



Notice of Race

2026 Australian ILCA Masters Championships

6-9 February 2026

Venue: Bay Sailing Centre Soldiers Point Port Stephens, NSW, Australia

Organising Authority: Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club (Bay Sailing Centre), ILCA NSW& ACT and ILCA Australia

1. RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2 Off the Beach boats shall apply.

1.3 ILCA class rule 7 (a) is restricted as follows: "Only one person (the registered sailor) shall be on board while racing."

1.4 RRS Appendix T "Arbitration" will apply.

1.5 In all rules governing this event

(a) (DP) denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.

(b) (NP) denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat.

This changes RRS 60.1.

1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING (DP, NP)

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

3. ENTRY REGULATIONS

3.1 All competitors shall be financial members of a District of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA) and of a yacht or sailing club affiliated with World Sailing.

3.2 Crew substitution of the registered sailor is not permitted.

3.3 No resale or transfer of entries is allowed.

3.4 Entry is restricted to sailors who, on 6 February 2026, are aged as follows.

30 to 44 ILCA 7, ILCA 6, ILCA 4 Apprentice

45 to 54 ILCA 7, ILCA 6, ILCA 4 Master

55 to 64 ILCA 7, ILCA 6, ILCA 4 Grand Master

65 and over ILCA 7 Great Grand Master

65 to 74 ILCA 6, ILCA 4 Great Grand Master

75 and over ILCA 6, ILCA 4 Legend

4. ENTRY

4.1 Entries will be accepted at: <https://www.trybooking.com/DCDYB>

4.2 The entry closing date is 6 January 2026.

4.3 The entry fee is AUD 350.

4.4 Entries completed after the entry closing date may be accepted solely at the discretion of the Organising Authority and upon payment of a late entry fee of AUD 400.

5. CHARTER BOATS

5.1 Charters will be available from NB Sailsports and Performance Sailcraft Australia.

6. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT (NP, DP)

6.1 The event will be sailed in ILCA class sailboats as recognised by World Sailing, 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.

6.2 All competitors shall use only one hull, sail, batten set, mast, boom, centreboard and rudder.

6.3 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.

6.4 Boats may be required to display identification numbers and fleet identification colours supplied by the organising authority.

7. RACING FORMAT

7.1 Depending on the number of entries competitors of the same class and different age categories may sail together in a single fleet.

8. SCHEDULE

Thu 5 February 1200 -1700 Early Registration & Charter boat allocation

Fri 6 February 0830-1200 Registration & Charter boat allocation

1200 Information Session

1400 2 races back-to-back

After racing – Bar open Bay Sailing Centre

Sat 7 February 1400 2 races back-to-back

After racing – Bar open Bay Sailing Centre

Sun 8 February 1400 2 races back-to-back

After racing – Regatta Dinner Soldiers Point Bowling Club (free for competitors)

Mon 9 February 1200 2 races back-to-back

After racing – Prize Giving at Bay Sailing Centre

8.2 Each day succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.

8.3 If necessary to maintain the full schedule of races an additional race may be run on any day. No more than three races will be scheduled on any day.

8.3 On the last day of the championship, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available via the Australian Lasers App and on the Australian Laser Championships web site <https://www.auslasernationals.com.au/> .

10. RACE OFFICE

10.1 The race office is located at Bay Sailing Centre Soldiers Point, Port Stephens.

11. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION (NP, DP)

Wet clothing and equipment inspections may be made throughout the event at the discretion of the event equipment inspector, race committee or the protest committee.

12. COURSES

Trapezoid courses will be used. The target time for the first boat in each race will be 45 minutes.

13. PROTEST COMMITTEE

A protest committee will be appointed.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION (DP)

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio communication while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

15. SAFETY (DP)

Competitors shall always wear a personal flotation device when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.

16. SCORING

16.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

16.2 When four races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.

16.3 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17. PRIZES ILCA Cube Prizes

17.1 ILCA cube prizes will be awarded in accordance with the ILCA Honour Award By-Law.

17.2 All Division prizes and Women's results will be awarded based on the ranking of competitors in the overall results of the applicable class/fleet.

17.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

18. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

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 and publication 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.

19. LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

19.1 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.

19.2 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 they are sailing.

19.3 All competitors shall maintain their boats in a safe and seaworthy condition.

19.4 A competitor shall be of good health and a competent sailor capable of racing an ILCA in open water in all conditions including strong winds.

19.5 At-fault occurrences to other boats are the responsibility of the helmsman. Competitors are not covered by any liability insurance provided by the organising authority and should provide their own coverage for personal goods and liability protection. The organising authority recommends that competitors consult their own insurance carriers to assure they are covered at this event and regarding additional personal liability insurance coverage.

19.6 A competitor is recommended to have personal accident and health insurance that covers them while attending the event and while racing.

19.7 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.

20. LOCAL CONTACT

Please see, Australian Lasers app or contact Kevin Phillips on 0427 146 400

21. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

This notice of race may be subject to amendments which will be posted via the Australian Laser App and the Australian Laser Championships web site <https://www.auslasernationals.com.au/>.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Australian Lasers App

During the regatta information and notices will be displayed on a Notice Board at the Race Office. As well competitor information, both prior and during the regatta, will be provided via the Australian Lasers app.

Download the Australian Lasers app for free via either the iTunes or Google Play stores.

Simply search "Australian Lasers"

When the App opens, select National & District Events and then 2026 ILCA Australian Masters.

Things to Do and See

There are lots of things to see and do in and around Port Stephens.

<https://www.portstephens.org.au/blog/looking-for-things-to-do-in-port-stephens-nsw/>

Accommodation

Port Stephens is a very popular holiday destination and has lots of accommodation options across all price points.

Please visit accommodation websites like Airbnb, Stayz, booking.com for many options. Search Nelson Bay, Salamander Bay, Soldiers Point as well as the more general Port Stephens locations.