

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

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/XYlgzVv2c3>.

- 3.2 The Race Office is located at <https://bit.ly/2025hearing>.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with support persons on VHF radio:
 - RWB Fleet: Channel 72
 - Green Fleet: Channel 68
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make or receive voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications.

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 a club pier and announced on the fleet's VHF channel.
- 5.2 When AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 Schedule of Races

- 6.1 The first warning signal is scheduled at:
 - RWB Fleet – 1700 on Friday, July 24, 2026
 - Green Fleet – 1000 on Saturday, July 25, 2026
- 6.2 Subsequent races will follow.
- 6.3 The first scheduled warning for a race on any subsequent race day will be posted on the official notice board prior to the expiration of the protest time limit.

7 Class Flags

- 7.1 The class flag for RWB will be the Optimist logo on a white background.
- 7.2 The class flag for Green will be the Optimist logo on a green background.

8 Racing Area

- 8.1 NOR Addendum B shows the racing area.

9 Courses

- The diagrams in Addendum C - RWB Courses and Addendum C – Green 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.
- 9.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee vessel will display the course to be sailed.
 - 9.2 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 RWB, marks will be pink MarkSetBots.
- 10.2 For RWB, a green MarkSetBot will be used if a single or mid-line starting mark is in place.
- 10.3 For RWB, a green MarkSetBot will be used as the finish mark for LA courses.
- 10.4 For RWB, the green MarkSetBot will act as a spare for rounding marks of the course and unless announced as a substitute, will not be rounding mark.
- 10.5 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.

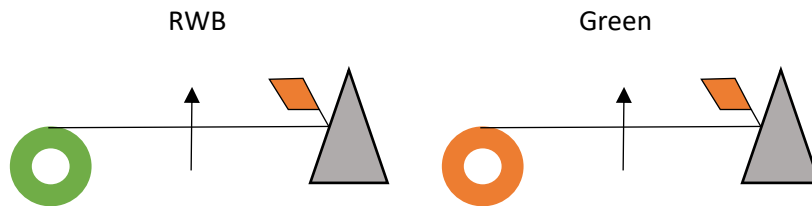
10.6 For Green, marks are orange balls.

11 The Start

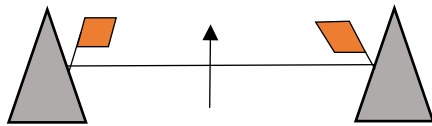
11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

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



11.2.3 From a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel on the starboard end to the course side of an orange buoy at the approximate center of the line and from the course side of a yellow buoy at the approximate center of the line to a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel at the port end of the starting line.



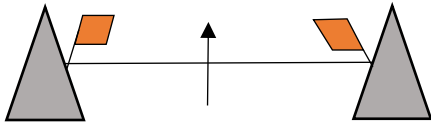
11.3 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting and racing area during the starting sequence or races.

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 loud hailer the list of boats identified that shall comply with RRS 30.1 and/or RRS 30.2. This changes RRS 41.

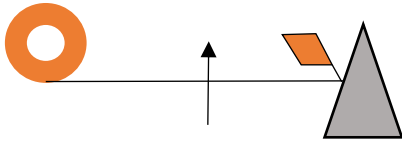
11.5 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12 The Finish

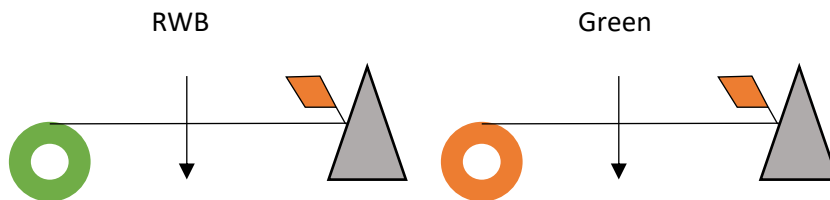
- 12.1 The finishing line will be between two staffs displaying orange flags on race committee vessels.



- 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 a 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 1.10.

14 Time Limits

- 14.1 The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35) is 60 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 20 minutes.

15 Hearing Requests

- 15.1 The protest time limit is 45 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 may be submitted at the race office or 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.

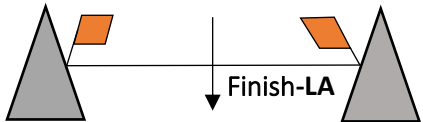
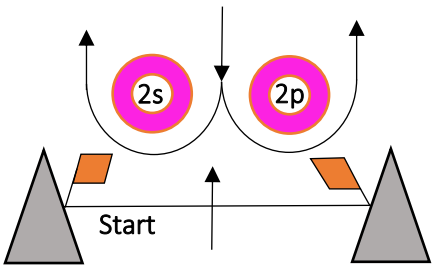
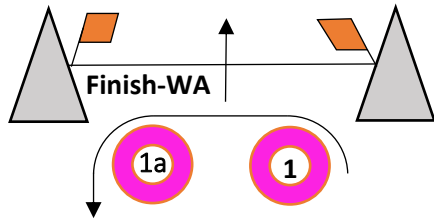
17 Safety Regulations

- 17.1 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 and sailing instructions.

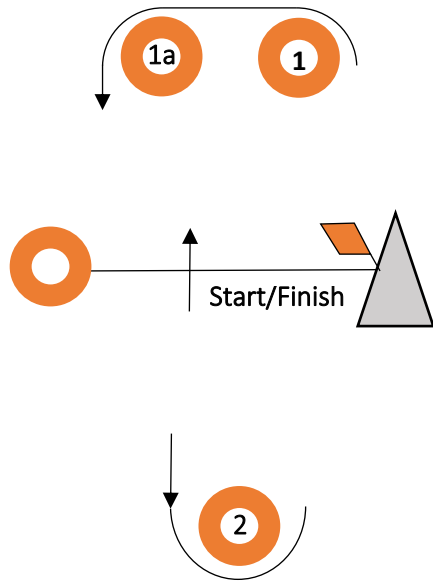
Addendum C - RWB Courses



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

Addendum D - Green Courses



Course WM – Modified Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
WM1	Start - 1 - 1a - 2 - Finish
WM2	Start - 1 - 1a - 2 - 1 - 1a - 2 - Finish