



*Ottawa Valley ILCA Open & Masters Championships*  
*Britannia Yacht Club*  
*June 14 – 15, 2025*  
*Ottawa, Canada*

**Notice of Race (NoR)**

You are cordially invited to attend the 2025 ILCA Ottawa Valley Open & Masters Championships being held at Britannia Yacht Club, on June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Competitors, coaches, and their families are welcome before and after these dates. The Organizing Authority (OA) is Britannia Yacht Club (BYC). All participating entries will be entered into a raffle for a new ILCA sail of choice.

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

*All given times are Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).*

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of Sail Canada and the rules of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA)* except as any of these are changed by this Notice of Race.
- 1.2 [DP] RRS 40 and the preamble are changed to: All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while on the water except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits or dry suits do not qualify as personal flotation devices.
- 1.3 ILCA *class* rule 7(a) is changed to the following: "Only one person (the registered competitor) shall be on board while racing".
- 1.4 The fundamental rule under Part One of the ILCA Class Rules shall apply except as follows: The sail and spars may be manufactured by the licensed builder or other builder/sail maker so long as it retains equivalent conformity and is in accordance with the ILCA design specification.
- 1.5 All entrants registered under ILCA 7 shall start and finish together. All registered under ILCA 6 and ILCA 4 will start and finish together.

**2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 2:00pm on June 13 on the official on-line notice board located at <https://byc.ca/sail/regattas/ottawavalleyilcachampionship/>
- 2.2 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located at <https://byc.ca/sail/regattas/ottawavalleyilcachampionship/>

### 3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://byc.ca/sail/regattas/ilca-masters/>

### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to all boats of the ILCA class.

4.2 Fleets will be as follows:

4.2.1 Unless a minimum of 12 ILCA 7 and 12 ILCA 6 entries has been received by the pre-registration deadline, all entries will start and finish together and be scored as a single fleet.

4.2.2 ILCA 4 will be given a separate start.

4.3 Eligible competitors may enter by completing the online registration form and fee payment via the Britannia Yacht Club's event website:

<https://byc.ca/sail/regattas/ottawavalleyilcachampionship/> on or before Friday June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025. On-site registration will be open on Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 0800 – 1000 (cash or cheque only).

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

### 5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees including racing fees, temporary storage for visiting boats and an after-racing dinner on Saturday are as follows:

Class	Early Entry Fee until 23:59 on May 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	Standard Fee until 23:59 on June 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	Late Fee on or after 00:00 on June 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
<i>ILCA</i>	<i>\$70.00</i>	<i>\$80.00</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>

Additional tickets for the Saturday after-racing dinner can be purchased for \$30 when registering or by contacting the club.

### 6 [DP] ADVERTISING

6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

### 7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Registration and Check-In:

Date	From	To
<i>Friday June 14, 2025</i>	<i>1600</i>	<i>1900</i>
<i>Saturday June 15, 2025</i>	<i>0800</i>	<i>1000</i>

*\*Pre-Registration Closes at 1900 on Friday June 14, 2025*

7.2 Dates of racing:

Date	All Competitors
<i>June 14, 2025</i>	Racing
<i>June 15, 2025</i>	Racing

7.3 Number of races:

Class	Maximum Number of Races	Races per day Scheduled	Races per day Maximum
<i>ILCA 4, 6, 7</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>4-5</i>	<i>5</i>

7.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race 1130 on Saturday June 14 and 1030 on Sunday June 15.

7.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1400.

**8 VENUE**

8.1 NoR Addendum A shows the plan of the event venue.

8.2 NoR Addendum B shows the location of the racing areas.

**9 COURSES**

9.1 The courses will be around buoys set by the race committee as described in the Sailing Instructions.

**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 Separate results shall be calculated for the Open category (all competitors) and the Masters category (Masters competitors only). Within the Open and Masters category, separate results shall be calculated for ILCA 7, ILCA 6 and ILCA 4 competitors, extracted from the overall results.

11.2 The scoring system is as follows: The Low Point Scoring System (Appendix A shall be used, as modified below.

11.3 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.4 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of their race scores.

11.5 When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of their race scores excluding their worst score.

11.6 Masters category results shall be calculated for eligible competitors that have reached the age of 30 by the regatta start date. The ILCA-NA Masters handicap system will be used to determine the overall masters category series winner. The following Masters divisions will be applied:

- Apprentice – 30-44 years of age
- Master – 45-54 years of age
- Grand Master – 55-64 years of age
- Great Grand Master – 65-74 years of age
- Legends – 75+ years of age

11.7 For each race counted in the master competitor's final score, the following handicap points will be added: Apprentice, 4 points; Master, 3 points; Grand Master, 2 points; Great Grand Master,

1 points; Legend, 0 points. The competitor's overall score will be the sum of their included finishes plus their total handicap points.

11.8 Masters divisional positions are determined by extraction from the overall results without re-scoring.

11.9 When two or more Masters competitors are tied on points, the tie shall be broken as follows:  
(a) Within an age division, a tie will be broken as described in Appendix A, Section A8.  
(b) Across the age divisions, a tie will be broken in favour of the sailor from the older division.

## **12 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

12.1 [DP] Support person vessels shall be marked with number flag.

12.2 Support and coach boats must register at the Race Office during the check-in period. During racing, support boats shall monitor the race committee VHF channel and remain more than 50 yards from the course area, except when asked to assist by the race committee.

## **13 BERTHING**

13.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places of the Britannia Yacht Club as directed at check-in

## **14 RISK STATEMENT**

14.1 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 INSURANCE**

15.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$100,000.00 CAN per incident or the equivalent.

## **16 PRIZES**

16.1 In the Open category, prizes will be given to the overall winner, 2nd overall, 3rd overall, and 1st female for ILCA 7, ILCA 6 and 1st ILCA 4.

16.2 In the Masters category, prizes will be given to the overall winner, 2nd overall, 3rd overall, first Masters female overall, and top finisher in each of the five age divisions for ILCA 7 and 6.

16.3 Prizes awarded may change depending on number of entrants.

## **17 FURTHER INFORMATION**

17.1 For further information please contact Regatta Chair, Lisa Shishis at [lisaanneshishis@gmail.com](mailto:lisaanneshishis@gmail.com).

Addendum A – Site Plan



