No warning signal after 4.3.00 pm
Saturday 27 th June 5.00 pm	Championship Prize Giving Ceremony

NB: Schedule above may be changed by Organizing Authority.

ENTRIES

Entries, completely filled in, must be sent before the 15th June by letter, email or fax to:

Société Nautique de Bandol
Plage Centrale - 83150 – BANDOL – France
Email: sn-bandol@wanadoo.fr
Tél. : 00 33 (0)4 94 29 42 26 - Fax : 00 33 (0)4 94 32 56 07
www.sn-bandol.com

The entry fee is fixed in 160 € and will be paid at the Registration Office. The Organisation Committee will reserve the right to accept entries after the above date applying a late penalty fee of 50 €.

REGISTRATION

Each crew shall provide at the Registration Office:

- List of crew members with Racing Licence.
- Class Association membership card.
- Measurement Certificate of the yacht.
- Valid insurance: the document shall be the original issued by the insurance company.

Sailing Instructions will be available after registration.

MEASUREMENT AND CHECKS

The Race Committee and/or committee members of the Laser 4000 / 5000 Class association may check all yachts and crews before, during and after the races, which will including weighing a number of crews to ensure compliance with class measurement rules. Yachts and sails must be in conformity with the LASER 4000 & 5000 Class Association Rules.

SCORING

The «low point scoring system» of Appendix A will apply.

The maximum number of races scheduled is twelve (12).

The European Championship will be deemed valid if four (4) races will to be completed.

If five (5) or more races are sailed there will be one (1) discard. If eight (8) or more races are sailed there will be two (2) discards. If eleven (11) or more races are sailed there will be three (3) discards.

PRIZES

Competition prizes for the first ten (10) places. Other prizes will be communicated

ACCOMODATIONS

Ø See www.bandol.fr , for the list of suggested accommodation

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