

2026 ILYA X Boat Championship
Organizing Authority – Inland Lake Yachting Association
Sunday, July 26, 2026 – Wednesday, July 29, 2026
Host – Clear Lake Yacht Club
103 Main Ave, Clear Lake, Iowa 50428

Sailing Instructions

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 in the Notice of Race. 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 Rules 41, 60.4(a), 60.5(c), 61.3, 78.1, A5.4, and A10 are changed in the Notice of Race.
- 1.3 Race Signals is changed so finish flags will be orange flags. This changes race signals.
 - 1.3.1 RRS 29.1 is changed as follows: ‘...with one sound. *Additionally, as soon as practicable, the Race Committee will hail the list of boats identified that shall comply with RRS 30.1 and/or RRS 30.2. The flag...*’ This changes RRS 29.1.
 - 1.3.2 RRS 30.1 is changed as follows: ‘...an extension *or around any mid-line boat in place, leaving it to port, before starting.*’ This changes RRS 30.1.
 - 1.3.3 RRS 30.3 and 30.4 add: “Additionally, the Race Committee may hail the list of boats identified as breaking RRS 30.3 or 30.4.” This changes RRS 30.3 and 30.4.
 - 1.3.4 RRS 33 adds: “(d) Course bearing changes less than 5 degrees made before any boat begins the leg may be made without signaling. This changes RRS 33.
- 1.4 RRS 44.2 is changed to add after the first sentence: “However, if Mark 1a (offset) 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.”
- 1.5 RRS 35 adds: If a finishing window is described in the Sailing Instructions, boats not finishing within the finishing window will be scored by the Race Committee as TLE. TLE will be two points more than the points for the last boat that sailed the course and finished prior to the finishing window closing. This changes RRS 35.
- 1.6 Appendix T applies.
- 1.7 RRS T1(b) is changed as follows: “A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty *or 50% of the points between a boat’s finishing position and the number of entries, whichever is less,* calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, Rule 44.1(a) applies.

2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions and Schedule

- 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 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 Communications with Competitors

- 3.1 The official notice board is located at <https://ilya.org/regatta/8FCkTxhAds>.
- 3.2 The virtual Race Office is located at <https://bit.ly/2025hearing>.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio:
 - Senior Fleet: Channel 72 (Race Committee channel 74)
 - Junior Fleet: Channel 69 (Race Committee channel 71)
- 3.4 [NP] Any communication deemed necessary or helpful by the race committee for the efficient and fair management of races may be made by the race committee on the designated VHF Channels.
- 3.5 [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 freely available to all boats or medically necessary.

4 Code of Conduct

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from a race official.

5 Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the fleet's Race Committee signal vessel tied to the yacht club dock and announced on the fleet's VHF channel.
- 5.2 When AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 Schedule of Races

- 6.1 The first warning signal is scheduled at:

	Senior Fleet	Junior Fleet
Monday, July 27, 2026	1300	1300
Tuesday, July 28 2026	1000	1000
Wednesday, July 29, 2026	1000	1000

- 6.2 Subsequent races will follow each day.

7 Class Flags

- 7.1 The class flag will be the X logo on a white background.

8 Racing Area

- 8.1 NOR Addendum B shows the racing area.

9 Courses

- 9.1 The diagrams in Addendum C - Courses show the courses, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee vessel will display the course to be sailed.
- 9.3 If only one windward or leeward mark is present, a boat shall round the remaining mark, leaving it to port.

10 Marks

- 10.1 For the Senior Fleet, marks will be pink MarkSetBots. A green MarkSetBot will act as a spare and unless announced as a substitute, will not be part of the course.
Routine movement of the autonomous marks will not be considered an improper action

of the race committee so shall not be grounds for redress. This includes minor readjustments or marks returning to station after being pushed away by a boat.

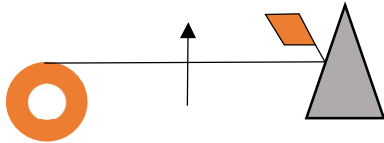
10.2 For the Junior Fleet, Marks are orange balls.

11 The Start

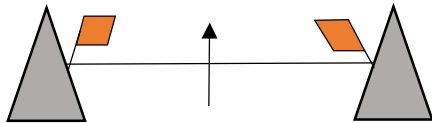
11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

11.2 The starting line will be:

11.2.1 Between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the starting mark or



11.2.2 Between two staffs displaying orange flags on two race committee vessels or



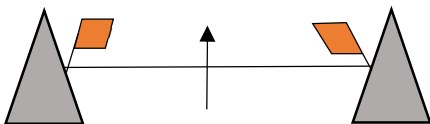
11.3 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made or who have finished shall avoid another fleet's starting and racing area during the starting sequence or during races in progress.

11.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, as soon as practicable, the Race Committee will hail via the competitor VHF Channel the list of boats identified that shall comply with RRS 30.1 and/or RRS 30.2. This changes RRS 41.

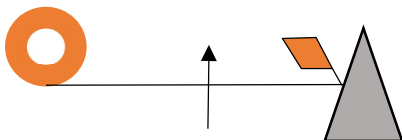
11.5 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12 The Finish

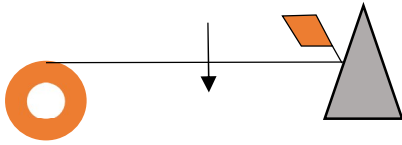
12.1 The finishing line will be between two staffs displaying orange flags on race committee vessels.



12.2 If only one orange flag is displayed, the finishing line for WA courses will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.



- 12.3 If only one orange flag is displayed, the finishing line for LA courses will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.



13 Penalty System

- 13.1 Appendix T applies as changed in Sailing Instruction 1.7.
13.2 RRS 44.1 is not changed, the two-turns penalty for breaking rules of part 2 applies.

14 Time Limits

- 14.1 The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35) is 90 minutes.
14.2 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, and A10.
14.3 The Finishing Window time limit is 30 minutes.

15 Hearing Requests

- 15.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in that class finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
15.2 Hearing requests shall be submitted at the virtual race office via <https://bit.ly/2025hearing>.
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. Hearings will be held at the Yacht Club, or such other physical or virtual location as deemed appropriate by the Jury.

16 Scoring

- 16.1 The scoring system is Appendix A, except that when fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.1.

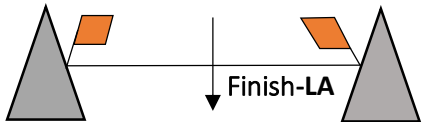
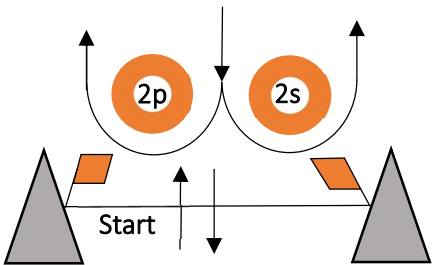
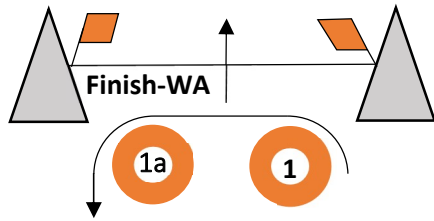
17 Safety Regulations

- 17.1 [DP] A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18 Equipment and Measurement Checks

- 18.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race, or sailing instructions.

Addendum C- Courses



Course WA - Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Windward Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
WA2	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Finish
WA3	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Finish
WA4	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Finish
WA5	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Finish

Course LA - Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Leeward Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LA2	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p 1 - 1a - Finish
LA3	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a- Finish
LA4	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - Finish
LA5	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - Finish