



SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB
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ILCA METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

NOTICE OF RACE

14-15 MARCH 2026

ILCA 4,6,7 DIVISIONS

OPEN TO

**YOUTH, OPEN AND
MASTERS SAILORS**



ORGANISING AUTHORITY:

**Southport Yacht Club, on behalf of:
ILCA Queensland (QILCA)**

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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). The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee be less than disqualification. This changes Rule 64.2.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. Appendix T – Arbitration will apply.
- 1.3. The rules and by-laws of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA) apply.
- 1.4. Adherence with the SYC Sailing Policy <https://southportyachtclub.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/24-25-SYC-Sailing-Policy.pdf>

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available after 1600 hrs on 7 March 2026 at <https://southportyachtclub.com.au/events/ilca-metropolitan-championships-2025-26/>

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at: <https://southportyachtclub.com.au/events/ilca-metropolitan-championships-2025-26/>
- 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 regatta is open to all ILCA sailors in accordance with ILCA policy.
- 4.2. The regatta is hosted offshore in open waters and ILCA sailors are advised this event is suited to ILCA sailors who are confident to sail Offshore in swell
- 4.3. Each competitor shall be a financial member of a District of the International Laser Class Association and a yacht or sailing club affiliated with a State or National Authority.
- 4.4. To constitute a category, a minimum of 5 entries is required in that category.
- 4.5. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee on the <https://southportyachtclub.com.au/events/ilca-metropolitan-championships-2025-26/> by 11am on 14 March 2026. Any Refunds will be as per the SYC Sailing Refunds Policies <https://southportyachtclub.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/24-25-SYC-Sailing-Policy.pdf>
- 4.6. Youth and open age categories: For which, age is the age of the competitor on 1st January of the year of the competition* (2026).

Age*	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21+
Birth year	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	
ILCA 4	Under 16				Under 18					
ILCA 4 Open	All entrants									
ILCA 6 Youth				Under 17		Under 19				
ILCA 6 Women				Under 21						
ILCA 6 Open	All entrants									
ILCA 7 Men						Under 21				
ILCA 7 Open	All entrants									

4.7. Masters age categories are determined by their age at 14 March 2026:

Apprentice Masters (App)	30 to 44 age group
Masters (M)	45 to 54 age group
Grand Masters (GM)	55 to 64 age group
Great Grand Masters (GGM)	65 to 74 age group
Legends (Radial only) (L)	75 + age group

5. FEES

5.1. The Entry Fee shall be \$90

5.2. A late entry fee of \$10 will apply after 7 March 2026.

6. ADVERTISING

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

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Wednesday 7 th March	All Entries Close	Midnight
Saturday 14 March 2026	Competitor Registration	0900 – 1030 hrs
	Competitor Briefing	1030 hrs
	Race 1	First Warning not before 1155 hrs
	Race 2 and 3	Following Race 1
Sunday 15 March 2026	Race 4	First Warning not before 1055 hrs
	Race 5	Following Race 4
	Presentation and BBQ	ASAP after Sailing

7.1. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500hrs.

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

8.1. It is a competitor's responsibility to ensure that his/her boat and equipment comply with class rules.

8.2. Boats may be inspected at any time.

8.3. All competitors shall use only one hull, sail, mast and boom, centerboard and rudder during the regatta. If damage is sustained within racing, a competitor may fill out and lodge a Substitution of Equipment Form to receive approval by the Race Committee to change equipment.

9. VENUE

- 9.1. NOR Attachment A shows the location of the racing areas Offshore and Inshore backup for inclement weather.
- 9.2. NOR Attachment B shows the plan of the event venue.

10. COURSES

- 10.1. The courses to be sailed will be either trapezoid with inner and outer loops or windward leeward and will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

11. PROTEST COMMITTEE

- 11.1. A protest committee will be appointed

12. SCORING

- 12.1. Five races are scheduled for this series.
- 12.2. Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.3. When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores
- 12.4. When four (4) or five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score

13. BOAT STORAGE

- 13.1. Restrictions may be placed on where vessels may be stored or rigged by SYC.
- 13.2. Boats may only be stored on the SYC venue for the duration of the regatta & 24hrs before/after the regatta, unless otherwise approved by the OA.
- 13.3. Competitors arriving more than a week prior to the commencement of the regatta should contact SYC Racing Office to make appropriate arrangements for access and storage. Boats can be stored on the Main Rigging Lawn, for the duration of the regatta. SYC Racing Office: racing.admin@sycgc.com.au (07) 5537 7030

14. DATA PROTECTION

- 14.1. By participating in an event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for said event in which the competitor participated and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

15. RISK STATEMENT

- 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. All participants are required to comply with any safety provisions as mandated under the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 for Off The Beach Boats, and any Class Rules that may apply. The club encourages and supports competitors who believe it is appropriate to exceed the above requirements (such as the wearing of helmets, body armour, impact vests, etc.) if they or their guardian believe that conditions and their personal circumstances warrant. All competitor's attention is drawn to the Risk Statement - Section 15 of the Notice of Race.

16. INSURANCE

- 16.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10,000,000AUD per incident or the equivalent.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. Perpetual Trophies and other prizes will be awarded in accordance with ILCA rules.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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ATTATCHMENT A- OFFSHORE RACE AREA



ATTACHMENT B- INSHORE RACING AREA

