

RADIAL - policy

With the exception of world and some continental championships most Radial regattas are mixed gender and ages. However, if there are two or more categories (e.g. category men, category women) with 35 or more sailors in each, then these categories should race separately and have separate prizes. Where there are separate prize categories, each category should be identified by either a masthead streamer or a colour band on the mast. When two or more categories race in one fleet, then the individual category results should be extracted from the overall results without rescored.



MASTERS - policy, age limits and identification

ILCA's recommended policy for Masters events is that the sailor must reach the ages given in Fig. 1 (below), which shall be defined in the Notice of Race. The following colours in Figure 1 are recommended for identification bands on the mast below the gooseneck so that different category masters know who they are sailing with when they sail in mixed fleets. Overall prizes will be awarded in accordance with the ILCA Honour Award By-Law in each category.

Fig. 1

Age Group	Masters Category	Fleet Colour
35 to 44	Apprentice Master (Standard / Radial)	Green
45 to 54	Master (Standard / Radial)	Red
55 -64	Grand Master (Standard / Radial)	Blue
65 - 74	Great Grand Master (Standard / Radial)	Yellow
75 and over	Legends (Radial)	White

HANDICAP NUMBERS

Sometimes we get asked: "What are the handicap numbers for Lasers in mixed class racing?" The numbers used by the Royal Yachting Association (GBR) in their Portsmouth Handicap system are:

Laser Standard 1100 Radial 1147 4.7 1208

The numbers can be used for handicapping different Laser rigs within a mixed fleet. To use the numbers, convert the elapsed time into seconds. Divide the elapsed time by the handicap number and multiply by 1000 to achieve a corrected time.

The handicap numbers work best on races around 100 minutes long. Further information on Portsmouth Numbers can be obtained on the internet at: www.rya.org.uk

Personal Handicaps

The handicap numbers take into account the difference in boat speed as a result of the different size rigs but take no account of an individual's ability. If the finishes are timed, a personal factor can be applied to the handicap number so that each person has a Personal Handicap Number.

The handicap numbers are based on race times. In a theoretical race, where a Laser finished in 60 minutes, a Radial should finish in 62 minutes 34 seconds if all the sailors were the same standard and made the same mistakes! A Personal Handicap can be introduced by adjusting the handicap numbers.