



# 2023 ILCA Masters North American Championship

Newport, Rhode Island  
September 29-October 1, 2023

## NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the New York Yacht Club Regatta Association. The host yacht club is New York Yacht Club.

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The ILCA Class Rules (ILCA CR) rules shall apply except as changed in this Notice of Race (NOR).
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the sailing instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.4 The US Sailing prescription to RRS 63.1 is deleted.
- 1.5 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times on the water. In addition, the end of the first sentence of RRS 40.1 is changed to read “except while actively adding or removing clothing.” A breach of this sailing instruction may only be protested by the race committee, protest committee or Umpires. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.6 If a minimum of 12 ILCA7 and 12 ILCA6 entries has not been received by the pre-registration deadline (to be determined by the Organizing Authority), 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).
- 1.7 If a minimum of 12 ILCA7 and 12 ILCA6 entries has been received by the pre-registration deadline, ILCA7 and ILCA6 fleets shall be given separate starts and shall be scored separately (Rig Swapping Rule turned off).
- 1.8 Rig-Swapping between ILCA6 and ILCA4 is in effect regardless of number of entries. This changes ILCA Class Rule 28(d) by permission of the International Laser Class Association of North America.

### 2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 The OA may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.4.
- 2.2 The OA will issue colored bands to identify age groups. These bands must be applied to the mast between the vang tang and the gooseneck.

### 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to members of ILCA who have reached the age of 30 by September 29, 2023.
- 3.2 Age Divisions are as follows:
  - 30-44: Apprentice
  - 45-54: Master
  - 55-64: Grand Master
  - 65-74: Great Grand Master
  - 75 & over: Legend
- 3.3 Proof of ICLA membership will be required at registration.
- 3.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing and submitting the online entry form and the entry fee payment through the event website.

3.5 Entries must be received by Friday, September 15. Late entries will be accepted until 1700 on Friday, September 22. No entries will be accepted after this date without being granted an exception by the OA.

#### 4 ENTRY FEES

If paid in full on or before Friday, September 15, the entry fee is \$400 per boat. After Friday, September 15 the entry fee is \$500 per boat.

#### 5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1	Date	Time	Event
	Thursday, September 28	1000-1800	Registration (NYYC Sailing Center)
		1300	Practice Racing
	Friday, September 29	0800-0900	Late Registration (NYYC Sailing Center)
		0900	Skippers' Meeting (NYYC Sailing Center)
		1100	First Warning Signal
		After Racing	Post-Race Social
	Saturday, September 30	1100	First Warning Signal
		After Racing	Regatta BBQ
	Sunday, October 1	1100	First Warning Signal
		After Racing	Prize Giving at NYYC

5.2 9 races are scheduled. No more than four (4) races will be sailed on any day.

5.3 On the final day of the regatta, the initial warning signal will not be made after 1400 hours. The warning signal for a start following one or more general recalls may be made after 1400 hours.

#### 6 INSPECTION AND MEASUREMENT

6.1 Boats, equipment and sails may be inspected at any time during the regatta.

6.2 All sail buttons will be inspected during registration.

6.3 National letters shall not be required. This changes ILCA CR 4(f).

6.4 The "Red Rhombus" shall not be required for any entry.

#### 7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available no later than the start of registration and will be posted on the regatta website as well on the Official Notice Board located in the courtyard of the NYYC Sailing Center at Harbour Court.

#### 8 VENUE AND RACING AREA

8.1 Racing will be held in the waters of Narragansett Bay.

8.2 Regatta headquarters will be at New York Yacht Club, Harbour Court, in Newport, RI.

#### 9 PENALTIES

US Sailing Prescription Appendix V rule V1 shall apply.

#### 10 SCORING

10.1 One (1) race shall constitute a regatta.

10.2 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. This changes RRS A2.1.

- 10.3** 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
  - Legends: add 0 points

- 10.4** When two or more competitors are tied on points, the tie shall be broken as follows:
- Within an age division, a tie should be broken as described in RRS Appendix A, Section A8.
  - Across the age divisions, a tie should be broken in favor of the sailor from the older division.

## **11 TEAM AND SPECTATOR VESSELS**

**11.1** The following limitations and restrictions apply to team and other spectator vessels.

- a) Spectator vessels shall not approach closer than 100 meters to any vessel that is racing. In addition, a spectator vessel shall stay at least 100 meters away from laylines or marks of the course.
- b) If in the starting area, spectator vessels shall leave the racing and starting areas prior to the warning signal and may station themselves outside of the starboard end of the starting line, but no closer than 150 meters to the race committee signal vessel.

**11.2** All team spectator vessels must register with the OA prior to the first day of racing. Team spectator vessels shall display the identifying flag issued by the OA at all times while they are on the water.

## **12 PRIZES**

**12.1** Prizes for the top three finishers in each division, overall winner and top female will be awarded. The number of prizes will be based on the number of entries and will be at the discretion of the OA.

**12.2** Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

## **13 MEDIA WAIVER AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**13.1** As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual participating crew member shall submit an online Waiver and Media Release Form. The fully executed Waiver and Media Release form shall be submitted prior to racing. The link to the waiver can be found on the [ILCA North American Championship website](#).

**13.2** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. All skippers and crew should familiarize themselves with RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority and all its Committee members will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **14 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with current, valid third-party liability insurance that is appropriate taking into account the value of the boats racing and the type of racing.

## **15 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact:

**Regatta Website:** <https://nyc.org/2023-ilca-masters-north-american-championship>

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