



# 2026 New Zealand ILCA 7, ILCA 6 & ILCA 4 National Championships

Wednesday 14 January - Sunday 18 January 2026

Bay of Islands, Paihia

The Organising Authority is the Bay of Islands Yacht Club (BOIYC)  
in association with the ILCA.nz (New Zealand Laser Association).

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## NOTICE OF RACE

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### 1. RULES

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- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulation Part 1 will apply.
- 1.3. RRS Appendix P, *Special Procedures for Rule 42*, will apply.
- 1.4. Appendix T, *Arbitration* will apply.
- 1.5. In all rules governing this event [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat under RRS 60.1.
- 1.6. ILCA class rule 7(a) is changed as follows: "Only one person (the registered competitor) shall be on board while racing."

### 2. COMMUNICATION

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- 2.1. The online official notice board is located at <https://www.boiyc.org/>.
- 2.2. Notices to competitors will also be posted on the event WhatsApp group – "ILCA Nationals"

### 3. ADVERTISING

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- 3.1. The organising authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code. The organising authority will supply the stickers and instructions for their use.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

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- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the ILCA 7, ILCA 6 and ILCA 4 classes that comply with the class rules.
- 4.2. To be eligible to compete in this event each competitor shall be a financial member of a club affiliated to the competitor's national authority.
- 4.3. Each competitor shall be a financial member of the ILCA.nz (New Zealand Laser Association) or their national laser/ILCA class association.
- 4.4. Entries will be accepted until midnight on 8th January by completing the online entry form at <http://ilca.nz/> and paying the required entry fee.
- 4.5. Late entries may be accepted until 1500 on Wednesday 14th January 2026.
- 4.6. There is no upper age limit for competitors to sail in the ILCA 4 fleet; however, cubes for this class will be awarded in accordance with ILCA policy to competitors who are less than 18 years of age in the year of the championship.

4.7. Masters age categories are the following ages on the 14 January 2026.

Apprentice - 30 to 44 (ILCA 7/ ILCA 6)

Masters - 45 to 54 (ILCA 7/ ILCA 6)

Grand Masters – 55 to 64 (ILCA 7/ ILCA 6)

Great Grand Masters - 65 to 74 (ILCA 7/ ILCA 6)

Legends 75 and over (ILCA 6)

## **5. FEES**

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5.1. The entry fee is NZD 250 except that entry is FREE for any member that has not competed at a New Zealand ILCA(Laser) National Championship in the last ten years.

5.2. Late entries, if accepted, shall be accompanied by an additional entry fee of NZD 100 – i.e., total entry fee of NZD 350. Any member entitled to the free entry exception may still be liable for the late entry fee.

5.3. Entry fees are non-refundable. All bank admin, exchange and transfer fees are the competitor's responsibility.

## **6. RACING FORMAT**

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6.1. ILCA 7; Open and Masters (Apprentice Masters, Masters, Grand Masters and Great Grand Masters) will sail as a single fleet.

6.2. ILCA 6; Open (Youth, Men and Women) will sail as a single fleet.

6.3. ILCA 6 Masters; (Apprentice Masters, Masters, Grand Masters, Great Grand Masters and Legends) will sail as a single fleet.

6.4. ILCA 4 entries will sail as a single fleet.

6.5. The organising authority may decide to change the racing format depending on the number of entries received in each fleet.

## **7. SCHEDULE**

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7.1.	Wednesday	14 Jan	1000-1700 Registration and Equipment Inspection
	Thursday	15 Jan	0800-0900 Registration and Equipment Inspection
			1000 Competitor Briefing
			2 races back-to-back
	Friday	16 Jan	3 races back-to-back
	Saturday	17 Jan	3 races back-to-back
	Sunday	18 Jan	2 races back-to-back.

7.2. The time of the first warning signal each day is 1300.

7.3. A total of 10 races are scheduled.

7.4. One extra race per day may be sailed.

7.5. The target time for all races is 45-50 minutes.

7.6. Registration and briefing will be held at Bay of Islands Yacht Club.

7.7. On Sunday, 18 January no warning signal will be made after 1530 hours.

## **8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

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8.1. Boats must be presented for and pass the compulsory equipment inspection check. Each boat shall be presented for equipment inspection checks during the equipment inspection times scheduled above.

8.2. Boats shall be presented with all equipment that shall be used in the event, with the bottom mast up, boom and all control lines rigged and with the sail and top section unrigged ready for inspection.

8.3. Equipment inspection will take place in the vicinity of the Bay of Islands Yacht Club.

8.4. In addition, equipment inspections may be made at any time throughout the event.

- 8.5. Each competitor shall use only one hull, sail, mast, boom, centerboard, and rudder which shall be identified during equipment inspection.
- 8.6. Each boat in the ILCA 6 Women and Youth Girls categories shall have a red rhombus on their sails in accordance with the class rules.
- 8.7. All sails shall have the class sail number.

## **9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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- 9.1. The sailing instructions will be available on the official notice board after 9 January.

## **10. VENUE & RACE OFFICE**

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- 10.1. The racing area will be on the waters off Paihia and Russell.
- 10.2. The race office is located at the Bay of Islands Yacht Club, Ti Point, Waitangi, Bay of Islands.

## **11. THE COURSES**

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- 11.1. The courses to be sailed will be either a trapezoid or windward/leeward.

## **12. SCORING**

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- 12.1. Five races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2. When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.3. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **13. SAFETY**

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- 13.1. Competitors shall always wear personal flotation devices while afloat, except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Dry suits or wet suits are not adequate personal buoyancy.

## **14. SUPPORT VESSELS**

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- 14.1. All coach / support vessels must register with the organising authority at registration and nominate the boat(s) they support.
- 14.2. [DP] All occupants of support vessels less than 6 metres long shall always wear an appropriate size personal flotation device (PFD) while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Each PFD shall comply with Maritime Rules Part 91, Navigation Safety Rules. Wet suits and dry suits are not PFDs. For support vessels 6 metres or longer the Maritime Rules require the vessel to carry sufficient personal flotation devices of an appropriate size for each person on board and in a readily accessible location.
- 14.3. [DP] Support vessel drivers shall have a kill-cord attached while the engine is running at all times while afloat, unless prior written exemption has been provided by the organising authority.
- 14.4. [DP] Support vessel drivers shall comply with the local by-laws including the [Te Pewhairangi Marine Mammal Sanctuary Regulations](#).
- 14.5. [DP] No privately operated RPAS (drones) are allowed within the course area, or within 100 metres of any boat or vessel associated with the event.

## **15. LAUNCHING AND STORAGE**

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- 15.1. All boats will be required to launch and retrieve from the ramps adjacent to the Bay of Islands Yacht Club, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

## 16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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16.1. From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the race committee or organizing authority, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## 17. PRIZES

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17.1. National Champions will be recognised in accordance with Yachting New Zealand regulation 4.5.4.

17.2. Provided that the entries meet the ILCA entry criteria for awards, cubes will be awarded in the following divisions:

- ILCA 7: Open, U21.
- ILCA 6: Youth, Men and Women.
- ILCA 4: Boys and Girls. (Cubes awarded to competitors under 18 years old in the year of the event).
- ILCA 7 Masters: Apprentice Master, Master, Grand Master and Great Grand Master.
- ILCA 6 Masters: Apprentice Master, Master, Grand Master and Great Grand Master, Legend.

17.3. Division results will be determined by the series score in the combined fleets. (Note: These results will be extracted from the overall results and published without recalculation.)

17.4. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority or the ILCA.nz.

## 18. INSURANCE

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18.1. Yachting New Zealand recommends that, for national championships, each participating boat shall be insured with valid marine third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## 19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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19.1. 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.**

## 20. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

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20.1. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

20.2. All those who take part in this event as competitors or support persons, agree to be overflown by a drone during the event for promotion or media purposes. This includes your person and property (boats, support vessels).

## **21. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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For further information:

### **NZ Laser Association**

Website: <http://ilca.nz>

Email: [secretarynzlaser@gmail.com](mailto:secretarynzlaser@gmail.com)

### **Bay of Islands Yacht Club**

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