



GREAT LAKES MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Organizing Authority: *Erie Yacht Club* in conjunction with the International Laser Class Association of North America (ILCA-NA)

August 1 & 2, 2026

Erie Yacht Club, Erie, PA, USA

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation [NP] in a rule 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 (RRS).

1.2 [DP][NP] RRS 40.1 will apply at all times while afloat.

1.3 RRS 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"

1.4 RRS Appendix T, "Arbitration", will apply.

1.5 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

1.6 RRS 81 shall not apply to this event.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions (SI) will be available on the online official notice board (ONB) prior to the first day of the event.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The on-line official notice board is located at:

<https://erieyachtclub.org/regatta/fZ0MwVet2C/#notice-board>.

3.2 [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 available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to boats of the ILCA 4, ILCA 6, ILCA 7 classes that meet ILCA Rules.

4.2 Competitors who have reached the age of 30 and older on the day before race day 1 of the event, and who are members of ILCA-NA, or their National Laser Class Association, may enter by completing the registration and paying the required fees. Competitors with memberships outside of ILCA-NA must contact office@ilcanasailing.org with proof of membership before registering.

4.3 The ILCA 6 fleet shall be given a separate start and shall be scored separately from the ILCA 7 fleet (Rig-Swapping Rule turned off). Rig-Swapping between ILCA-6 and ILCA-4s shall always be in effect. This changes ILCA Class Rule 29(d), 30(d) and 6(c) by permission of the International Laser Class Association.

4.4 As part of the online registration process, competitors, coaches and/or support personnel will be required to sign a Waiver of Liability ([Review here](#)).

4.5 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5. FEES

5.1 The entry fee is \$130 for entries received prior to 27 July 2026. Social events (Friday welcome party, Saturday night dinner & Awards ceremony snacks) are included for the registered competitor.

5.2 Additional tickets for the social events may be purchased onsite for each day.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1

Date	Time	Event
Friday, 31 July	1800	Early Arrival / Practice/ Welcome Party
Saturday, 1 August	0900	Check In / Late Registration
	1000	Competitors Meeting
	1100	First Warning Signal, 3 races scheduled
	1800	Event Social / Dinner
Sunday, 2 August	1000	First Warning Signal, 3 races scheduled
	1400	No races to start after this time.
	ASAP after sailing	Awards

6.2 A total of six (6) races are scheduled for each class.

6.3 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the event is no more than one race ahead of schedule.

7. [NP] EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

7.1 Boats, gear, and sails may be inspected at any time for compliance to the ILCA Class Rules.

7.2 Competitors shall use only one hull, centerboard and rudder.

7.3 Sail numbers must have the full five or six digits applied in accordance with ILCA Class Rules and sails must have the builder button.

7.4 The race committee permits the use of a sail with numbers that are different from the sail number allocated to the hull as per ILCA Rules, Part 2, Section 4(e)(ii).

8. VENUE

8.1 The races will be held on Presque Isle Bay.

9. COURSES

9.1 The courses will be a windward-leeward configuration which will be further described in the SIs.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11. SCORING

11.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series for each class.

11.2 When fewer than six races have been completed in a class, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed in a class, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.1.

11.3 The ILCA North America Masters handicap system will be used to score the overall series.

11.3.1 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).

11.3.2 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.

11.3.3 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. This changes RRS A.8.

12. [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSEL

12.1 Support and coach vessels must register with Erie Yacht Club during competitor check in.

12.2 During racing, all support vessels shall monitor the race committee VHF channel 72, remain more than 50 yards from the course area and be available for assistance when requested by the race committee.

12.3 Support and coach vessels shall be kept in their assigned area as directed during check in.

13. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

13.1 A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the RC has approved her sail identification before the first race. This changes RRS Appendix G3.

14. [DP][NP] BERTHING

14.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park area.

14.2 Tents will be allowed for campers on the West Picnic area at no extra charge to registration.

15. RISK STATEMENT

15.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

15.2 The organizing authority, the Erie Yacht Club and ILCA-NA, its staff and volunteers and sponsors will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior, to, during or after the ILCA Great Lakes Masters Championship.

16. INSURANCE

16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

16.2 The organizing authority does not accept any responsibility for verifying that a boat has valid third-party liability insurance.

17. PRIZES

17.1 Prizes will be awarded to the overall winner in each fleet (lowest score after handicap points), first woman finisher, and top finishers in each of the five age divisions, with the number of prizes adjusted to suit the number of competitors pre-registered in each division (one prize for every eight boats registered, a minimum of 3 boats must be registered to award 1 prize, with a maximum of 5 prizes per division). If rigs are separated, prizes should be awarded in both fleets (ILCA 7 and 6) per these guidelines.

17.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

18. EVENT CONTACTS

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