ILCA 2026 District 20 Championships

July 18-19

Sailing Instructions

Eligible for 20 ILCA - NA Grand Pix points

The Organizing Authority for the

ILCA D-20 Championships is the Ephraim Yacht Club

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1 and 63.2 (a).

1 Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will not apply.

1.3 In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: "However, if Mark 1a is set, a boat may take a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, as soon as possible after leaving the zone around Mark 1a".

2 Changes to Sailing Instructions

2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

3 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the online Official Notice Board located at:
https://ephraimyachtclub.theclubspot.com/regatta/FzFnmpa7rF/#notice-board

4 Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at Ephraim Yacht Club. When a signal is displayed over a class flag, it applies to that fleet only.

4.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes.' This changes Race Signals - AP.

5 Schedule of Races

5.1

7-18-26	Check In	8:30
	Skippers Meeting	9:30
	First Warning	11:30
	No warning after 4pm	
	Amazing Racers Buffet	5:00
7-19-26	Skippers Meeting	9:00
	First Warning	10:30
	No Warning after 3pm	
	Awards	ASAP

5.2 No more than four races per fleet will be scheduled for each day, except if fewer than three races have been completed on a prior race day, then a fourth race may be attempted.

5.3 A minimum of three (3) races per fleet shall constitute a regatta. A maximum of 7 races per fleet,

in total, are scheduled for the entire regatta.

6 Class Flags and Additional Identification [NP]

The Class Flag for single fleets will be:

ILCA 7, a yellow/red nautical number 7 pennant
ILCA 6, a blue/white nautical number 6 pennant
ILCA 4, a red w/white cross nautical number 4 pennant

7 Racing Area

The racing area will be Eagle Harbor in the vicinity of Ephraim Yacht Club.

8 Courses

8.1 The course diagram shows the course, the included angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 The course designation, the approximate distance and the bearing to the first mark will be displayed on boards from the RC signal boat no later than the warning signal for each start.

9 Marks

9.1 Original marks 1 will be an orange barrel, 1a will be a yellow tetra.
Original marks 2(P&S) will be orange tetra.
Original marks Start/Finish(S/F) will be an orange barrel.
In the event that only one mark is in place for a gate, it shall be left to port.

9.2 New rounding marks, when used in accordance with instruction 11, Change of Course will be a large yellow barrel.

10 The Start

10.1 The starting line for the ILCA 7, ILCA 6 and ILCA 4 classes will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end of the starting line and the orange barrel mark at the port end.

10.2 [NP] During a starting sequence, all boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay well clear of the starting area and boats that are in starting sequence.

10.3 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes of her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing.

11 Change of the Next Leg of the Course

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. Changes in direction and length will be signaled according to RRS 33.

11.2 Gate marks may be moved (without signal) to maintain the configuration of the course.

12 The Finish

The finish line for the ILCA 7, ILCA 6 and ILCA 4 classes will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end of the finish line and the orange barrel mark at the port end.

13 Time Limits

13.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish a race will be 90 minutes. In addition, any boat sailing the course and failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat in her class (which sails the course and finishes) will be scored DNF without a hearing.

14 Measurement & Equipment

Each competitor is responsible for ensuring their equipment is in compliance with the ILCA Class Rules. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the regatta. Section 6 of the NOR will be enforced and other

measurement and equipment checks may be made at any time during the regatta.

15 Hearing Requests and Scoring Inquiries

15.1 Protests, Requests for Redress and Scoring Reviews shall be submitted **in** writing following the end of the last race at the EYC clubhouse using a paper Hearing Request Form provided by the race committee. The competitor has up to 60 minutes after the committee boat has docked to submit.

15.2 Protest hearings will be held at the Ephraim Yacht Club.

15.3 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted on the Official Notice Board to inform boats under rule 61.1(a).

15.4 After a hearing, a protest committee may impose penalties less than disqualification for breaking a rule other than those of Part 2 and 3 of the RRS, in accordance with RRS 64.2

15.5 Scoring Inquires shall be submitted using the scoring inquire form link on the official notice board. A scoring inquiry concerning starting penalties (OCS, UFD, BFD) shall be submitted within the protest time limit, or 30 minutes after the scores are posted, whichever is later.

15.6 Scoring inquiries may be submitted as a request for redress by a competitor with a time limit of 30 minutes after being informed of the scoring inquiry decision. This changes rule 61.2(b)(1).

15.7 For the ILCA 6 fleets, the following RRS are changed: RRS 61.2(b)(2) is changed by deleting “on the last scheduled day of racing” and replacing it with “on the last day of the qualifying round, or on the last scheduled day of racing”. RRS 63.7(b) is changed by deleting “on the last scheduled day of racing” and replacing it with “on the last day of the qualifying round, or on the last scheduled day of racing”.

16 Scoring

16.1 The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will be modified so that each boat’s regatta score will be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded only when five or more races have been completed. This changes RRS A2.1

16.2 7 races are scheduled of which three races shall be completed to constitute a regatta.

17 Safety and Accountability [NP]

17.1 RRS 40.1 applies.

17.2 If a boat retires before the end of racing for the day, she shall attempt to report their retirement to a Race Committee or Safety boat on the racecourse.

18 Coach and Support Boats [NP]

18.1 Support boats with team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel shall stay at least 100 meters outside the course and any racing sailboat and shall not be between the outer and inner trapezoid ‘loops’ from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet or class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment. Support boats intending to watch a start shall also stay 100 meters to leeward of the start line from the warning signal until the start or a postponement is signaled).

18.2 All support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch), which shall remain attached to the support person at all times while the engine is running. Failure to comply may be misconduct and result in expulsion from the event.

19 Radio Communications

The race committee will monitor VHF channel 76 Coach/support boats are asked to monitor that channel and to respond to any reasonable request from the race committee to stand by or otherwise assist in the safe conduct of this event. See RRS 37.

In the interest of competitor safety, coach/support boats are also requested to report any potentially dangerous situations they observe to the Safety Committee on VHF channel 76.

20 Trash Disposal [NP]

RRS 47 will be enforced. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

21 Risk Statement

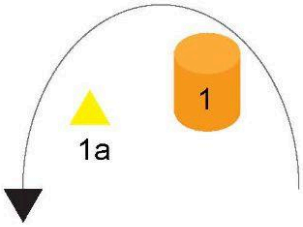
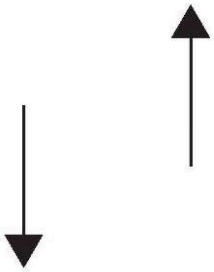
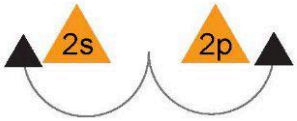
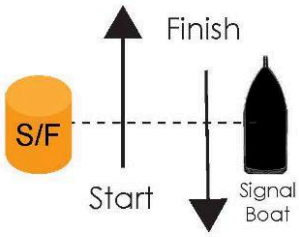
RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.” Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission; Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

d) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities; and

e) The provision of safety boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

Course Diagram