



ILCA
Midwinters East Championships
NOTICE OF RACE

February 19th-23rd 2025

(30 GP Points/50 World Sailing Points/Qualifier for the 2026 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 2025-2028 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.

1.4 The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.1 do not apply.

1.6 a) For purposes of country qualification for the 2025 Junior Pan Am Games, the Qualification System and regatta schedule, Sailing-2025 Junior Pan American Games, Asuncion, Paraguay (Qualification System) shall apply. See www.panamsailing.org

b) All events designated as qualifiers for the Junior Pan American Games shall conform with the formats specified for those events in the Section of Maximum Quota Per Event of the Qualification System.

c) A competitor may qualify a country for the 2025 Junior Pan American Games only when eligible to represent that country under the IOC and Panam Sports and World Sailing Rules and shall provide their valid World Sailing ID number to the organizer. The athlete shall be age eligible for the 2025 Junior Pan American Games- all competitors shall be at least 17 years old and not more than 22 years old in the calendar year of the 2025 Junior Pan American Games (year of birth 2003-2008, inclusive)

d) Class Rules requiring competitors to be member of the relevant class shall apply.

1.7 An international Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N. The right to appeal is denied as per RRS 70.5.

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 before February 17th, 2025. Registrations not fully paid by this time may be rejected.

5.2 The entry fee for each competitor is \$300 USD. Competitors who have not paid the Entry Fee by midnight February 5th, 2025 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 23rd. 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 February 17 th	Competitors permitted to arrive at SPYC	
Wednesday February 19 th	Regatta Check in & Measurement	1400 – 1900
Thursday February 20 th	Late Check-in & Measurement (by appointment only)	0730 – 0815
	Skippers Meeting	0830
	First Warning (Races to follow)	1000
	Regatta Dinner at SPYC	1830
Friday February 21 st	First Warning (Races to follow)	1000
Saturday February 22 nd	First Warning (Races to follow)	1000
Sunday February 23 rd	First Warning (Races to follow) Awards to follow at SPSC	1000

7.2 There will be a coach's 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 23rd, 2025.

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.

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 boats 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 Sailing Center on Monday February 17th.

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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