



I-LYA 70th Annual Junior Championships

July 12-16, 2026

Hosted by Put-In-Bay Yacht Club, Put-In-Bay, OH
Sponsored by the Inter-Lake Yachtsmen's Fund



NOTICE OF RACE

The notation "[DP]" in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification. The notation "[NP]" in a rule in these Sailing Instructions 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 in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Other documents that govern the event are:
 - (a) [NP] US Sailing Championship Code of Conduct, available at [US Sailing Code of Conduct](#)
 - (b) Attachment A – Additional Obligations to the US Sailing Championship Code of Conduct.
- 1.3. The US Sailing Prescriptions to Part 5, Section B and RRS 63 shall not apply.
- 1.4. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available July 3, 2026 after 8:00 AM online at [Clubspot Event Page](#)

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board(s) located in the pavilion of the Put-In-Bay Yacht Club (PIBYC). Courtesy postings may also be made online at [Clubspot Event Page](#)

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. This is an I-LYA regatta for junior competitors in Thistle (triple handed), Club 420 (doublehanded), and ILCA6 and ILCA4 (singlehanded). A minimum of three boats must be registered by July 2, 2026 to constitute a fleet.
- 4.2. This regatta is a Sailors for the Sea "Clean Regatta." As such, all competitors are encouraged to use non-single-use water bottles and recycle all appropriate items. Water-filling stations will be provided on-shore and on the water.
- 4.3. Competitors shall:
 - 4.3.1. Be at least 13 years old and can participate in the Junior Bay Championships up to and including the summer immediately following their senior year of high school.
 - 4.3.2. Be an individual or family member of US Sailing, all in good standing at the time of the event.

Be associated with or a member of a local sailing organization (LSO) that is a member of I-LYA. An LSO is defined to include a yacht club, sailing club, community sailing program or other sailing organization.

- 4.3.3. Provide a letter from an officer of the LSO stating that the competitor has been approved to represent the LSO and also provide one of the following:
 - 4.3.3.1. If the I-LYA LSO has a junior racing team with a coach, a statement that the competitor has met the organization's race team requirements.
 - 4.3.3.2. If I-LYA LSO has no junior racing team, the competitor's twelve-month's sailing resume, which will be reviewed by the OA to determine whether the competitor may compete in this event.
- 4.3.4. Be entered by completing the online registration requirements, including registering at theclubspot.com as outlined on the Junior Championships page at <https://sites.google.com/view/ilyairchamps-com/junior-sailors>
- 4.3.5. Provide the required waivers and regatta fees (checks payable to I-LYA 2026). The LSO shall scan and email a letter, signed by a flag officer, listing club approved participants and coaches to the regatta chairpersons at ILYAJRCHAMPS@GMAIL.COM by July 2nd. Competitors are responsible for verifying that their registrations are complete on the event web page at <https://sites.google.com/view/ilyairchamps-com/junior-sailors>
- 4.4. Late entries may be accepted with the approval of the OA after July 2, 2026 as long as all proper paperwork is received and a late fee of \$100.00 per competitor is added to the entry fee.
- 4.5. Each club is allotted spots for nine competitors (all classes combined.) Additional competitors may be considered based on the total of registered competitors. Entries will be evaluated based on the quality of the sailing resume as detailed in the online Competitor Registration Form.
- 4.6. Unless approved by the OA, racers shall compete only in the class in which they registered for this event. Requests for making a change must be submitted in writing. Decisions by the OA will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board.
- 4.7. Crew/skipper substitution requests must be submitted in writing and approved by the OA. Decisions by the OA will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board.

5. EQUIPMENT, DRY SAILING, AND MOORING [DP][NP]

- 5.1. Each club shall provide a suitable launch dolly for each competing dry sailed boat. Dollies should be in proper working order and be clearly labeled with the owner's name. During the regatta, dollies will be "pooled" in order to expedite haul out and launch. Thistles will be wet sailed on mooring balls provided by the organizing authority
- 5.2. Unless granted permission by the OA to haul out for emergency purposes, Thistles must remain in the water from launching until the conclusion of the regatta, The OA may, at its discretion, direct all Thistles to haul out for safety reasons.

6. FEES

- 6.1. Registration is \$525.00 entry free per sailor. A \$100.00 late fee will be added to entries received after July 2, 2026. No registrations will be accepted after midnight Wednesday, July 8, 2026.

Each team shall present three (3) checks at team registration:

- (1) The full registration fee amount **for the entire team**, issued by the participating club/LSO;
 - (2) Coaches' meals; and
 - (3) Team deposit.
- 6.2. Each competing club must submit a separate \$500 damage/fine deposit fee by check along with its club's registration. This fee will be returned at a later date, following the conclusion of the event, less any imposed fines or damage caused by the competing club. If damage cannot be assessed to one particular team, it will be divided among all clubs involved.
- 6.3. All checks should be made payable to: *I-LYA 2026*. All fees shall be paid at the registration desk at Put-In-Bay Yacht Club during check-in. Teams will not be considered fully registered, and will not receive wristbands or safety tags, until all fees are paid including individual sailor registration fees and the team deposit.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. Teams and boats may arrive at Put-In-Bay Yacht Club NO EARLIER THAN 1100 hrs. All competitors shall report to the Put-In-Bay Yacht Club between 1200-1400 hrs on Sunday, July 12th for registration and check in.
- 7.2. Late arrivals and early departures will only be considered for extenuating circumstances. Such requests must be made in writing and approved by the OA. If you arrive early without permission, please be advised that you will not be allowed to park your boats/trailers or cars at the Yacht Club until 1100 hrs.
- 7.3. All boats, equipment and sails will be inspected at Put-In-Bay Yacht Club: Sunday, July 12th from 1200-1400 hrs.
- 7.4. Racing is scheduled for the following days: July 13, 14, 15, and 16, 2026
- 7.5. The scheduled time for the Shore Warning Gun for launching for each day is 0830 hrs.
- 7.6. The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race each day is 0930 hrs.
- 7.7. On the last scheduled day of racing there will be no warning signal after 1200 hrs.

8. PENALTY SYSTEMS.

- 8.1. RRS Appendix V 1 shall apply.

9. VENUE

The regatta will be sailed in the open waters of Lake Erie in the vicinity of Put-In-Bay, South Bass

Island and the Lake Erie Islands.

10. QUALIFYING SERIES

- 10.1. The 420 and ILCA6 fleets will sail a Qualifying Series. The OA may modify this based on the number of teams competing in each fleet and that decision will be posted on the Notice Board by 1900 Sunday July 12, 2026 if changed.
- 10.2. A minimum of three (3) races constitute a Qualifying Series. At the discretion of the OA, fleet splits for the Championship Series will occur after sailing Tuesday or at least four races have been completed.
- 10.3. If fewer than 3 races are completed by the end of racing Tuesday, fleets will not be split. If no split, a boat's score will be calculated from all races.
- 10.4. In each class, one completed race in the Gold Fleet, the Silver Fleet, an unsplit fleet, or the Thistle Fleet constitutes a Regatta.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply except as changed below.
- 11.2. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed in a Series, a boat's series score will be the total of all her individual race scores.
- 11.3. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.4. If the fleets are split into a Gold and Silver Fleet, the Championship Series scores will start at zero.

12. AWARDS

- 12.1. Awards will be presented to the top finishers in each class as follows: 12.1.1. The top three finishers in the Thistle and Laser 4.7 Classes.
- 12.1.2. The top five finishers in the 420 or Laser Radial Gold Series, and the top three in the 420 or Laser Radial Silver Series.
- 12.2. However, if the Qualification Series is not completed or if no races are sailed after Tuesday, trophies for the 420 and Laser Radial Classes will instead be awarded to the top eight finishers overall.

13. HOUSING

[DP][NP] All competitors shall reside in provided housing for the duration of the regatta. Only competitors and OA assigned watch captains shall be allowed in the provided housing and competitors' rooms. Competitors shall not trade assigned rooms unless authorized in writing by the OA. Competitors shall be responsible for enforcing this rule.

14. SAFETY

- 14.1 *[DP]* All competitors must comply with RRS 40.1 with the additional requirement that all PFDs must meet US Coast Guard requirements.
- 14.2 *[DP]* All coach and support power boats shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-off switch ("kill switch") which shall remain attached to the support person at helm at all times while the engine is running. Failure to comply may result in removal from the event.
- 14.3 PFDs shall have a whistle attached.

15. SAFETY BOATS, COACH BOATS, AND COACHING *[DP][NP]*

- 15.1. All competing teams shall supply one suitable safety boat with *at least* two able-bodied crew each day for each course on which they have a competitor registered. Properly manned coach boats can also be counted as safety boats.
- 15.2. All coach boats, safety boats, and spectator boats shall register online on the Junior

Championships page at <https://sites.google.com/view/ilyajrchamps-com/junior-sailors>

- 15.3. Each registered safety boat, coach boat, and spectator boat will be supplied with a flag which must be displayed while on the water. Each flag requires a \$20.00 flag deposit fee in the form of cash or a check made out to *I-LYA 2026*. This fee will be returned at the conclusion of the regatta upon the return of the flag.
- 15.4. All club provided coaches shall be US Sailing certified instructors and must have completed the "SafeSport" training available online (<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/safesport-us-sailing/#safesport-weBSITE>).

The Online registration for coaches is on the Junior Championships page in the Junior Sailing section links at: <https://sites.google.com/view/ilyajrchamps-com/junior-sailors>

- 15.5. All coaches shall wear PFDs when they are on the water.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, illness or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information, please contact the regatta chairperson:

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ATTACHMENT A - Additional Obligations to the US Sailing Championship Code of Conduct.

For the I-LYA Junior Championships, the following statements are incorporated into the US Championship Code of Conduct and have the same weight in regards to competitor obligations and misconduct:

1. No competitor shall possess, attempt to possess, or use, either on or off the water: vaping devices; tobacco; nicotine; alternative nicotine products, including but not limited to e-cigarettes; alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, distilled spirits, etc.) or any controlled substance (marijuana, cocaine, etc.), the possession of which is unlawful. Infringements of this regulation will be the basis for disciplinary action. This regulation is in effect during the entire event, from the date and time of arrival through the date and time of departure from the event location.
2. Competitors shall comply with the No Wheels Rule for the duration of the regatta. Beginning at registration on Sunday and continuing until the conclusion of the awards ceremony and official release by the Organizing Authority (OA) on Thursday, competitors shall not ride in or on any wheeled vehicle except as specifically authorized by the OA for emergency, medical, or safety reasons. The No Wheels Rule includes, but is not limited to, automobiles, trucks, SUVs, golf carts, bicycles, skateboards, scooters, rollerblades, and similar wheeled conveyances. The official event hotel and all regatta venues are within walking distance, and competitors are expected to walk between all official event locations unless otherwise directed by the OA.
3. Digital Conduct and Electronic Communications: Competitors shall use digital technology, including mobile phones, messaging applications, email, and social media platforms, in a responsible, respectful, and sportsmanlike manner. Competitors shall not post, share, or distribute content that is abusive, harassing, threatening, discriminatory, defamatory, or otherwise harmful to any participant, official, volunteer, club, or the sport. The use of electronic communications or digital media to bully, intimidate, threaten, or harass any person is prohibited and may constitute a violation of applicable SafeSport policies. All participants shall comply with the U.S. Center for SafeSport Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP), including requirements governing electronic communications between adults and minor athletes.