



ILCA Oceania

2026 ILCA Oceania Youth Solidarity Program

Introduction

ILCA Oceania is running the fourth edition of the Youth Solidarity Program in Australia, New Zealand and some Pacific Island countries, with the objective to actively promote the ILCA 4 class to clubs as the logical transition class for junior and youth sailors. ILCA Oceania aims to grow participation in the ILCA 4 class at the Oceania & Australian Open and Youth ILCA Championships and in ILCA sponsored youth regattas.

Each ILCA Oceania and Australian District will select one youth female sailor, who will receive the benefit of the following support at the 2026 Oceania & Australian Open and Youth ILCA Championships to be held from 1-8 January 2026 at Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia.

- Event entry.
- An ILCA 4 charter boat in race condition.
- Squad coaching during the regatta.
- Youth Solidarity program merchandise.

Applicants must submit the [ILCA Oceania Youth Solidarity Program Application Form](#) on or before 1 September 2025.

Objective

The objective of the ILCA Oceania Youth Solidarity Program is to increase participation of female youth sailors in the ILCA 4 class rather than any individual results of youth female sailors in the ILCA 4 class.

Eligibility

Applicants must be;

- A citizen of an Oceania country.
- A member of an ILCA District.
- A female aged 13-16 years as of 1 January 2026 with a minimum body weight of 50kg.

Selection

Selection will be carried out by each ILCA District with the following criteria recommended.

- Regatta experience at least at a state level in a minimum of 2 regattas over the past 12 months (or if not, the reason or reasons why).
- Potential of the sailor to contribute to the overall growth of their club's ILCA 4 fleet.
- Stage of development and future potential to continue to sail in the ILCA 4 fleet.
- Whether the sailor would otherwise have been unable to participate in the 2026 Oceania & Australian Open and Youth ILCA Championships unless they were selected for the ILCA Oceania Youth Solidarity Program.