



2024 ILCA MASTERS NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Thursday thru Sunday, August 15-18, 2024
Marina del Rey, California USA



NOTICE OF RACE

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Organizing Authority (OA) is California Yacht Club (CYC), located at 4469 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292
Phone: 310.823.4567 | Web: www.calyachtclub.com
Event Chair: Janice Pearson | See NoR 15 for contact information

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in [The 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 [DP] RRS 40, Personal Flotation Devices, is replaced with the following: A condition of entry and participation in this event is the wearing of a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) or, for international sailors only, a PFD approved by their country's corresponding authority, properly secured at all times while on the water, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. All PFDs must be suitable for the competitor's weight. Wet suits, dry suits, and inflatable lifejackets do not constitute adequate PFDs. The Preamble to Part 4 does not apply to RRS 40.
- 1.4 US Sailing Prescription RRS 81, Indemnification or Hold Harmless Agreements, does not apply.
- 1.5 Appendix P, Special Procedures for RRS 42, will apply with the following changes: in P2.1 – *First Penalty*, the word "first" in the title and first sentence is deleted. P2.2 and P2.3 are deleted.
- 1.6 Competitors shall enter as either ILCA7 or ILCA6.
- 1.7 If a minimum of 12 ILCA7 and 12 ILCA6 entries has not been received by the entry deadline, all entrants shall start and finish together and be scored as a single fleet; in that event, competitors may choose ILCA7, ILCA6, or ILCA4 rigs at their discretion, and change rigs throughout the regatta, provided that all rig changes are made on shore and all sails have the same number (Rig-Swapping Rule turned on).
- 1.8 If a minimum of 12 ILCA7 and 12 ILCA6 entries has been received by the entry deadline, ILCA7 and ILCA6 fleets shall be given separate starts and shall be scored separately (Rig-Swapping Rule turned off).
- 1.9 Rig-Swapping between ILCA6 and ILCA4 is in effect regardless of number of entries. This changes ILCA Class Rule 29(d) by permission of the International Laser Class Association of North America.
- 1.10 The Event Chair will issue colored bands to identify age groups. These bands must be applied to the mast between the vang tang and the gooseneck.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted by Thursday, August 8 on the Official Notice Board.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is the [ILCA Masters NA](#) webpage on the CYC website.
- 3.2 [DP] While racing, 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 current members of ILCA who have reached the age of 30 by August 16, 2024. Proof of ILCA membership is required at registration.
- 4.2 Age Divisions are as follows:
 - 30-44: Apprentice
 - 45-54: Master
 - 55-64: Grand Master
 - 65-74: Great Grand Master
 - 75 & over: Legend
- 4.3 Eligible competitors may enter their boat by completing online registration at the [ILCA Masters NA](#) webpage and paying all fees by the entry deadline of Thursday, August 8. Entries submitted after that time may be accepted only with the approval of the Event Chair and are subject to a \$50 late fee.
- 4.4 Only entries that have completed Check-in (see NoR 5) by 1000 on Friday, August 16 are eligible to race. Late Check-in may be allowed only with the approval of the Event Chair.

5. CHECK-IN

- 5.1 Check-in will take place in accordance with the schedule at NoR 7.3. The location of Check-in will be announced per NoR 7.4.
- 5.2 To complete Check-in, each entrant shall have met all eligibility and entry requirements, paid all fees, and completed the prescribed equipment inspection process (NoR 8) for the event.

6. FEES

The entry fee for competitors in the ILCA Masters North American Championship is \$300.00 USD per boat for entries received by the discounted entry fee deadline of Thursday, August 1. Thereafter, until the entry deadline of Thursday, August 8, the entry fee is \$400.00 USD.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1 Nine (9) races are scheduled: three (3) races on Friday, three (3) races on Saturday, and three (3) races on Sunday.

7.2 The Race Committee (RC), at its discretion, may run more or fewer races each day.

7.3 Schedule of events:

Thursday, August 1		Discounted entry fee deadline
Thursday, August 8		Entry deadline
Thursday, August 15	1000 – 1830	Check-in and Support Person Vessel (SPV) Registration; Sail Inspection; Hull Inspection
	1300	Practice Racing
Friday, August 16	0800 – 1000	Check-in and SPV Registration; Sail Inspection; Hull Inspection
	1000	Competitors' Briefing
	1015	SPV Briefing
	1300	First Warning Signal – Subsequent races to start ASAP
Saturday, August 17	1230	First Warning Signal – Subsequent races to start ASAP
Sunday, August 18	1230	First Warning Signal – Subsequent races to start ASAP
	1530	No initial warning signal will be made after this time.
	After racing	Awards Presentation at CYC

7.4 The location of Check-in, SPV Registration, Sail Inspection, Hull Inspection, Competitors' Briefing and SPV Briefing will be announced in a Notice to Competitors posted by Thursday, August 8.

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

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 take place in a location to be announced per NoR 7.4.

(a) [DP] Compliance with RRS 77, Identification on Sails, will be enforced, which requires that every boat shall carry on her mainsail the insignia denoting her class, national letters denoting her national authority, and a sail number. Older sails may still use the Laser starburst insignia.

(b) Numbers and letters drawn on the sail are unacceptable substitutes for class required numbers.

8.3 Hull Inspection will take place in a location to be announced per NoR 7.4. 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.

8.4 Sail and Hull Inspection shall be completed prior to 1000 on Friday, August 16.

9. VENUE

The racing area is on Santa Monica Bay approximately one (1) nautical mile northwest of the Marina del Rey breakwater.

10. THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be a trapezoid configuration.

11. SCORING

11.1 One (1) race shall constitute a regatta.

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

11.3 To calculate overall results, an age-based handicap system will be applied. Points will be added to each finish according to the competitor's age division, as follows:

- Apprentice: add 4 points
- Master: add 3 points
- Grand Master: add 2 points
- Great Grand Master: add 1 point
- Legend: add 0 points

11.4 When two or more competitors are tied on points, the tie shall be broken as follows:

- (a) Within an age division, a tie is broken as described in RRS A8, Series Ties.
- (b) Across two or more age divisions, a tie is broken in favor of the sailor from the older division.

12. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 12.1 Support Person Vessels (SPVs) must register with the Event Chair during Check-in and prominently display an identification flag provided by the Event Chair. Only registered SPVs are allowed in the racing area. There is a refundable deposit of \$20 required for each identification flag, payable on-site during SPV registration.
- 12.2 [DP] Competitors who wish to keep SPVs at CYC must make prior arrangements with the CYC Dockmaster for use of the hoist, trailer storage and in-the-water berthing. See NoR 15 for Dockmaster contact information.
- 12.3 [DP] All SPVs shall carry and monitor a VHF radio capable of communicating on normal domestic and international channels.
- 12.4 The conduct of SPVs and support persons is governed by the SIs.
- 12.5 [DP] SPVs shall remain in the water from the time they are launched until the completion of the event. These boats shall not be launched or recovered at CYC while competitors are launching or recovering their boats.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1 Prizes for the top finishers in each division, overall winner, and top female will be awarded. The number of prizes awarded will be based on the number of entries and is at the discretion of the Event Chair.
- 13.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Event Chair.

14. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors in the event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. By participating in the event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers (organizing authority, host yacht club, race committee, protest committee, sponsors, and any others acting in an official capacity for the event) from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in the event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

Event Chair: Janice Pearson at Janice_pearson@yahoo.com or 323.513.6396.

CYC Dockmaster: Chase Young: chaseyoung@calyachtclub.net or 310.823.4567

Hospitality: The timing and location of hospitality events will be announced on the ILCA Masters NA webpage prior to the start of the event.

Charters: Tim Clarke at Vela-LA: charters@vela-la.com.

Boat Launching, Berthing & Storage: Competitors are invited to use the dry storage, hoists and assigned docks at CYC during the event, subject to applicable CYC guidelines and protocols. For information and arrangements regarding boat storage immediately preceding and following the event contact the CYC Dockmaster.