



# 2023 ILCA Masters North American Championship

Newport, Rhode Island  
September 29-October 1, 2023

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 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) shall apply except as changed in the 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 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).
- 1.5 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).
- 1.6 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).
- 1.7 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.
- 1.8 All boats shall have an affixed bow line of at least 20’ in length and ¼” in diameter.

### 2 COMMUNICATION: NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the New York Yacht Club Sailing Center and may also be posted on the event website at <https://nyyc.org/2023-ilca-masters-north-american-championship>.
- 2.2 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

### 3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Flag signals will be flown from the western yardarm of the flagpole at Harbour Court.
- 3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 3.3 Signals designating the rendezvous location will be displayed at 0830 each race day from the flagpole at Harbour Court.

## 4 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4.1	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)
		0830	Skippers' Meeting (NYYC Sailing Center)
		1100	First Warning Signal
		After Racing	Post-Race Social
	Saturday, September 30	0830	Skippers' Meeting (NYYC Sailing Center)
		1100	First Warning Signal
		1800	Regatta Cocktails
		1900	Regatta Dinner
	Sunday, October 1	0830	Skippers' Meeting (NYYC Sailing Center)
		1100	First Warning Signal
		After Racing	Prize Giving at NYYC

4.2 9 races are scheduled. No more than four (4) races will be sailed on any day.

4.3 When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.

4.4 On the final day of the regatta, the initial warning signal for the final race 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.

## 5 CLASS FLAGS

The class flags will be as follows:

ILCA 7	White w/Red ILCA logo
ILCA 6	Green with Red ILCA 6 logo

## 6 RENDEZVOUS

Circle rendezvous locations are listed below and will be designated as described in SI 3.3. See SI Addendum A – NYYC Primary Race Areas.

### Rhode Island Sound:

- Area “A” -in the vicinity of 160° M for 1.2 NM from R “2” QR Whistle marking Brenton Point

### Newport Harbor:

- Area “M” -in the vicinity of R “12” west of Rose Island
- Area “O” -in the vicinity of Potter Cove (just north of west end of the Newport Pell Bridge)
- Area “G” -in the vicinity just south of Gould Island
- Area “K” -in the vicinity just west of Coasters Harbor
- Area “R” -in the vicinity of 200° for 0.5 NM from Halfway Rock

## 7 CHECK-IN AND RETIREMENT

7.1 **Check-in on Land:** Each yacht shall check in at the registration desk at the NYYC Sailing Center at Harbour Court during the registration times so designated in the notice of race.

7.2 **Check-in on Water:** Prior to the warning signal for the first race each day, each boat shall check in with the Race Committee signal vessel in their rendezvous area by passing astern and announcing her sail number.

## 8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in SI Addendum B show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 No later than the warning signal for each race, the Race Committee will display on a board the course to be sailed and the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.

8.3 Mark 3s/3p is a gate. In the event one of the gate marks is missing, the single remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

8.4 Mark 1a is an offset mark adjacent to mark 1.

8.5 Mark 2 is a reach mark set at approximately 60 degrees from mark 1A.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1 Original marks 1, 1A, 2 and 3, or 3S/3P, will be yellow inflatable buoys.
- 9.2 The starting mark will either be an anchored Race Committee vessel displaying an orange flag or a green inflatable buoy.
- 9.3 The finishing mark will be a pink inflatable buoy.
- 9.4 New marks 1, 1A and 2, as provided in SI 11, will be orange inflatable buoys. In the event that mark 3, 3S/SP are changed they will remain yellow inflatable buoys.

## **10 THE START**

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal vessel and either a staff displaying an orange flag on the port-end Race Committee vessel or the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.2 A boat starting later than five minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 10.3 The Race Committee will not hail OCS boats.

## **11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line to a new position) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.2 The Race Committee may change the course by up to five (5) degrees in bearing and/or 0.2 nm in length without a signal or change of mark color. This changes RRS 33.

## **12 THE FINISH**

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee vessel and the course side of the finish mark.
- 12.2 The same Race Committee vessel may or may not start and finish each race.

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1 US Sailing Prescription Appendix V rule V1 shall apply.
- 13.2 The protest committee may impose penalties less than disqualification (DPI) for violation of the class rules and racing rules other than those of Part 2. This changes RRS 64.2.
- 13.3 A boat that has taken a penalty shall submit an online penalty acknowledgement form no later than the protest time limit.

## **14 TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat to *sail the course* and *finish* will be seventy (70) minutes from the starting signal.
- 14.2 If no boat has passed the first windward mark twenty-five (25) minutes after the starting signal, the race shall be abandoned.
- 14.3 The Finishing Window is fifteen (15) minutes. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

## **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 The intent to protest and the boat being protested shall be communicated to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity after the boat intending to protest finishes until acknowledged by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 15.2 Hearing Request forms may be filed online through the event website. Protests shall be delivered to the Protest Committee within one hour of the docking time of the Race Committee signal vessel after the last race of the day. This time will be posted on the Official Protest Committee Notice Board in the courtyard of the Sailing Center. This changes RRS 61.3 and RRS 62.2.

- 15.3** Notices will be posted as soon as possible to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Protest hearings will take place at the NYYC Sailing Center as soon as possible after the notices are posted. The Protest Committee will attempt to hear protests in the order of receipt. Representatives of boats who are parties to a hearing and their witnesses, if any, shall remain on call in the vicinity of the protest rooms.
- 15.4** Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or the Protest Committee will be posted within the protest time limit on the Official Protest Committee Notice Board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.5** When a boat has been involved in an incident that may be subject to protest, it is her responsibility to check the protest notices at the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Failure of any boat to appear when called for a hearing will be considered by the Protest Committee as grounds for proceeding under RRS 63.3(b).
- 15.6** Breaches of SI 7, SI 17 and SI 20 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 15.7** On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be submitted electronically to the Protest Committee Secretary no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2(a).
- 15.8** On the last scheduled day of racing, if no races are held, a hearing request for redress or reopening a hearing shall submitted electronically within one hour after racing has been abandoned ashore or on the water. This changes RRS 62.2 and RRS 66.2.

## **16 SCORING**

- 16.1** One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2** 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

## **17 SUPPORT PERSONS AND BOATS**

- 17.1** The following limitations and restrictions apply to team support and spectator vessels.
- 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 and all marks of the course.
  - 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.
- 17.2** All team support and 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.

## **18 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded as stated in NOR 12.

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

- 19.1** As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual participating crew member shall submit an online Waiver and Release of Liability Form. The fully executed Liability and Media Waiver form shall be submitted prior to racing. The link to the waiver can be found on the regatta [website](#).
- 19.2** 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.

## **20 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 20.1** Restricted Channels: Competitors are reminded that Narragansett Bay and its approaches are considered restricted channels for commercial traffic and other vessels restricted in their ability to maneuver. Competitors must comply with the government right-of-way rules when in proximity to commercial or privileged marine traffic.

- 20.2** Newport Security Zone: In the event there is racing in Narragansett Bay, competitors should be aware of heightened security around the Navy base in Newport just to the north of the Newport Jamestown Bridge. The area may be defined by a series of white buoys marking the Newport Security Zone along the coast of the Naval Facilities from Coasters Harbor to the breakwater at the north end of Coddington Cove and the line defined by the buoys shall rank as an obstruction. Yachts shall not enter this area. A Navy patrol boat monitors the area and vessels navigating in the Exclusionary Zone may face action by Coast Guard and Naval authorities.
- 20.3** Additional Restricted Areas: There may be additional restricted areas due to Navy activity, shipping or fishing operations that may be described in an amendment to the sailing instructions.

**21** **NOTES**

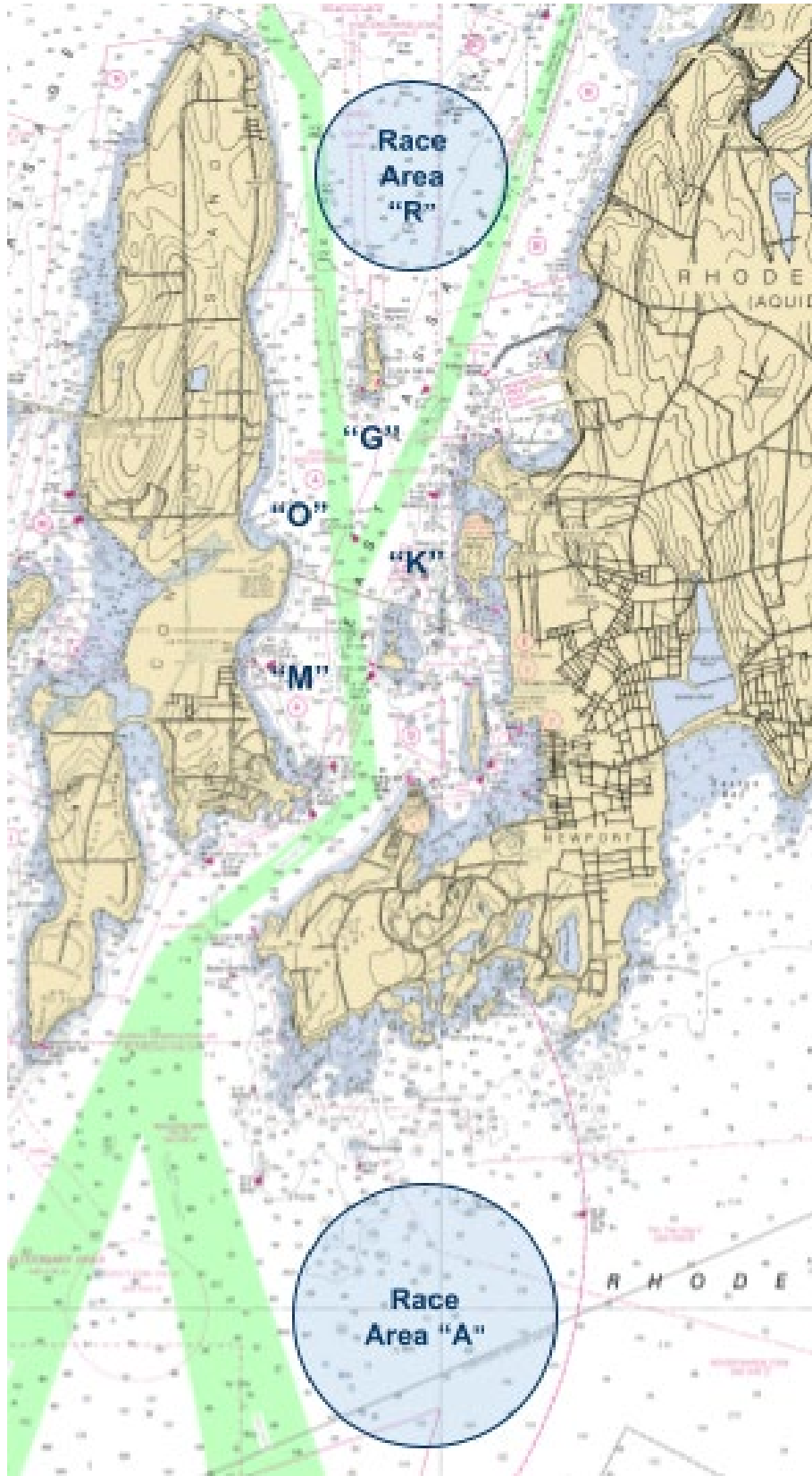
**21.1** The event website can be found at <https://nyyc.org/2023-ilca-masters-north-american-championship>.

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**SI ADDENDUM A – PRIMARY RACE AREAS**



**SI ADDENDUM B – COURSE DIAGRAMS**

**B1 COURSES**

The Race Committee signal vessel will signal the course on a course board. Course designations are as follows:

- W3 Start – 1 – 1A – Gate (3S/3P) – Finish (upwind)
- W4 Start – 1 – 1A – Gate (3S/3P) – 1 – 1A – Gate (3S/SP) – Finish
- W5 Start – 1 – 1A – Gate (3S/3P) – 1 – 1A – Gate (3S/3P) – Finish (upwind)
- W6 Start – 1 – 1A – Gate (3S/3P) – 1 – 1A – Gate (3S/3P) – 1 – 1A – Gate (3S/3P) – Finish
- O Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish

