



2024 ILCA US NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

For the ILCA 7, ILCA 6 and ILCA 4 Classes

(30 GP Points/50 World Sailing Points/Qualifier for the 2025 World Championship)

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: ILCA-NA

in cooperation with Balboa Yacht Club

Corona del Mar, California

August 9-11, 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined by *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 US Sailing Prescriptions 63.1, 63.2 and 81 will not apply. The US Sailing prescriptions are available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/racing-rules/>

1.3 In accordance with RRS 40.1, 40.2 Personal Flotation Devices will apply, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.

1.4 RRS Appendix P applies.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available by Thursday, August 8th online on the official notice board.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 The official notice board is located online at www.balboayachtclub.com (see BYC Sailing Calendar – ILCA Nationals)

3.2 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to boats of the ILCA 7, ILCA 6 and ILCA 4 classes. Each class must have a minimum of five (5) entries.

4.2 All competitors must be current members of the ILCA-NA or their respective National Laser Class Association and remain in good standing with their membership through the final day of the regatta.

4.3 Competitors shall enter by completing the online entry form and waivers available on the event webpage and paying the required fees. Online entry opens on Friday, March 15th.



- 4.4 All entries and requests for class changes must be received by 1200 hours on Wednesday, August 7th.
- 4.5 Registration for all classes will be capped at 120 boats, after which time a waitlist will be formed. The OA may choose to expand the size of class if the conditions permit. Participants will be notified and moved off the waitlist in order of registration.
- 4.6 Each competitor wishing to receive World Sailing ranking points must enter their World Sailing ID as part of their registration.

5. FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees received on or before June 15 will be \$300.
- 5.2 Entry fees received after June 15 will be \$350.
- 5.3 All entry fees are non refundable after July 25, 2024.
- 5.4 All refund requests received before the refund deadline are subject to the withholding of a reasonable administrative fee that covers registration system fees.

6. ADVERTISING

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

7. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINALS SERIES

The event may consist of a qualifying series and final series for one or more classes.

8. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8.1 All times in local time.

Wednesday, August 7

1500-1800 Earliest opportunity to bring boats to BYC

Thursday, August 8

1200-1800 Venue open for boat drop off

1200-1800 Regatta Check in Open on BYC Flag Deck

Friday, August 9

0800-0900 Regatta Check in for late arrivals

0900 Competitors Meeting

1100 First warning signal, subsequent races to follow

After Racing Heavy appetizers on BYC Flag Deck

Saturday, August 10

1100 First warning signal, subsequent races to follow

After Racing Heavy appetizers on the BYC Flag Deck

Sunday, August 11

1100 First warning signal, subsequent races to follow

ASAP Awards to follow on BYC Flag Deck ASAP after the last race of the day

Appetizers will be provided



Monday, August 12

1700 All boats must be removed from BYC

8.2 Three (3) races will be attempted each day.

8.3 No warning signal will be made after 1500 hours on the final day of the regatta.

9. INSPECTION AND MEASUREMENT

9.1 Sail inspection may be required at this event. Each boat shall comply with the equipment measurement rules of the class, including World Sailing and Class emblems, buttons, and/or stickers, as may be required for the respective part. Any and all equipment may be inspected at any time during the event at the discretion of the Protest Committee or Organizing Authority.

9.2 National letters must comply with the Class rules. Numbers and letters that have been drawn on the sail with permanent ink pen are not legal. Refer to Sail Numbers and Letters – International Laser Class Association for detailed instructions.

9.3 A boat's sail number may be different from the hull number with the prior approval of the Organizing Authority.

10. HAUL OUT AND LAUNCHING RESTRICTIONS

10.1 Two dinghy ramps will be available.

10.2 Every ILCA using the ramps must have their own dolly.

10.3 No ILCA trailers or support vessel trailers shall be stored at BYC during the regattas. Once boats are unloaded, all trailers must be transported offsite to designated storage yards.

11. COURSES AND RACING AREA

11.1 Courses will be standard ILCA-NA courses as described in the ILCA-NA Regatta Guidelines.

11.2 The racing area will be in the Pacific Ocean off Newport Beach, CA.

11.3 Estimated sail time to the race venue is one (1) hour.

12. RACES AND SCORING

12.1 A maximum of nine (9) races are scheduled.

12.2 The race committee shall not be required to complete the same number of races for each class.

12.3 A minimum of three (3) races must be completed to constitute a series.

12.4 The Low Point Scoring System will apply, modified so that each boat's score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score being discarded if five (5) or more races are completed.

13. COACHES AND COACH BOATS

13.1 [DP] All coaches/support persons (as defined in RRS) shall:

a. Register their coach boat with the OA

b. Identify which competitors they are supporting

c. Pay the non-refundable coach fee of \$50. Coaches registering after July 1 will be charged \$100. The online form for registering support persons and vessels is located on the same entry as the competitors.

13.2 There will be no support boat launching at Balboa Yacht Club. Support boats may be launched at the Newport Dunes located at 1131 Back Bay Drive, Newport Beach, 92660



- 13.3 [DP] Support vessel persons in charge (PIC) shall wear the identification pinnie or fly the flag provided by the OA while afloat. No other flag, banner, pennant, etc shall be displayed by a support person or vessel.
- 13.4 [DP] Support vessels are required to comply with all applicable US Coast Guard regulations and Support Person Regulations, which will be found in Appendix A of the sailing instructions.
- 13.5 [DP] At all times while afloat, support vessels must be equipped with a VHF radio and monitor the VHF channel designated by the OA.
- 13.6 [DP] If called upon, support vessels will be required to respond as rescue boats.
- 13.7 [DP] Every person aboard a support vessel must wear a PFD at all times while afloat, except for brief periods when actively adding or removing clothing.
- 13.8 Further rules governing the conduct of support persons and/or vessels may be in the sailing instructions.

14. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) finishing boats in each class. Pursuant to ILCA-NA Regatta Guidelines, additional awards may be presented based on the final number of registered competitors in each class.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY/RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.” By participating in this event, each, competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes of weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury, death by drowning, trauma or other causes.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

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