



Notice of Race

2026 Oceania & Australian ILCA Open & Youth Championships 1 – 8 January 2026

Venue: The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania

Amended 1/1/2026

Organising Authority: The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania (RYCT), ILCA Tasmania (TasILCA), ILCA Australia (AusILCA) and ILCA Oceania

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 ILCA class rule 7 (a) is restricted as follows: “Only one person (the registered sailor) shall be on board while racing.”
- 1.3 RRS Appendix P will apply as changed by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix T “Arbitration” will apply.
- 1.5 In all rules governing this event.
 - (a) (DP) denotes ~~a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing, or~~ a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing (this changes RRS A5); and
 - (b) (NP) denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat and for which the International Jury may refuse to hold a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1 and 63.1.
- 1.6 The flying of drones in the race area by a coach or support person during a race session is not permitted. A race session is defined as from the first scheduled warning signal of the session to the time the last boat completes the last race of the session or, when the race committee signals no further racing for the session.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. VENUE

- 2.1 The regatta site shall be The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, Sandy Bay, Tasmania, and racing will be conducted on the waters of the River Derwent.

3. COMMUNICATION (DP)

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be online on the event website <https://ryct.org.au/2026-ilca-oceania-australian-championship/>
- 3.2 Documents and notices may also be published on the Regatta Whatsapp Group.
- 3.3 Except in an emergency, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, a boat

shall not make or receive voice, data or radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

4 ADVERTISING (DP, NP)

- 4.1 When provided by the Organising Authority, boats or competitors shall carry, display or wear:
- 4.1.1 Event advertising;
 - 4.1.2 Identification numbers and fleet identification colours; and/or
 - 4.1.3 Bibs.

5 ENTRY REGULATIONS

- 5.1 Only current, fully paid members of the International Laser Class Association and of a World Sailing member national authority may enter the event.

These memberships shall be with the ILCA Fleet/District Association and with the World Sailing member national authority of the country where the sailor normally sails, even though such place may not be their permanent residence. However, such member, for any valid reason and with the approval of both District Chairpersons, may select instead the Fleet/District and the World Sailing member national authority in which they have permanent residence in accordance with the ILCA Constitution, Article 10 (3) and the ILCA Class Rules, Part Two, Article 9.

The sailor can only be a member of one ILCA Fleet/District Association.

- 5.2 Crew substitution of the registered sailor is not permitted.
- 5.3 No resale or transfer of entries is allowed.
- 5.4 Eligibility for Youth and Junior Divisions is the competitor's age at 31 December 2026 and the Divisions are as follows:

Class	Division	Age criteria	Birth Year
ILCA 4	Junior	Under 16	2011 & later
	Youth	Under 18	2009 & 2010
ILCA 6	Junior	Under 17	2010 & later
	Youth	Under 19	2008 & 2009
	Women U21	Under 21	2006 & later
ILCA 7	Men	Under 19	2008 & later
	Men	Under 21	2006 & later

- 5.5 Proof of age will be required at registration.
- 5.6 Each competitor who is under 18 years of age on the first day of the event shall bring a completed parent / guardian consent form. For the duration of the championship, each competitor under the age of 18 shall be supervised by the responsible adult on the consent form.
- 5.7 An entry is not complete until payment has been received and the boat has completed registration at the venue. Registration will include equipment inspection and entry requirements.

6 ENTRY

- 6.1 Entries will be accepted online at: <https://ryct.org.au/2026-ilca-oceania-australian-championship/>
- 6.2 The entry closing date is 14 December 2025.
- 6.3 The entry fee is AUD 470.00.
- 6.4 Entries completed after the entry closing date may be accepted solely at the discretion of the organising authority and on the payment of a late entry fee of AUD 550 (AUD 450 + AUD 100).

7 CHARTER BOATS

- 7.1 **A limited number of charter boats will be available for this event** and may be booked via charter company web sites – details of which will be posted on the event web site <https://ryct.org.au/2026-ilca-oceania-australian-championship/>).
- 7.2 The pricing and conditions of the charter are as set by the contracted companies. The event organising authority is not involved in any charter boat transactions.

8 BOATS AND EQUIPMENT (NP, DP)

- 8.1 The event will be sailed in ILCA class sailboats as recognised by World Sailing, commonly sold under the brand name “ILCA” or “Laser.” All boats must have a valid World Sailing plaque attached in accordance with the ILCA Class Rules to the aft face of the cockpit.
- 8.2 All competitors shall use only one hull, sail, batten set, mast, boom, centreboard and rudder; all of which shall be identified during equipment inspection.
- 8.3 In the event of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the written permission of the event equipment inspector in accordance with the sailing instructions.
- 8.4 For the purposes of RRS G1.1, the display of national letters on the sail is optional. However, if displayed they shall be those of the World Sailing member national authority under which the entry was accepted and shall comply with the ILCA handbook. This changes RRS G1.1.
- 8.5 Boats may be required to display identification numbers.
- 8.6 Boats will be required to display fleet identification colours if their division has split fleets. Yellow and Blue sleeves will be available for purchase at registration for those fleets. The sleeve shall be secured to the mast between the boom vang fitting and the boom. Competitors can provide their own yellow and blue sleeves which shall be at least 29cm long and shall cover all around the bottom mast section.

9 RACING FORMAT

- 9.1 The regatta will consist of an open series. If the event is split into fleets, the open series will be divided into a qualifying series followed by a final series.
- 9.2 If four races have not been completed by the end of the third scheduled racing day the qualifying series will continue until the end of the racing day in which a fourth qualifying race is completed.
- 9.3 A qualifying series race will not count until all qualifying series fleets have completed that race.
- 9.4 The complete format will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

10 SCHEDULE

10.1 Twelve races are scheduled.

1 st January	Measurement & Registration	0900 - 1700
2nd January	Measurement & Registration Competitor Meeting Measurement & Registration Practice Race Welcome Function	0900 - 1100 1130 1300 - 1700 1330 warning signal 1700 RYCT Clubhouse
3rd January	Championship Racing	To be advised in Sailing Instructions
4th January	Championship Racing	To be advised in Sailing Instructions
5th January	AGM – ILCA Oceania AGM – AUS ILCA Championship Racing	0830 at RYCT – All Welcome 0900 at RYCT – All Welcome To be advised in Sailing Instructions
6th January	Championship Racing	To be advised in Sailing Instructions
7th January	Championship Racing	To be advised in Sailing Instructions
8th January	Championship Racing	To be advised in Sailing Instructions
	Presentation Function	1830 RYCT Clubhouse

10.2 No more than three races will be sailed on any day for any Division or Fleet.

10.3 On each day, succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.

10.4 Classes may be assigned individual time blocks in the racing schedule. If so, these will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

10.5 On the last day of the championship, no warning signal will be made after 1600.

11 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

11.1 The sailing instructions will be available from 22 December 2025 on the Official Notice Board on the event web site ryct.org.au/2026-ilca-oceania-australian-championship/.

12 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION (NP, DP)

12.1 Information on equipment inspection will be posted on the official notice board. Boats shall be presented with all equipment that is to be used in the event, with the bottom mast and boom with all control lines rigged and with the sail and top section derigged ready for inspection.

12.2 Wet clothing and equipment inspections may be conducted throughout the event at the discretion of the class representative, race committee or the International Jury.

12.3 Dollies will be shared during the regatta. All boats shall be presented at measurement on serviceable dollies. 'Serviceable' specifically includes being fitted with tyres at least 60 mm wide (or equivalent) and having adequate padding. Any boat presented with an unsatisfactory or unserviceable dolly will be refused entry at measurement.

13 COACH REGISTRATION & TEAM/COACH/SUPPORT BOATS (NP, DP)

- 13.1 All coach/support boats shall register their driver and vessel online at <https://ryct.org.au/2026-ilca-oceania-australian-championship/> and pay a registration fee of AUD80. This fee covers berthing costs and the provision of an identifying flag.
- 13.2 At the time of registering online, coaches shall also submit next-of-kin details and the names and sail numbers of the boats/competitors they are supporting.
- 13.3 Support Boats must display their identifying flag supplied by the Organising Authority when berthed and during deployment in the race area(s).
- 13.4 Identifying flags must be displayed on a staff at a minimum height of 1.5 metres above the waterline and shall remain unobstructed.
- 13.5 All coach/support boats and driver shall comply with all aspects of the NOR and NOR Appendix "A".
- 13.6 There will be a coach meeting at the race office two hours before the first scheduled start time of the first race each day. The objectives of these meetings are to receive feedback from the coaches on the event organisation, exchange points of view and inform the coaches about changes in the sailing instructions and event organisation in general.

14 COURSES

- 14.1 Trapezoid and Windward / Return courses will be used. The target time for the first boat in each fleet will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

15 INTERNATIONAL JURY

- 15.1 An International Jury will be appointed and an approval notice posted on the Notice Board. Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.3.

16 SAFETY

- 16.1 Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 17.2 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
- 17.3 When six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.4 When ten races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 17.5 When a qualifying and final series is sailed:
 - 17.5.1 The qualifying series races and final series races will count for the total points in the regatta.
 - 17.5.2 A qualifying series race will not count until all qualifying fleets have completed that race.
 - 17.5.3 The worst qualifying series race score will be excluded when calculating the division into final series fleets.
 - 17.5.4 If only one finals series race is completed it will not be excluded.
 - 17.5.5 If two or more final series races have been completed, then a maximum of one finals series race score may be excluded.

17.5.6 For the purposes of RRS A5.2 “Scoring” the number of boats entered in a qualifying/final series race will be the number of boats assigned to the largest qualifying fleet.

- 17.6 All division prizes will be awarded based on the ranking of competitors in the overall results of the applicable Class.

18 TITLES & PRIZES

- 18.1 ILCA class cubes and prizes shall be awarded in accordance with the ILCA Honour Award ByLaw. Entries in each of the following divisions will compete for cubes subject to there being at least five entries in the division.

Class	Divisions	Cube
ILCA 4	Open women	Green cube
	Open men	Red cube
	Junior girls	Dark blue cube
	Junior boys	Dark blue cube
	Youth girls	Dark blue cube
	Youth boys	Dark blue cube
ILCA 6	Open women	Green cube
	Open men	Red cube
	Junior girls	Dark blue cube
	Junior boys	Dark blue cube
	Youth girls	Dark blue cube
	Youth boys	Dark blue cube
	Women U21	Dark blue cube
ILCA 7	Open men	Red cube
	U19	Dark blue cube
	U21	Dark blue cube

- 18.2 Only Australian residents shall be eligible for ILCA class perpetual trophies. An Australian resident is one who meets all eligibility requirements for residency and who reasonably satisfies the Organising Authority of their long-term residency of at least one year.
- 18.3 Australian Championships perpetual trophies will be awarded in accordance with ALCA policy.
- 18.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

19 PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

- 19.1 By entering the event competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the event and/or using the event facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitor’s approval of such images or any use thereof.

20 LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

- 20.1 The Organising Authority and all their officers, members and volunteers do not accept liability for loss of life or property, or personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the event. Competitors take part in the event at their own risk.
- 20.2 The establishment of the notice of race and the sailing instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibilities of a competitor being solely and entirely responsible for the management of a boat he or she is sailing.
- 20.3 All competitors shall maintain their boats in a safe and seaworthy condition.
- 20.4 A competitor shall be of good health and a competent sailor capable of racing an ILCA 7 or ILCA 6 or ILCA 4 in all conditions including strong winds.
- 20.5 Each participating boat and competitor shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000 (recommended \$10,000,000). All competitors who enter pursuant to NOR Rule 3 shall be deemed to have such insurance cover. Competitors over the age of 18 are required to acknowledge that they hold such cover when submitting their electronic entry. A Parent or Guardian is required to do so on behalf of a competitor under the age of 18 at the time of online registration.
- 20.6 To the fullest extent permitted by law, each competitor agrees to indemnify and hold the Organising Authority, owners, affiliates, officers, employees, agents, committee persons and race officials acting in their official capacities harmless, from any third-party claim to the extent arising from a competitor's acts or omissions.

21 Qualification for Future Events

- 21.1 This event is the ranking event for all 2026 ILCA Open and Youth World Championships and the 2027 Under 21 ILCA Worlds in Sandringham

22 CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

- 22.1 This notice of race may be subject to amendments which will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 These Support Vessel Regulations (SVR) shall apply from the first day of registration until the end of prize giving ceremony.
- 1.2 For the purposes of these regulations, a support vessel includes any vessel that is under the control or direction of a person who is or may provide physical or advisory support to an athlete, including the gathering of data that may be used at a later time.
- 1.3 The organising authority may inspect vessels at any time to ensure that they comply with these regulations. The person responsible for the vessel shall facilitate such inspection.
- 1.4 The organising authority may change these regulations at any time. Any changes will be posted on the official notice board.
- 1.5 Support vessels and designated drivers shall collect their identifying flag and confirm their registration at the race office either:
 - 1.5.1 before leaving the venue by water for the first time, or;
 - 1.5.2 by 1800 on the day before the first race of a competitor that it is supporting, whichever is earlier.

2. SAILING VENUE

- 2.1 Only support vessels that are registered will be allowed into the sailing venue.
- 2.2 When not in use, support vessels shall be appropriately berthed at the sailing venue in the allocated areas for support vessels.
- 2.3 When the coach/support boat engine is running, coach/support boat drivers shall be connected to a device (kill cord) which will stop the engine if the boat driver falls out of the boat or is otherwise not in control of the boat.
- 2.4 Support persons are responsible for overseeing the safety of their support vessels on the water, including knowledge of who is afloat and ensuring their safe return to the venue.
- 2.5 Each coach/support boat is required to carry a VHF marine radio capable of transmitting and receiving all international ship-to-ship channels.
- 2.6 Coach/support boat drivers and crews shall wear a personal flotation device securely fastened at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.
- 2.7 At all times, the registered driver of a support vessel shall comply with directions given by a race official. In particular, this includes assisting in rescue operations when requested to do so. Refer RRS 37.

3. GENERAL RESTRICTIONS

- 3.1 The registered driver of a support vessel will be responsible for the control of the vessel at all times and will be held responsible for any inappropriate behaviour, dangerous actions or improper practices, or actions affecting the fairness or safety of competition.
- 3.2 Support vessels shall not leave any device, piece of equipment, buoy, marker or similar item permanently in the water. Temporary use of floating objects is allowed for current measurement. These objects shall be removed as soon as the measurement has been taken.
- 3.3 Support vessels must take particular care to minimise their wash when transiting the course areas.

4. SUPPORT VESSEL ZONE

- 4.1 Support vessels shall not be positioned:
 - 4.1.1 Closer than 100 metres of any boat racing;
 - 4.1.2 Within 100 metres of the starting line and marks from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have left the starting area, or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment;
 - 4.1.3 Between any boat racing and the next mark of the course;
 - 4.1.4 Between the inner loop and outer loop trapezoid courses when boats are racing on both courses;
 - 4.1.5 Within 100 metres of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark;
 - 4.1.6 Within 100 metres of the finishing line and marks while boats are finishing.
 - 4.1.7 When any boat is racing from mark 5 to the finish, coach/ support boats shall stay out the area from 100 metres below mark 5 to 100 metres above the finish line.
 - 4.1.8 When boats are finishing coach/support boats shall stay more than 100 metres outside and to windward of the starboard end of the finish line until all boats in all fleets have finished.

- 4.1.9. In addition, support vessels that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 metres from any boat racing.

5. REFUELING

- 5.1 Fuel is available at the RYCT fuel dock in the marina.
- 5.2 Fuel tanks can be removed from boats and filled at the fuel dock.
- 5.3 Fuel tanks can be replaced in the launch ramp area.
- 5.4 No decanting of fuel is permitted in the launch ramp area.