



GREAT LAKES MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Organizing Authority: *Erie Yacht Club* in conjunction with the International Laser Class Association of North America (ILCA-NA)

August 1 & 2, 2026

Erie Yacht Club, Erie, PA, USA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1 Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Rule 60.4(a)(2) shall be replaced by: "(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or"

2 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 Communications with Competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted online on the official notice board at:
<https://eriyachtclub.org/regatta/fZ0MwVEt2C/#notice-board>.
- 3.2 Paper copies of all notices posted on the official notice board will also be posted on the notice board located on the porch windows at the west end of the clubhouse.
- 3.3 The Race Office is located at the Rickloff Community Boathouse on the west pier of the EYC and can be contacted by at email gavin@obyc.com.
- 3.4 [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.



- 3.5 [DP][NP] Boats shall not launch until flag D is displayed with one sound. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 45 minutes after flag D is displayed.

4 Code of Conduct

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole in front of the clubhouse.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 Schedule

6.1

Date	Time	Event
<i>Friday, Jul 31</i>	<i>1800</i>	Early Arrival / Practice Day
<i>Saturday, August 1</i>	<i>0900</i>	Check In / Late Registration
	<i>1000</i>	Competitors Meeting
	<i>1100</i>	First Warning Signal, 3 races scheduled
	<i>1800</i>	Event Social
<i>Sunday, August 2</i>	<i>1000</i>	First Warning Signal, 3 races scheduled
	<i>1400</i>	No races to start after this time.
	<i>ASAP after sailing</i>	Awards

- 6.2 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the event is no more than one race ahead of schedule.
- 6.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, repeated sound signals will be made approximately one minute before a warning signal is made.

7 Class Flags

- 7.1 The class flags are:

ILCA 7 - White flag with red class insignia

ILCA 6 - Green flag with red class insignia



8 Courses

- 8.1 The diagrams in Appendix 1 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, the race committee signal vessel will display the course designation and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 8.3 The course may be shortened to finish at a rounding mark or gate provided 3 or more legs have been completed, excluding the leg between mark 1 and mark 1a.

9 Marks

9.1

Start mark	Green Tetrahedron
Mark 1	Large Yellow Cylinder
Marks 4s, 4p	Medium Yellow Cylinders
Mark 1a	Small Orange Ball
New mark as provided in SI 11.1	Orange Tetrahedron
Finish	Medium Orange Cylinder

10 The Start

- 10.1 The starting line is between the staff displaying a yellow flag on the race committee signal vessel and the course side of the start mark.
- 10.2 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. A boat may not request redress based on failure of the race committee to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 10.3 [DP][NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.4 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.



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) 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 When Mark 1 has been changed, Mark 1a is no longer a mark of the course. It will be removed as soon as practicable. The changes RRS 33.
- 11.3 The leeward gate may be replaced by a single mark; in this case, the mark will be left to port.

12 The Finish

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal vessel and the course side of the finish mark.

13 Time Limits

13.1

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window	Target Time
30 minutes	90 minutes	20 minutes	40 minutes

- 13.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 13.3 Race Time Limit: Time limit for the first boat in their class to start, sail the course and finish.
- 13.4 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within their Finishing Window and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

14 Hearing Requests

- 14.1 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee signal vessel docks.
- 14.2 Hearing request forms are available at the Race Office.
- 14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in person beginning at the time posted.



15 Safety Regulations

- 15.1 [DP][NP] On the water, boats shall check in with the race committee vessel before the first race of the day or upon returning to the race area if the boat has left for repair or any other reason.
- 15.2 [DP] [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

16 Trash Disposal

- 16.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

17 Risk Statement

- 17.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

18 Disclaimer of Liability

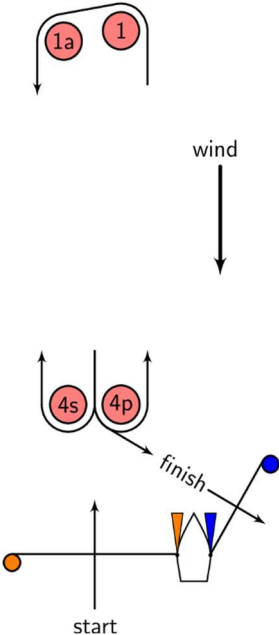
- 18.1 Competitors participate in the Great Lakes Masters Championships entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority and ILCA-NA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Great Lakes Masters Championships.

19 Rights to Use Names and Likeness

- 19.1 By participating in the Great Lakes Masters Championships, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and ILCA-NA the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.



APPENDIX 1 – RACE COURSES

	Course	Mark Rounding Order
	2	Start-1-1a-4s/4p-1-1a-4p-Finish
	4	Start-1-1a-4s/4p-1-1a-4s/4p-1-1a-4p-Finish