



2027 ILCA Masters Championship

April 29 – May 1, 2027

Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation [DP] in a *rule* means that the penalty for a breach of the *rule* may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 and 63.2(a).

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA): The Carolina Yacht Club (CYC) in Conjunction with the International Laser Class Association of North America (ILCA-NA).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) 2025-2028.
- 1.2. RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. [DP][NP]
- 1.3. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.4. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (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
- 1.5. RRS Appendix P will apply. RRS P2.1 is changed to state “When a boat is first and subsequently penalized under rule P1.2 her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty under rule 44.2. If she fails to take it, she shall be disqualified without a hearing.” RRS P2.2 and P2.3 are deleted.
- 1.6. RRS 61.4(b)(1) is changed so that 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 verbally. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress request.
- 1.7. The US Sailing prescriptions to the preamble to Part 4, Section B and rule 63.1 are deleted.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the [Official Notice Board](#) (ONB) after April 23, 2027.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. 3.1 The ONB is located at:
<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/j4TDnE12r8/#notice-board>

- 3.2. The OA may communicate with competitors through the ClubSpot text messaging function. Competitors are encouraged to provide an accurate mobile phone number during registration.
- 3.3. [DP] While racing, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions, text messages, cellular phone calls, or other communications not available to all boats, except in an emergency. This includes any GPS-capable watch or smartwatch.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to boats of the ILCA 4, ILCA 6, ILCA 7 classes that meet ILCAClass Rules.
- 4.2 Competitors who have reached the age of 30 and older on the day before race day 1 of the event, and who are members of [ILCA-NA](#), or their National Laser Class Association, may enter by completing the registration and paying the required fees. Competitors with memberships outside of ILCA-NA must contact office@ilcanasailing.org with proof of membership before registering.
- 4.3 Rig-Swapping Rule
- 4.3.1. Unless a minimum of (12) ILCA 7 and (12) ILCA 6 entries has been received by the pre-registration deadline of April 1, 2027, all entrants shall start and finish together and be scored as a single fleet.
- 4.3.2 Competitors may choose ILCA 7, ILCA 6 or ILCA 4 rigs at their discretion provided that all rig changes are made on shore and all sails have the same number (Rig-Swapping Rule turned on).
- 4.3.3 Providing that a minimum of (12) ILCA 7 and (12) ILCA 6 entries has been received by the pre-registration deadline, the ILCA 6 fleet shall be given a separate start and shall be scored separately from the ILCA 7 fleet (Rig-Swapping Rule turned off). Rig-Swapping between ILCA 6 and ILCA 4 shall always be in effect.
- 4.4 Entries shall be made and fees paid online at the event website above.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry Fee: \$250.00 per boat.
- 5.2. Late Fee: \$50.00 for registrations received after April 1st, 2027 11:59PM
- 5.3. Guest Fees: \$85.00 for Thursday, Friday, & Saturday festivities.
- 5.4. Entry Fees Include:
- Thursday Cocktail Hour
 - Friday Dinner
 - Saturday Dinner/Awards Banquet
 - 3 Breakfasts and 3 Make Your Own Lunches + on-water snacks
 - Regatta memento
- 5.5. The registration URL link: [Register Here](#)

6. SCHEDULE (2027)

- 6.1. Competitors may arrive at the Carolina Yacht Club no earlier than **April 25th at 10:00 EDT**

April 26, 27	TBD	Race Clinic
April 28	16:00-20:00	On-site Check-in
April 29, 30, May 1	07:30-09:00	Continental Breakfast & Make Your Own Lunch
April 29	07:30-09:00	On-site Check-in
April 29	09:30	Competitors' Meeting

April 29, 30, May 1	11:30	First Warning
May 1	16:00	No Warning After This Time

- 6.2. There will be a maximum of 4 races any day
- 6.3. A minimum of one completed race is required to constitute a series for each fleet.
- 6.4. A maximum of 9 races, in total, are scheduled for the regatta.

7. VENUE

- 7.1. On-shore activities will be at the Main Ball Room
- 7.2. The racing area is in the Atlantic Ocean, North of the Jetty - (See Addendum A)

8. COURSES

The courses will be illustrated in the Sailing Instructions and/or Supplemental Sailing Instructions.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 9.2. The NA Masters handicap system will be used to score the overall series. Based on a competitor's age on the day before race day 1 of the event, divisions will be:
Apprentice: 30 to 44, Master: 45 to 54, Grand Master: 55 to 64 , Great Grand Master: 65 to 74, Legend: 75 and over.
- 9.2.1. For each race: Apprentice: add 4 points, Masters: add 3 points, Grand Masters: add 2 points, Great Grand Masters: add 1 point and Legends add zero points.
- 9.3. Ties within an age division are broken as per RRS Appendix A, Section A8. For ties across age divisions, the tie will be broken in favor of the competitor from the older age division.

10. PRIZES

- 10.1 Prizes will be awarded to the overall winner in each fleet (lowest score after handicap points), first woman finisher in each fleet, and top finishers in each of the five age divisions, with the number of prizes adjusted to suit the number of competitors pre-registered in each division (one prize for every eight boats registered, a minimum of 3 boats must be registered to award 1 prize, with a maximum of 5 prizes per division). If rigs are separated, prizes should be awarded in both fleets (ILCA 7 and 6) per these guidelines.
- 10.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

11. COACH/SUPPORT AND SPECTATOR BOATS

- 11.1. All Coach/Support Boats are required to register before the regatta on ClubSpot.
- 11.2. All Coach/Support Boats are to list what sailors they are supporting.
- 11.3. [DP][NP] Coach / Support and Spectator boats are required to monitor the course channel, (announced at the Competitors meeting) on a VHF radio and are considered safety boats and at the direction of the OA or Race Committee and will render aid if requested via VHF communications.
- 11.4. [DP] No communication from Coach / Support and Spectator boats (including verbal and hand signals) will be permitted after the preparatory signal until after the competitor completes the race.

- 11.5. [DP] [NP] **Operators of coach, support, and spectator boats equipped with an engine cut-off switch shall use the engine cut-off switch link at all times while the engine is running and the vessel is underway. Failure to comply may be considered misconduct and/or result in expulsion from event.**
- 11.6. [DP] Coach / Support and Spectator boats can be berthed or rafted at CYC A Dock, free of charge. Trailers are to be parked in the designated area. (See VENUE map on Notice Board for reference to these areas).

12. RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this regatta participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Race Organizers (OA, Ratings Authority, Race Committee, Protest Committee, Judges, The Carolina Yacht Club, ILCA-NA, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not accept liability of material damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. By participating in this regatta, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

13. SAFETY

All competitors, coaches, and other support persons will be required to follow all local, state, and federal regulations regarding health and safety. Additionally, the OA may choose to impose additional regulations at their discretion. These additional regulations will be posted in the form of an amendment to the NOR.

14. INSURANCE

[NP][DP] It is recommended that each participating boat be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

15. MEDIA RIGHTS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the OA and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recording, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival, until their final departure, without compensation.

16. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Lodging: It is strongly recommended that competitors make lodging reservations as early as possible. Additional local lodging and visitor information may be posted on the ONB.

Housing: There is limited sailor housing available with fellow sailors, contact Alicia Smith aliciahsmith@gmail.com

Club rules: DOES NOT ALLOW PETS, NO ONE UNDER 21 UPSTAIRS, and there is no camping onsite.

Airports: Wilmington International Airport (ILM) is by far our closest airport. Raleigh (RDU) is larger but is more than 2 hrs away and has many more airlines to choose from.

The Carolina Yacht Club Shipping Address (if needed)

CYC

ATTN: ILCA Masters Regatta

401 S. Lumina Avenue

Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480

PRO: Mark Foster

For additional information, please contact the event chair, Glenn Walker at gwalker749@gmail.com

ADDENDUM A – AERIAL VIEW OF RACING

