

2026 GREAT LAKES CHAMPIONSHIP

Organizing Authority: International Laser Class Association (ILCA) or North America in conjunction with Rochester Yacht Club (RYC)



October 10-11, 2026

5555 St. Paul Blvd.
Rochester, NY 14617



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 Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply.
- 1.2 For the ILCA 4, ILCA 6 and ILCA 7, this will be an ILCA NA 25 GP event.
- 1.4 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"

2 Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 The sailing instructions (SI) will be available electronically on the regatta website prior to the first day of the event: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/ZeTjlpnvkc/#notice-board>

3 Communications

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located on the regatta website: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/ZeTjlpnvkc/#notice-board>

4 Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 The event is open to boats of the ILCA 4, ILCA 6, ILCA 7 classes that have met all class measurement rules.
- 4.2 ILCA 4, ILCA 6 and ILCA 7 competitors 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 <http://office@ilcanasailing.org> with proof of membership before registering. <https://ilcanasailing.org/membership>
- 4.3 Competitors and Coaches shall register online: [Clubspot](#) before *October 2, 2026*. Registrations not fully paid by this time may be rejected.
- 4.4 Competitors and coaches shall complete the Liability Release and Medical Consent forms as part of the event registration. Competitors under 18 years of age must have the waiver signed by a parent or guardian.
- 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 for each competitor is *\$75*. Competitors who have not paid the Entry Fee by midnight Sunday, *September 20, 2026* will be charged a *\$25* late fee. Competitors who register late are not guaranteed the planned regatta meals, giveaways, etc.

5.2 The entry fee covers a light racing athlete and coach dinner.

6 Schedule of Events

6.1 Schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Event
Friday, October 9	0800 - 1700	Early Arrival
	0800 - 1700	Practice Day
	1500 - 1900	Check-in
Saturday, October 10	0800 - 0900	Late Check-in
	0915	Competitor's Meeting followed by Coaches Meeting
	1100	First warning signal (4 races scheduled)
Sunday, October 11	0800	Competitor's Meeting followed by Coaches Meeting
	1030	First warning signal (4 races are scheduled)
	1400	No warning after this time
	After Racing	Awards Ceremony

7.2 For all classes, a maximum of eight races are scheduled.

8 Measurement

8.1 Each boat shall comply with the equipment measurement rules of the ILCA Class Rules and may be inspected at any time during the Regatta at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

8.3 All sail numbers must be applied in accordance with ILCA Class Rules.

8.4 All hulls must display a certifying class decal in the aft-end of the cockpit [see ILCA Rules, part 2, Section 4]. The RC issues blanket permission per ILCA Rules, Part 2. Section 4(e)ii: competitors may use a sail with numbers that are different to the sail number allocated to the hull.

10 Venue

10.1 The racing area will be located *on Lake Ontario. [See Addendum A.](#)*

11 Courses

11.1 Courses to be sailed will be the ILCA class Trapezoid or Windward/Leeward.

12 Penalty System

12.1 RRS Appendix P is amended such that RRS 2.3 is deleted, and RRS P2.2, is changed to: "When a boat is penalized a second time and subsequent times during the regatta, she shall promptly retire. If she fails to do so, she shall be disqualified without a hearing and her score shall not be excluded. If her penalty was signaled after she finishes, she shall promptly notify the race committee at the finish line that she is retiring."

13 Scoring

13.1 A minimum of three (3) races shall constitute a regatta.

13.2 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14 Support Boats

14.1 Support & coach boats are required to register at:

<https://theclubspot.com/register/regatta/ZeTjlpnvkc/class>

14.2 Coaches are support boats and are required to monitor the RC channel on their VHF radios and be available to assist with safety when requested. Coaches are expected to attend the coaches meeting.

14.3 Rules governing the conduct of support/coach/spectator boats will be in the Sailing Instructions.

15 Disclaimer of Liability

15.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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 sponsors, the race committee, officers and board of directors of Rochester Yacht Club, and all those involved in these organizations will not accept any responsibility for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after this regatta.

16 Prizes

16.1 The winners of the ILCA 4, ILCA 6 and ILCA 7 classes will be declared the 2026 Great Lakes Champions.

16.2 Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

(a) Top positions with 1 prize for every 8 boats registered, with a minimum of 3 registrants and a maximum of 5 prizes positions in each Class.

(b) A prize will be awarded in the ILCA 7 class for a junior who shall not have had their 18th birthday before the first day of racing.

(c) Top 3 female competitors in the ILCA 4 and ILCA 6 classes.

16.3 Other awards may be given.

Further Information

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION – NOT PART OF THE NOTICE OF RACE

ARRIVAL

1. Competitors are welcome to arrive at the Rochester Yacht Club at 0800 hours on October 9, 2026.

PARKING

1. Competitors arriving when the Rochester Yacht Club is closed may park boats and trailers at the assigned trailer parking location. [See Addendum B.](#)