

2026 ILYA Optimist Championship

Organizing Authority – Inland Lake Yachting Association

Friday, July 24, 2026 – Sunday, July 26, 2026

Host – Clear Lake Yacht Club

103 Main Ave, Clear Lake, IA 50428

Notice of Race

Preamble – The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest or request redress under this rule. This changes *Rules* 60.4(a) and 61.3 as stated below. The notation '[DP]' in a rule means the penalty for breaking this rule may, at the discretion of the jury, be more or less than a single disqualification. This changes *Rule* 60.5(c).

1 Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 ILYA Regatta Conditions, ILYA Support Person Rules, ILYA Drone Policy, ILYA Trophy Policy, and ILYA Jury Policies, available at <https://ilya.org/regatta/XYlgzVv2c3> apply.
- 1.3 In addition to other *rules* changed in this document and the Sailing Instructions, the following *rules* are changed:
 - 1.3.1 RRS 41 adds: “(e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided after return on board, the boat returns to the approximate location of the recovery.
 - 1.3.2 RRS 60.4(a) adds, “(4) if the protest is by a boat and is based on a rule with the notation [NP].”
 - 1.3.3 RRS 60.5(c) adds, “(5) the protest is based on a rule with the notation [DP] and the protest committee decides the penalty shall be more or less than a single disqualification.”
 - 1.3.4 RRS 61.3 adds, “or is a request by a boat and is based on a rule with the notation [NP].”
 - 1.3.5 RRS 78.1 deletes “While a boat is racing,” and replaces that language with “From the time of arrival through all periods while racing,”
 - 1.3.6 RRS A5.4 is added, “A boat that is scored TLE by the Race Committee shall be scored points for the finishing place 2 more than the number of boats that sailed the course prior to the finishing window expiration.
 - 1.3.7 RRS A10 adds” “TLE – Finishing Window Time Limit Expired. This changes RRS A10.

2 Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available after July 18, 2026 at <https://ilya.org/regatta/XYlgzVv2c3>.

3 Communication

- 3.1 The official notice board will be located at <https://ilya.org/regatta/XYlgzVv2c3>.
- 3.2 [DP] All support persons shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US

Channels. Support person channels will be announced at the coaches and competitor briefings.

- 3.3 [DP] While Racing, except in an emergency, a boat or support person shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not medically necessary.

4 Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 The event is open to boats of the Optimist Classes whose helmsperson is a member in good standing of the ILYA and whose person in charge has not reached their 16th birthday prior to January 1, 2026.
- 4.2 RWB Entries shall be split into white, blue, and red fleets according to the age of the person in charge as follows:
- 4.2.1 White Fleet (Up to 10 Years) – Persons in charge who are 10 years of age and under on July 24, 2026.
- 4.2.2 Blue Fleet (11-12 Years) – Persons in charge who are eleven or twelve years of age on July 24, 2026
- 4.2.3 Red Fleet (13-15 years) – Persons in charge who are thirteen, fourteen, or fifteen years of age on July 24, 2026 AND will not be 16 years of age before January 1, 2027.
- 4.3 [NP] Unless the PRO grants an exception in writing prior to July 14, 2026, Green fleet entries shall not have competed in any red, white, or blue fleet prior to the ILYA Optimist Championship and shall have reached their eighth birthday prior to July 24, 2026.
- 4.4 After the first race, The PRO or Chief Judge may suggest a sailor switch between RWB and Green fleet or vice versa. This suggestion will be in consultation with any support person(s) for the sailor affected.
- 4.5 Eligible boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://ilya.org/regatta/XYlgzVv2c3>.
- 4.6 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements, pay all fees, and complete the on-site check-in process.
- 4.7 The following restrictions on the number of boats apply: No more than 100 entries in the RWB fleet and 50 boats in the green fleet will be accepted. Once these allotments are filled, a waitlist will be created. If the Organizing Authority and Host agree to increase the limit on entries or there are withdrawn entries, entries will be filled from the waitlist in the order they are received.

5 Fees

- 5.1 The entry fees are as follows:

Class	Entry Fee Until July 18, 2026	Entry fee after July 18, 2026 and until onsite registration	Entry fee onsite
Optimist RWB	\$120	\$140	\$160
Optimist Green	\$120	\$140	\$160

- 5.2 Other Fees:

- 5.2.1 [NP] Meals and soft goods will be available for purchase

6 Advertising

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

7 Schedule

- 7.1 The first date and time boats may arrive at Clear Lake Yacht Club is 1000 on Friday, July 24, 2026.
- 7.2 On-site check-in is required by all entries at Clear Lake Yacht Club and will occur from 1200 to 1600 on Friday, July 24, 2026.
- 7.3 Dates of racing are:
 - 7.3.1 RWB: Friday, July 24, 2026, through Sunday, July 26, 2026.
 - 7.3.2 Green: Saturday, July 25, 2026, through Sunday, July 26, 2026.
- 7.4 Number of races: 8 races are scheduled. No more than 7 races will be completed on any race day.
- 7.5 No practice race is scheduled.
- 7.6 An informal coaches meeting to make suggestions for future ILYA events and plans will be held on the lawn at Clear Lake Yacht Club at 1400 on Friday, July 24, 2026.
- 7.7 The competitor briefing will be:
 - 7.7.1 For RWB on the lawn at Clear Lake Yacht Club at 1530 on Friday, July 24, 2026.
 - 7.7.2 For Green on the lawn at Clear Lake Yacht Club at 0830 on Saturday, July 25, 2026.
- 7.8 [DP] The MANDATORY coaches meeting will be on the front lawn at Clear Lake Yacht Club at 1500 on Friday, July 24, 2026.
- 7.9 For RWB, the scheduled warning for the first race is 1700 on Friday, July 24, 2026. On subsequent days, the scheduled warning for the first race is 0930.
- 7.10 For Green, the scheduled warning for the first race is 1000 on Saturday and Sunday.
- 7.11 If 3 races are complete, on the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1300. If fewer than 3 races are complete, on the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1530.

8 Equipment Inspection

- 8.1 The ILYA Technical Committee and/or regatta committee will check boats for class rule compliance and safety items during registration before a boat's onsite check-in is complete.
- 8.2 Boats may be inspected at any time.
- 8.3 [DP] Boats shall also comply with RRS 78.1 from arrival until they have finished the last race of the series.

9 Venue

- 9.1 NOR Addendum A shows the plan of the event venue ashore.
- 9.2 NOR Addendum B shows the racing area (venue).

10 Courses

- 10.1 Courses will be windward/leeward courses with offset marks and gates.

11 Scoring

- 11.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series for RWB. 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series for Green.

- 11.2 When fewer than 6 races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 11.3 When 6 or more races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.4 RRS 90.3(e) applies.
- 12 Support Person Vessels
 - 12.1 Coach Boats may be stored at Clear Lake Yacht Club during the day. Coach boats may moor in assigned places overnight. Bring adequate anchor and rode for 20' of water with a mud bottom. Parking during the day is available at the city docks. Priority at the dock will be given to Race Committee vessels.
 - 12.2 No accommodation for parent/spectator boats will be made at Clear Lake Yacht Club. Expect to haul parent/spectator boats at the downtown ramp daily.
- 13 Berthing
 - 13.1 [DP] Boats at Clear Lake Yacht Club shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park.
- 14 Risk Statement
 - 14.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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 in 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 to the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**
- 15 [NP] Insurance
 - 15.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.
- 16 Prizes
 - 16.1 Prizes will be given as follows:
 - 16.1.1 The top 15 finishers.
 - 16.1.2 The top 3 female helmspersons in the RWB fleet.
 - 16.1.3 The top 5 finishers in Red, White, and Blue fleets.
 - 16.1.4 Participation trophies for all Green Fleet competitors.
 - 16.1.5 All perpetual trophies will be awarded as directed by the ILYA Trophy Policy
- 17 Further Information
 - 17.1 For further information, please contact Mark Tesar, mtesar@cltel.net.

Addendum A – Venue



Addendum B - Racing Area

