



Gibson Island Yacht Squadron
ILCA Invitational
October 24 - 25, 2026
Gibson Island, MD

Notice of Race (NoR)

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

1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta is organised under the authority (OA) of Gibson Island Yacht Squadron and ILCA-NA District 11. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028* and the International Laser Class Association (ILCA) Rules.
- 1.2 The regatta will conform to the Class Rules, found at <https://ilcasailing.org/rules-and-technical/laser-class-rules/>, except as any of these are changed by the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions and properly posted amendments thereto.
- 1.3 RRS 40 will be deleted and replaced with: "Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing clothing or personal equipment. Wetsuits and drysuits are not personal flotation devices." Note that Flag "Y" will not be displayed.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on or before Friday, October 23, 2026 at the Official Notice Board located on the event website.

3 COMMUNICATION

The online official notice board is located at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/YEBE70tLgA/#notice-board>. Notices echoed on the whiteboard, inside the Point Pavilion.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to boats of the International Laser Class Association: ILCA 7, ILCA 6 and ILCA 4. Each class must have a minimum of 7 entries. All competitors must be current members of ILCA North America or their equivalent national Laser Class Association. Non-members can join the class by completing registration online at <https://ilcanasailing.org/membership>.
- 4.2 Competitors shall enter the event by completing an online registration available at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/YEBE70tLqA>.
- 4.3 Eligible competitors and boats may enter by completing the online registration per 4.2, together with the required fee. Registration closes October 24, 2026 @ 0900.
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a competitor shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions: payment received and space available.
- 4.6 There are no restrictions on the number of boats that can register.

5 FEES

Entry fees are as follows:

Class	Entry Fee	Late Entry Fee After October 17
All Classes	\$40	\$50

Entry fee includes a grilled-to-order burger and hot dog barbeque, after racing on October 24th / 25th.

6 SCHEDULE

Friday, October 23, 2026
1700, The Point lot opens for boat drop off.

Saturday, October 24
0800-0900, Check in at the Point Pavilion.
0930, Competitor's Meeting
1100, First warning signal, races to follow.

Sunday, October 25
1000, First warning signal, races to follow.
1500, No warning signal made after.

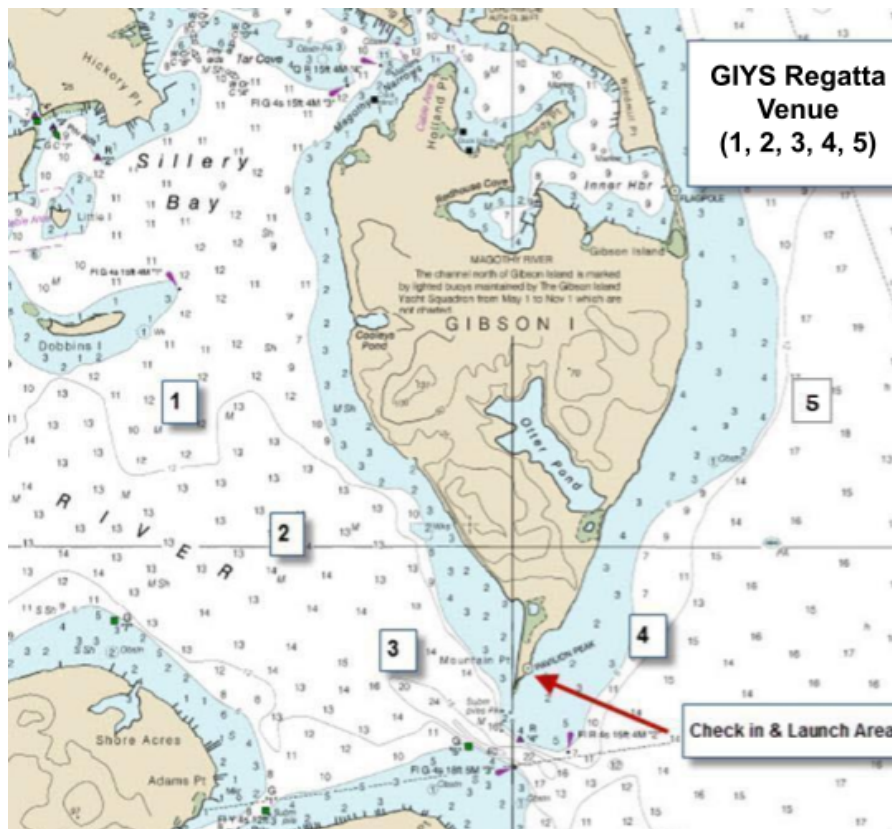
Awards ceremony after the close of protest deadline and as soon as possible.

- 6.1 Four races per fleet are anticipated for each day, but conditions will dictate the number of races each day.
- 6.2 A minimum of one (1) race shall constitute a regatta. There are no limits on the maximum number of races, in total, for the entire regatta.

7 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Sails, hulls and other equipment may be inspected at any time to confirm they are Class Legal ([See ILCA Guide for Verification of Class Legal Equipment](#)).

8 VENUE



- 8.1 The racing area will be approximately as shown in the numbered areas above (1, 2, 3, 4, 5). The chosen area will be announced at the Competitor's Meeting
 - 8.2 Competitor rigging and launching will be from The Point on Gibson Island: 500 Broadwater Road, Gibson Island, MD 21056.
- ## 9 COURSES
- 9.1 The course(s) to be sailed will be as follows:

“W-2” Start, 1 (port), 1a (port), between 2a (starboard if present) and 2b (port), 1(port), 1a (port), 2b (port), finish

“W-3” Start, 1(port), 1a (port), between 2a (starboard) and 2b (port), 1 (port), 1a (port), between 2a (starboard if present) and 2b (port), 1 (port), 1a (port), 2b (port), finish.

See **Attachment A** for diagram.

9.2 The marks that may be used are as follows:

Marks 1, 2, 2a, 2b, will be red spheres.

Mark 1a will be a green mark.

Mark S will be a red cylinder or orange flag on a committee boat.

Mark F will be a green mark. The finish line will be between the blue flag on a committee boat (not necessarily the committee boat used for the starting line).

10 SCORING

The Low Point System, RRS Appendix A, will apply, modified so that each boat’s regatta score will be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded if six or more races have been completed.

11 RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3 Decision to Race. Gibson Island Yacht Squadron and ILCA-NA District 11 will not be liable for material damage, loss, death, or personal injury in conjunction with the event.

12 SAFETY

12.1 All competitors, coaches and other support persons will be required to follow all local, state and federal regulations regarding health and safety. This may include masking, social distancing, and gathering restrictions. 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.

12.2 It is the responsibility solely of the parent(s)/guardians of the competitors who are under the age of 18 at the start of the competition to decide if the competitor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. Parents of competitors under 18, not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is authorised and designated to make these decisions for their child, and authorise medical care.

13 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows: Gift certificates to [US ONE-DESIGN](#)

will be presented to First (\$80), Second (\$60) and Third place (\$40) finishers in each fleet with seven or more competitors. Pursuant to the ILCA-NA Regatta Guidelines, additional awards may be presented based on the final number of registered competitors in each fleet.

14 DIRECTIONS TO GIBSON ISLAND

From I-97 Baltimore or Annapolis, take Route 100 EAST, continue after the merge on MD-177 (Mountain Road), follow the signs to Gibson Island. At the security gate, inform the Gate attendant that you are going to the Junior Regatta, receive a pass, and proceed to The Point.

15 SPECIAL NOTES

Traffic is congested. Roads are narrow and turn-around areas are very small. Please be patient; kindly observe speed limits and parking instructions issued upon arrival. Gibson Island is a private gated community, please enjoy the island and respect the privacy of its residents.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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Attachment A

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between 2a (starboard if present)
and 2b (port), 1(port), 1a (port), 2b
(port), finish

"W-3" Start, 1(port), 1a (port), between 2a
(starboard) and 2b (port), 1 (port), 1a (port),
between 2a (starboard if present) and 2b
(port), 1 (port), 1a (port), 2b (port), finish.

