

2026 GREAT LAKES CHAMPIONSHIP

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



October 10-11, 2026

5555 St. Paul Blvd.
Rochester, NY 14617



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

AMENDMENT 1 – 10.05.26

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1 Rules

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the RACING RULES OF SAILING (RRS).

2 Changes to the 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 on the online official notice board located at

<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/ZeTjlpnvkc/#notice-board>

3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72.

3.3 [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.

4 Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located at the northern corner of the RYC property.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

4.3 [DP] Flag D with one sound means 'Boats shall NOT launch until this signal is made. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 45 minutes after flag D is displayed.'

5 Schedule of Races

5.1 Schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Event
Friday, October 9	0800 - 1700	Early Arrival
	0800 - 1700	Practice Day
	1500 - 1900	Check-in
Saturday, October 10	0800 - 0900	Late Check-in
	0915	Competitor's Meeting followed by Coaches Meeting
	1100	First warning signal (4 races are scheduled)
Sunday, October 11	0800	Competitor's Meeting followed by Coaches Meeting
	1030	First warning signal (4 races are scheduled)

	1400	No warning after this time
	After Racing	Awards Ceremony

5.2 For all classes, a maximum of eight races are scheduled.

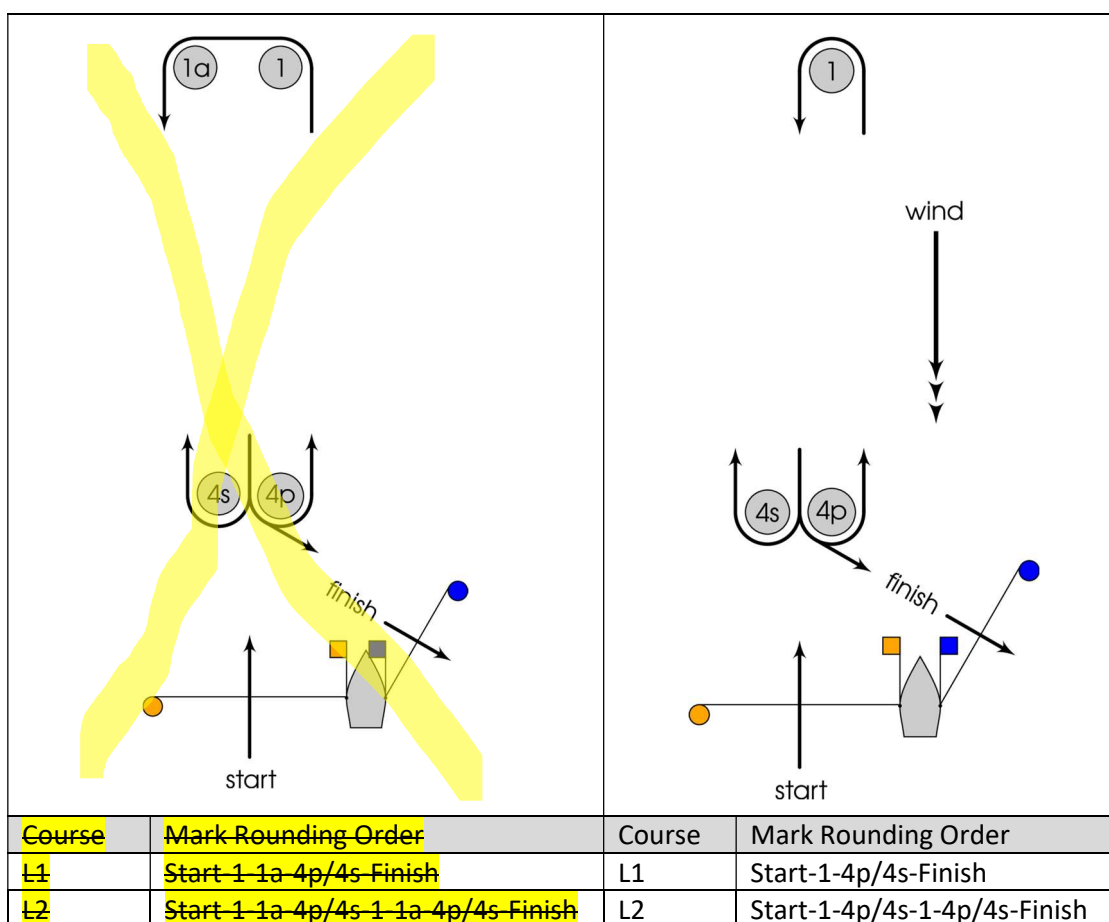
8 Class Flags

8.1

Class	Flag
ILCA 4	ILCA logo on yellow background
ILCA 6	ILCA logo on green background
ILCA 7	ILCA logo on white background

9 Courses

- 9.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 9.2 The course may be shortened to finish at a rounding mark or gate provided a minimum of three or more legs have been sailed, **excluding the leg between mark 1 and mark 1a.**
- 9.3 The diagram below shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.



10 Marks

10.1

All Classes	Start mark	Green inflatable
ILCA 6, ILCA 7	Marks 1, 1a, 4s, 4p	Orange Inflatable
ILCA 6, ILCA 7	New mark as provided in SI 11.1	Yellow Inflatable

ILCA 4	Mark 1	Green Inflatable
ILCA 4	Marks 4s, 4p	Orange Inflatable
ILCA 4	New mark as provided in SI 11.1	Red Inflatable
All Classes	Finish	Small orange inflatable

11 The Start

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the starting mark.
- 11.2 **[DP][NP]** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during start sequences for other races.
- 11.3 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

12 Change of the Next Leg of the Course

- 12.1 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.~~
- 12.2 The race committee may, without signal, move a mark to change the direction up to 10 degrees or the length up to 10% of the previous length, provided that no boat is sailing to the mark. This changes RRS 33.
- 12.3 ~~When Mark 1 has been changed, Mark 1a is no longer a mark of the course. It will be removed as soon as practicable. This changes RRS 33.~~
- 12.4 The leeward gate may be replaced by a single mark; in this case, the mark will be left to port.

13 The Finish

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying blue flag_s on the race committee vessel and the finishing mark.

14 Time Limits and Target Times

14.1

Race Time Limit	Finishing Window	Target Time
90 minutes	20 minutes	50 minutes

- 14.2 **Race Time Limit:** Time limit for the first boat in their class to sail the course. If no boat sails the course within the **Race Time Limit**, the race will be abandoned.
- 14.3 **Finishing Window:** Time limit for boats to sail the course after the first boat in their class sails the course. Boats failing to finish within their **Finishing Window** and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.
- 14.4 Failure to meet the **Target Time** will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.

15 Hearing Requests

- 15.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal vessel has docked except that on the last day, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the signal vessel has docked. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.2 Protest forms are available at the RYC bar.
- 15.3 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 and where the hearings will be held.
- 15.4 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

16 [DP][NP] Safety Regulations

- 16.1 On the water, boats must check in and receive acknowledgment from the race committee 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.
- 16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

17 [DP][NP] Support Teams

- 17.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal until ALL boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 17.2 At the request of the race committee, coach vessels may enter the racing area to offer or provide outside assistance to a boat.