



# ILCA

## Midwinters East Championships

### NOTICE OF RACE

January 31-February 4, 2024

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

The Organizing Authority for the ILCA  
Midwinters East Championships is the St Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC)

#### 1 Rules

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021-2024 RACING RULES OF SAILING (RRS).

1.2 The “class rules” for the purposes of the definition of *rules* are the [International Laser Class Association \(ILCA\) Rules](#).

1.3 Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply. The title of RRS P2.2, “Second Penalty” is changed to “Second and Subsequent Penalties”. When a boat is penalized a second time during the regatta, she shall promptly retire, unless her penalty was signaled after she finishes, in which case she shall promptly notify the race committee at the finish line that she is retiring. RRS P2.3 is deleted.

#### 2 Sailing Instructions

The sailing instructions (SI) will be available electronically on the regatta website.

#### 3 Communications

The online official notice board is located on the event site located on the club spot website.

#### 4 Eligibility and Entry

4.1 The event is open to boats of the ILCA 4, ILCA 6, ILCA 7 classes that meet ILCA Rules.

4.2 ILCA 4, ILCA 6 and ILCA 7 competitors who are members of the ILCA-North America, or their National Laser Class Association, may enter by completing the registration and paying the required fees.

4.2 Competitors and coaches shall complete the Liability Release and Medical Consent forms as part of the event registration.

#### 5 Registration

5.1 Competitors and Coaches shall register on-line via Club Spot website [www.theclubspot.com](http://www.theclubspot.com) before January 24, 2024. Registrations not fully paid by this time may be rejected.

5.2 The entry fee for each competitor is \$250 USD. Competitors who have not paid the Entry Fee by midnight January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 will be charged a \$50 late fee.

5.3 The entry fee for each Coach is \$1 USD. An additional \$50 USD “Flag Deposit” will be collected at the regatta and will be refunded if the flag is returned on February 4<sup>th</sup>. The Coach Flag shall be prominently displayed on the coach boat.

5.4 Spectator boats are required to register at SPYC (no fee) and pay a refundable \$50 USD flag deposit. The Spectator Flag shall be prominently displayed on the spectator boat.

## 6 Event Format

6.1 If any fleet has a large number of entries, the Organizing Authority may also decide to divide that fleet. Divided fleets will sail a qualifying series prior to being split into a Gold/Silver final series.

## 7 Schedule of Events

7.1 Monday January 29 <sup>th</sup>	Competitors permitted to arrive at SPYC	
Wednesday January 31 <sup>st</sup>	Regatta Check in & Measurement	1400 – 1900
Thursday February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Late Check-in & Measurement (by appointment only)	0730 – 0815
	Skippers Meeting	0830
	First Warning (Races to follow)	1000
Friday February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	First Warning (Races to follow)	1000
Saturday February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	First Warning (Races to follow)	1000
Sunday February 4 <sup>th</sup>	First Warning (Races to follow) Awards to follow at SPSC	1000

7.2 There will be a coaches meeting daily 120 minutes prior to the scheduled first warning signal.

7.3 No more than three races per fleet will be scheduled for each day, except if fewer than three races have been completed on a prior race day, then a fourth race may be attempted. Furthermore, the Organizing Authority may decide to attempt a fourth race on any day, provided, however, that the regatta will never be more than one race ahead of schedule.

7.4 No Warning Signal will be made after 1430 on Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

7.5 A minimum of one (1) race shall constitute a regatta. A maximum of ten (10) races, in total, are scheduled for the entire regatta.

## 8 Measurement

8.1 All boats and equipment must meet ILCA Rules and may be inspected by the RC, Protest Committee, or Technical Committee for compliance with the Rules at any time during the event.

8.2 Sail inspection will be required at this regatta. Each boat shall comply with the equipment measurement rules of the

ILCA Rules and may be inspected at any time during the Regatta at the discretion of the Protest Committee or the Organizing Authority.

8.3 Please ensure that all sail numbers are applied in accordance with ILCA Rules. National letters are not required, however, if used, national letters must comply with ILCA Rules.

8.4 All hulls must display a certifying class decal in the aft-end of the cockpit (see ILCA Rules, part 2, Section 4). The RC issues blanket permission per ILCA Rules, Part 2. 4.5: competitors may use a sail with numbers that are different to the sail number allocated to the hull.

## 9 Sailing Instructions

9.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on or before check-in.

## **10 Venue**

10.1 The racing area will be located in Tampa Bay approximately 1.5 east of downtown St Petersburg.

## **11 Courses**

11.1 Courses will be Trapezoid or Windward/Leeward.

## **12 Scoring**

12.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A2, will be used, except as modified below.

12.2 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **13 Support Boats**

13.1 Support/coach/spectator boats shall register with the Race Office during the regatta check in period.

13.2 A unique registration number will be assigned to each support boat. Support, coach and spectator boats shall prominently display their assigned number at all times while on the water.

13.3 Coaches are support boats and are required to monitor the RC channel on their VHF radios and be available to assist with safety when requested. Coaches are expected to attend the coaches meeting each morning.

13.4 Rules governing the conduct of support/coach/spectator boats will be in the Sailing Instructions.

## **14 Administrative**

14.1 Competitors are welcome to arrive at the St Petersburg Yacht Club on Monday January 29<sup>th</sup>.

14.2 Competitors arriving when the SPSC is closed may park boats and trailers at the assigned trailer parking location.

## **15 Disclaimer of Liability**

15.1 Competitors participate in this regatta at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, the sponsors, the race committee, officers and board of directors of SPYC, and all those involved in these organizations will not accept any responsibility for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after this regatta.

15.2 All competitors must turn in a signed waiver before racing. Competitors under 18 years of age must have the waiver signed by a parent or guardian.

## **16 Further Information**

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