



Hempstead Harbour Club

2026 Ward Bell Regatta

August 15, 2026

Notice Of Race

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028*.

RRS 33 will be changed as follows: Delete 33(a)(1), 33(a)(2) and 33(b).

Appendix S will be used for Starting, this changes RRS 26. 44.1 and 44.2 will only require a one turn penalty for such events.

2 ENTRIES

The event is open to boats of the ILCA-7 and ILCA-6 and ILCA-4.. Competitors may enter by delivering a completed entry form and paying the entry fee to Hempstead Harbour Club. Registration shall be on-line and open through August 15, 2026. <https://hempsteadharbourclub.com/regatta/N7RxQbWWKv>

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Main Clubhouse.

Changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted by 12:00.

4 SCHEDULE

A competitors' meeting shall be held at 12:00 hours on August 15, 2026 at the deck of the Lower Bathhouse. No boats are to leave the shore until the safety boat(s) are afloat and operating. The warning signal for the first race will be at 13:00. Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race. A maximum of seven (7) races will be sailed. No race started after 16:30 hrs.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on HHC web site. Registration open through August 15, 2026. <https://hempsteadharbourclub.com/regatta/N7RxQbWWKv>

6 CHANGES TO CLASS RULES

ILCA-7 and ILCA -6 maybe sailed with non-class sails as long as the sailmaker's certification that the sails do comply with the ILCA Class dimensions and cloth weights is made available.

7 COURSES and MARKS

The courses will be Windward Leeward, or Triangle,

The course will be hailed by the Race Committee prior to the warning signal. All marks will be inflated spheres.

8 PROTESTS

Boats intending to file a protest or request redress shall notify the Signal Boat after finishing the race where the incident occurred. This modifies RRS 61.3.

9 POST-RACE PENALTIES and EXPEDITED HEARINGS

US Sailing Prescription Appendix T - Alternative Procedures for Dispute Resolution, Sections B - Post Race Penalties and C - Expedited Hearings shall be used.

10 SCORING

The scoring of each series shall use Appendix A- Scoring. 1 race is required in order to have a series. A boat's worst score shall be excluded if 5 races are completed.

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