



## **2026 ILCA MIDWINTERS WEST**

(30 GP Points/50 World Sailing Points/Qualifier for the 2026 ILCA 4 & 6 Youth Worlds and  
2027 ILCA World Championship)

and

## **SCYYRA ULLMAN FROST SERIES – ILCA 6 and ILCA 7**

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: ILCA-NA

in cooperation with Balboa Yacht Club

Corona del Mar, California

March 20-22, 2026

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

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 by *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 The “class rules” for the purposes of the definition of rules are the [International Laser Class Association \(ILCA\) Rules](#).

1.3 Rule 60.4(a) is changed to “A protest is invalid (1) if it does not comply with the definition Protest or rule 60.2 or 60.3, (2) if it is from a boat that alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, but she was not involved in and did not see the incident, or (3) as far as it alleges a breach of rule 69 or a Regulation referred to in rule 6, unless permitted by the Regulation concerned.”

1.4 US Sailing Prescriptions to the Preamble to Part 5, Section B will not apply. The US Sailing prescriptions are available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/racing-rules/>

1.5 RRS 40.1, Personal Flotation Device – Basic Rule will apply, in accordance with RRS 40.2(c).

1.6 RRS Appendix P applies.

### **2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available by Thursday, March 19 online on the official notice board.

### **3. COMMUNICATIONS**

3.1 The official notice board is located online at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/sDcLw1MEF8>

3.2 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

4.1 The event is open to boats of the ILCA 7, ILCA 6 and ILCA 4 classes. The ILCA 7 and ILCA 6 classes must have a minimum of seven (7) entries and the ILCA 4 class must have a minimum of five (5) entries to compete.

- 4.2 All competitors must be current members of the ILCA-NA or their respective National Laser Class Association and remain in good standing with their membership through the final day of the regatta.
- 4.3 Competitors shall enter by completing the online entry form and waivers available on the event webpage and paying the required fees. Online entry opens on Friday, October 31, 2025.
- 4.4 All entries and requests for class changes must be received by 1200 hours on Wednesday, March 18, 2026.
- 4.5 Registration for all classes will be capped at 120 boats, after which time a waitlist will be formed. The OA may choose to expand the size of class if the conditions permit. Participants will be notified and moved off the waitlist in order of registration.
- 4.6 Each competitor wishing to receive World Sailing ranking points must enter their World Sailing ID as part of their registration.

## **5. FEES**

- 5.1 Entry fees for competitors received on or before January 15, 2026 will be \$350.
- 5.2 Entry fees for competitors received after January 15, 2026 will be \$400.
- 5.3 Entry fees for each coach is \$30. After January 15, 2026 coach fees will be \$60.  
An additional \$50 deposit may be required at the regatta and will be refunded when the coach flag is returned on Sunday, March 22, 2026.
- 5.4 All entry fees are non refundable after March 1, 2026.
- 5.5 All refund requests received before the refund deadline are subject to the withholding of a reasonable administrative fee that covers registration system fees.

## **6. ADVERTISING**

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

## **7. EVENT FORMAT**

If any fleet has a large number of entries, the OA may decide to divide the fleet. Divided fleets will sail a qualifying series prior to being split into a Gold/Silver final series.

## **8. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

8.1 All times in local time.

Wednesday, March 18

- 1200-1700 Earliest opportunity to bring boats to BYC
- 1200-1700 Regatta Check in Open on BYC Flag Deck

Thursday, March 19

- 1000-1700 Venue open for boat drop off and practice
- 1000-1700 Regatta Check in Open on BYC Flag Deck

Friday, March 20

- 0800-0930 Regatta Check in for late arrivals
- 0930 Competitors Meeting
- 1200 First warning signal, subsequent races to follow
- After Racing Heavy appetizers on BYC Flag Deck

Saturday, March 21

- 0930 Competitors Meeting

1200 First warning signal, subsequent races to follow  
After Racing Heavy appetizers on the BYC Flag Deck

Sunday, March 22

0930 Competitors Meeting  
1200 First warning signal, subsequent races to follow  
ASAP Awards to follow on BYC Flag Deck ASAP after the last race of the day  
Appetizers will be provided

Monday, March 23

1700 All boats must be removed from BYC

8.2 No warning signal will be made after 1500 hours on the final day of the regatta.

## **9. INSPECTION AND MEASUREMENT**

- 9.1 All boats and equipment must meet ILCA Rules and may be inspected by the Race Committee, Protest Committee or Technical Committee for compliance with the Rules at any time during the event.
- 9.2 Sail inspection will be required at this event. Each boat shall comply with the equipment measurement rules of the class, including World Sailing and Class emblems, buttons, and/or stickers, as may be required for the respective part. Any and all equipment may be inspected at any time during the event at the discretion of the Protest Committee or Organizing Authority.
- 9.3 National letters must comply with the Class rules. Numbers and letters that have been drawn on the sail with permanent ink pen are not legal. Refer to Sail Numbers and Letters – International Laser Class Association for detailed instructions.
- 9.4 A boat's sail number may be different from the hull number with the prior approval of the Organizing Authority.

## **10. HAUL OUT AND LAUNCHING RESTRICTIONS**

- 10.1 Two dinghy ramps will be available for ILCA boat launching.
- 10.2 Every ILCA using the ramps must have their own dolly.
- 10.3 No ILCA trailers or support vessel trailers shall be stored at BYC during the regattas. Once boats are unloaded, all trailers must be transported offsite to designated storage yards.

## **11. COURSES AND RACING AREA**

- 11.1 Courses will be standard ILCA-NA courses as described in the ILCA-NA Regatta Guidelines.
- 11.2 The racing area will be in the Pacific Ocean off Newport Beach, CA.
- 11.3 Estimated sail time to the race venue is one (1) hour.

## **12. RACES AND SCORING**

- 12.1 A maximum of nine (9) races are scheduled.
- 12.2 The race committee shall not be required to complete the same number of races for each class.
- 12.3 A minimum of three (3) races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.4 The Low Point Scoring System will apply, modified so that each boat's score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score being discarded if five (5) or more races are completed.

## **13. COACHES AND COACH BOATS**

- 13.1 [DP] All coaches/support persons (as defined in RRS) shall:
- a. Register their coach boat with the OA

- b. Identify which competitors they are supporting
- c. Pay the non-refundable coach fee of \$30. Coaches registering after March 1, 2026 will be charged \$60.

The online form for registering support persons and vessels is located on the same entry as the competitors.

- 13.2 There will be no support boat launching at Balboa Yacht Club. Support boats may be launched at the Newport Dunes located at 1131 Back Bay Drive, Newport Beach, 92660
- 13.3 [DP] Support vessel persons in charge (PIC) shall wear the identification pinnie or fly the flag provided by the OA while afloat. No other flag, banner, pennant, etc shall be displayed by a support person or vessel.
- 13.4 [DP] Support vessels are required to comply with all applicable US Coast Guard regulations and Support Person Regulations, which will be found in Appendix A of the sailing instructions.
- 13.5 [DP] At all times while afloat, support vessels must be equipped with a VHF radio and monitor the VHF channel designated by the OA.
- 13.6 [DP] If called upon, support vessels will be required to respond as rescue boats.
- 13.7 [DP] Every person aboard a support vessel must wear a PFD at all times while afloat, except for brief periods when actively adding or removing clothing.
- 13.8 Further rules governing the conduct of support persons and/or vessels may be in the sailing instructions.

#### **14. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded after racing on Sunday in accordance with ILCA-NA guidelines. Additional awards may be presented based on the final number of registered competitors in each class.

#### **15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY/RISK STATEMENT**

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 of 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, death by drowning, trauma or other causes.

#### **16. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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