



2026 ILCA Masters US Nationals Sailing Instructions

August 27-30, 2026

Brant Beach Yacht Club/Brant Beach Sailing Foundation



Updated 8/25/2026 – Added ILCA NA Handicap Scoring in 17.2

Updated 8/26/2026 – Changes Scheduled Races from 7 to 9 in 6.2

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the rules of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA).
- 1.2 The organizing authority is the Brant Beach Yacht Club in conjunction with the Brant Beach Sailing Foundation on behalf of the International Laser Class and U.S. Sailing.
- 1.3 Advertising is in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.
- 1.4 The US Sailing prescriptions to the Preamble to Part 5, Section B and to RRS 63.1(b) do not apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Classes include the ILCA 6 and ILCA 7
- 2.2 All competitors must meet the eligibility requirements as stated in the Notice of Race and have filed valid entries in accordance with the Notice of Race.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board online in the Clubspot ILCA US Masters Regatta website. The link to the Notice Board: [ILCA US Masters Online Notice Board](#)
- 3.2 Protest Hearings will take place at the South Harbor Facility (SHF)
- 3.3 These SI's will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 3.4 As a courtesy only, notices may also be posted on the "paper" notice board, located on the south side of the SHF. Notices missing from the SHF notice board shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1 (a).

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the South Harbor Facility or moored RC Boat.
- 5.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:

Thursday August 27

12:00-17:00 On-site check in at SHF

Friday August 28

800-9000	Registration Check in
0800-0900	Late Registration & Sail Check
0745-0845	Breakfast
0915	Competitor's Meeting South Harbor Facility
0930	Harbor Gun
1030	First Warning Signal, races to follow

Saturday August 29

0745-0845	Breakfast
0930	Harbor Gun
1030	First Warning Signal, races to follow
	Regatta Dinner

Sunday August 30

0745-0845	Breakfast
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0930 Harbor Gun
1030 First Warning Signal, races to follow
Awards, Soft Pretzels, and refreshments at SHF after protest time

- 6.2 **Nine** races are scheduled for this event. The finish boat will signal the last race of the day with an “H” flag. This changes Race Signals AP over A.
- 6.3 On the final day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500.

7. RACE AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be on Little Egg Harbor Bay approximately 1 mile west of the Yacht Club and the ICW.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 The diagram in Attachment A shows the courses, including 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. The course length will be adjusted to target a race time of 45-60 minutes.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing from the starting line to the first mark.

9. MARKS

Mark	Original mark description
1,	Large orange tetrahedron
1a	Round orange mark
2s, 2p	Large orange tetrahedrons
Starting line	Staffs displaying orange flags
Finishing line	Staffs displaying a blue flag

10. THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.2 All fleets (ILCA6&7's) will sail as separate Fleets.
- 10.3 The Class Flags and Courses will be as follows:

All days:

- ILCA 7 – White Flag with a Red ILCA Class Logo
- ILCA 6 – Green Flag with Red ILCA Class Logo

- 10.3 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the committee boat and a pin boat.
- 10.4 No race shall be started unless there is a minimum consistent wind speed of 3 knots throughout the racing area.
- 10.5 A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal. Such boat will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 10.6 The race committee may hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal as well as within 1 minute of the start when the "I" "Z" or "Black" is displayed. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, and untimely hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes rules 41 and 62.1.
- 10.7 Below the starting line will be a line of buoys designating the coaches waiting area. All competitors must stay below this line until their class/division has been called to the starting line. All coaches and spectator boats must stay below this line and the extensions of the starting line from the first preparatory signal of the day through all starts even if there is a recall, postponement, or abandonment

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 A change of course will be signaled in accordance with RRS 33.

12. FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between blue flags on two Race Committee Boats. Alternative finish: the finishing line will be between a blue flag on Race Committee Boat and a round white mark.

13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 The Race Time Limit will be 90 minutes. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course. Boats starting but failing to sail the course within the Finishing Window of 20 minutes, 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 one more than the finishing place of the last boat that sailed the course within the Finishing Window and was not penalized under RRS 30.3 or 30.4. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

14. **MEASUREMENT & EQUIPMENT**

14.1 Each competitor is responsible for ensuring their equipment is in compliance with the ILCA rules. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the regatta. Measurement and equipment checks may be done at any time during the regatta.

15. **PENALTY SYSTEM**

15.1 RRS Appendix P will apply. RRS P2.1 is changed to state “When a boat is first and subsequently penalized under rule P1.2 her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty under rule 44.2. If she fails to take it, she shall be disqualified without a hearing.” RRS P2.2 and P2.3 are deleted.

15.2 RRS P2.4 (Penalties Near the Finishing Line) is replaced with: “If a boat is penalized under RRS P2.1 in close proximity to the finish line, and it was not reasonably possible to signal them before finishing, the boat may be penalized by assessing a 10% Scoring Penalty as stated in RRS 44.3(c) of the largest division in that race.

15.3 Action or no action by the Jury under this SI shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1 (a).

15.4 The Jury boats will be identified by Juliet/Judge Flags/Blue Flag with letter “J”.

16. **HEARING REQUESTS**

16.1 Hearing Requests and scoring review forms shall be lodged with the Jury Secretary at the SHF within 45 minutes after a signal and the Bravo Flag is raised. The Race Committee will post the docking (beginning of protest) time on the Official Notice Board as soon as practical after docking.

16.2 Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt. The time of protest hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 30 minutes of the end of the protest time.

16.4 A lists of boats that have been penalized under SI 15 for breaking Rule 42 will be posted within the protest time limit.

16.5 On the day of the last qualifying series and the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress or request for reopening a hearing based upon a protest committee decision or a scoring error, shall be delivered

(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;

(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes Rule 63.7.

17. **SCORING**

17.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A2, will be used except as modified below.

17.2 The ILCA North America Master handicap system will be used to score the overall series.

17.2.1 Based on the competitor’s age on the day before race day 1, divisions will be: Apprentice (30-44), Master (45-54), Grand Master (55-64), Great Grand Master (65-74), Legend (75 and over).

17.2.2 For each race, the following points will be added to their finish position: Apprentice: add 4 points, Masters: add 3 points, Grand Masters: add 2 points, Great Grand Masters: add 1 point and Legends add 0 *points*

17.2.3 Ties within an age division are broken as per RRS Appendix A8. Ties across age divisions are broken in favor of the sailor from the older division

17.3 One race must be completed to constitute a regatta.

17.4 All Fleets:

17.4.1 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.

17.4.2 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her races excluding her worst score.

17.5 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race results, a boat shall complete a Scoring Inquiry form available at the Jury Desk.

18. **SAFETY**

18.1 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

18.2 The life jacket must be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt may be worn over the life jacket to prevent snagging

18.3 Competitors from outside the U.S. shall wear a life jacket approved by their nations’ certification authority to the extent permitted by international treaty.

18.4 A competitor that withdraws from a race or intends not to start a race shall inform the nearest safety or race committee boat as soon as possible.

19. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

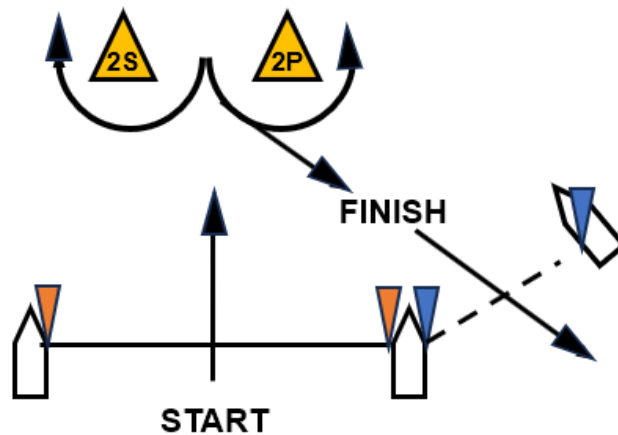
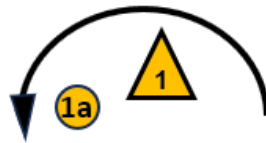
19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

20. **COACH/SUPPORT BOATS**

- 20.1 Except when participating in a rescue operation, coach/support boats shall stay 100 yards away from any point where a boat might sail during normal racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment. There will be a series of small orange buoys below the starting line. Coach/support boats must stay below these buoys and an imaginary line extending beyond to a point of 100 yards once the preparatory signal has been given.

ILCA US Masters Course

Course
START-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-2s/2p-FINISH



WAITING AREA

Keep Away Marks
If Used and In Water