2026 ILCA D-15 Championship

December 19-20, 2026

Organizing Authority: Seabrook Sailing Club, and ILCA D-15

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES:

1.1. The Organizing Authority will govern the regatta by the rules defined in the 2025-2028 edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), including *US Sailing Prescriptions*,

1.2. the rules of International Laser Class Association (ILCA),

1.3. Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions.

1.4. PFD/Buoyancy Aids shall be worn on the water except briefly while changing clothing. Failure to do so will result in DSQ. Flag Y shall not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS: Official notices including changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the Clubspot Notice Board or Seabrook Sailing Club notice board no later than 0930 on the day it will take effect.

2.2. Changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Clubspot notice board by 1900 the day before changes go into effect.

2.3 Changes to Sailing Instructions may be made on the water by displaying Flag Lima (L) on the Signal boat and displaying change on a Notice Board in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). Each competitor will sail by the Signal Boat on starboard and acknowledge the change.

3. SCHEDULE of Events: Nine (9) races are scheduled. Target time is 35-40 minutes.

Friday, December 18	1100	Venue Open to Competitors
Saturday, December 19	1000-1100	Registration, check-in, boat set up
	1100	Competitors Meeting
	1215	First Warning
	1645	No Starts After
Sunday, December 20	1030	Competitors meeting, launch thereafter
	1130	First Warning
	1530	No Starts After
	ASAP	Results

4. **CLASSES and TIME LIMITS**: ILCA 4, ILCA 6, ILCA 7.

4.1. Time limit for the first boat to reach the windward mark is 20 minutes.

4.2. Time limit for the race is 60 minutes.

4.3. Time limit after first finisher is 15 minutes.

5. **COURSES AND MARKS:**

5.1. Courses will be windward-leeward with offset mark and leeward gate. See "COURSES" diagram.

5.2. Race committee will designate the course (W3, W4, or W5) orally or via white board. On the first leg the gate marks will not be a part of the course.

5.3. Marks to be rounded to port.

5.4. Gate marks will be rounded as shown in the diagram.

5.5. Marks of the course will be inflatable or mooring-type balls. Colors to be designated at the Skippers meeting.

6. START, FINISH, AND SIGNALS:

6.1. Races will start in accordance with Appendix U AUDIBLE-Signal Racing System

6.2. Competitors will check in with the Signal boat prior to the first start each day. Failure to do so, shall result in a scoring penalty of two places for the first race of that day calculated in accordance with 44.3(c).

6.3. General recalls will be signaled by two sounds with display of First Substitute flag. After a general recall, provisions of RRS 30.1 (code flag I) will apply at the discretion of the Race Committee.

6.4. Boats failing to start within 5 minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing.

6.5. The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the port side of the Signal boat and an orange mark at the port end of the start line.

6.6. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC Signal boat on the starboard end of the finish line and an orange mark on the port end.

7. RACE AREA:

7.1. The racing area will be on northern-central Galveston Bay, bounded by the Kemah channel to the south, and the Houston Ship channel to the east.

8. PROTESTS:

8.1. Protests time limit is 60 minutes from a long horn from the Signal boat upon its departure from the venue.

8.2. Hearing request forms may be picked up from the protest desk in the Clubhouse. Hearings will be conducted in person in the SSC Clubhouse. Times for protest hearings will be posted on Clubspot Notice Board and Seabrook SC Notice Board.

8.3. Redress requests based on possible scoring errors shall be made in writing first to the Race Committee and forwarded to the Protest Committee. If the dispute cannot be resolved

with the Race Committee, such redress request shall be delivered to the Protest Committee for a redress hearing.

8.4. Appendix V is in effect, 1 Turn penalty outside of the *zone* for an infraction of Part 2: When Boats Meet and V2–Post Race Penalties

8.5. A boat intending to protest another boat, after sailing clear of other boats at the finish line shall notify the race committee of their intent to protest immediately after finishing and before leaving the race area. The protesting boat shall identify their intent and the boat protested and receive acknowledgement from the Race Committee. Failure to do so shall render the protest invalid unless a collision between the two boats occurred. This amends RRS 60.1 and 60.4.

9. SCORING:

9.1. The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A, will apply.

9.2. Nine (9) races are scheduled; one (1) completed race will constitute a regatta.

9.3. If six (6) or more races are scored, a yacht's worst score shall be excluded, modifying A2.1.

11. COACHING:

11.1. All coach and support boats shall remain 75 meters away from the race course.

11.2. Between races, coaching is permitted outside of the general borders of the course.

12. SAFETY:

12.1. Personal Flotation Device (PFD) or Buoyancy Aid (BA) shall be worn while racing, with the additional provision [DP] that each competitor shall wear one that is the appropriate size for the sailor. This changes RRS 40.

12.2. The PFD/BA must be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt or jacket may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging or signal team, sponsor, or club affiliation.

12.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee either before leaving the course, or if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore.

12.4. Support boat kill cords or other similar safety devices are strongly encouraged.

13. PRIZES:

13.1. First, second, and third Place Prizes will be awarded for ILCA 4, 6, and 7 Classes.

13.2. A prize for the top female in ILCA 6 will be awarded.

13.3. A prize for the youngest competitor will be awarded.

13.4. A prize for the oldest competitor will be awarded.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3 Decision to Race. Neither the Organizing Authority nor race cofficers, nor judges will accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained n conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta. A signed waiver of liability is required of participants.

15. REGATTA CONTACTS

PRO – TBD
Chief Judge—Tony Nunes, (713) 530-9609, tony.nunes@nunes-partners.com
Event chair – Charles Barclay, (808) 888-9494. cpabarclay@gmail.com

Courses

Marks of the course shall be left to port

Course		Marks
W3		Start – W – O – G – Upwind Finish
W4		Start – W – O – G – W – O – Downwind Finish
W5		Start – W – O – G – W – O – G – Upwind Finish



