

NOTICE OF RACE

2023 ILCA 7 Masters World Championships

18 – 26 February 2023
Pattaya, THAILAND

Amended on 22th August 2022 & 5th January 2023

**Organizing Authority: Royal Varuna Yacht Club (Host) and
the International Laser Class Association (ILCA)**

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The prescriptions of the national authority will not apply.
- 1.2 ILCA class rule 7(a) is changed as follows: "Only one person (the registered competitor) shall be on board while racing."
- 1.3 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42 will apply with changes to include allowing jury-initiated redress, a points penalty for a first penalty given after finishing and to prohibit a boat that has retired or been disqualified for a second or subsequent RRS 42 Infringement from sailing in the race if that race is restarted or re-sailed.
- 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 International Jury; and
 - (b) [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. [DP] [NP] ADVERTISING

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

3. ENTRY REGULATIONS

- 3.1 On 1 March 2022, World Sailing published the following recommendations in reaction to the situation in Ukraine: <https://www.sailing.org/2022/03/01/world-sailing-statement-6/>. To help preserve the integrity and safety of the 2022 ILCA 7 Masters World Championship, entries shall be open to competitors of all nationalities, but not to competitors holding only Russian or Belarussian nationality.
- 3.2 Only current, fully paid members of ILCA 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 competitor normally sails, even though such place may not be his permanent residence; however, such member, for any valid reason and with the approval of both District Chairmen, may select instead the Fleet/District and the World Sailing member national authority in which he has permanent residence in accordance with the ILCA Constitution, Article 10(3) and the ILCA Class Rules, Part Two, Article 9. The competitor can only be member of one ILCA Fleet/District Association. **This rule does not apply to competitors holding only Russian or Belarussian nationality.**
- 3.3 Crew substitution of the registered competitor is not permitted.
- 3.4 No resale or transfer of entries is allowed.
- 3.5 This is an allocated place event. Each competitor shall apply using the official online application form.
- 3.6 Each competitor shall have a World Sailing Sailor ID, which is required to enter the event. A World Sailing Sailor ID can be obtained free of charge by registering online at: <http://members.sailing.org/sailors/profile.php>
- 3.7 Entry is restricted to experienced competitors who, on 18 February 2023, are aged as follows:

30 to 44	ILCA 7 Apprentice
45 to 54	ILCA 7 Master
55 to 64	ILCA 7 Grand Master
65 and over	ILCA 7 Great Grand Master
- 3.8 Proof of age will be required at registration.
- 3.9 The total number of entries is limited to 200.

3.10 After entry applications are opened and until the start of the event the organizing authority will monitor the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic or other potential disruptions to the event and, having regard for the health and safety of all participants as well as any government travel restrictions or government mandated conditions on gatherings that affect participation in or conduct of the event, may at its sole discretion:

- Postpone or cancel the event,
- Change the status of the event from a World Championship to an International Regatta,
- Alter the maximum number of entries,
- Make any other decision deemed necessary in the circumstances.

Decisions made will be communicated to applicants and entrants.

If the event is postponed or cancelled after the entry closing date the organizing authority will use reasonable endeavours to refund as much of the entry fee as possible, though the amount of any such refunds cannot be guaranteed.

4. APPLICATION & ENTRY

- 4.1 Applications for entry will be accepted on the ILCA event website in accordance with the "Application and Entry Procedure" appended to this notice of race.
- 4.2 The application closing date is 10 October 2022.
- 4.3 The entry closing date is **12 January 2023**.
- 4.4 The entry fee is USD 460.
- 4.5 Entries completed after the entry closing date may be accepted solely at the discretion of ILCA and upon payment of a late entry fee of USD 535 (USD 460 + USD 75).

5. CHARTER BOATS

- 5.1 A limited number of charter boats will be available and may be booked through the official ILCA on-line entry system.
- 5.2 See Attachment 2 of this notice of race for information about charter boats.

6. [NP] [DP] BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 6.1 The event will be sailed in Laser class boats as recognized 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.
- 6.2 All competitors shall use only one hull, sail, batten set, mast, boom, centerboard and rudder; all of which shall be identified during equipment inspection.
- 6.3 In the event of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the written permission of the technical committee in accordance with the sailing instructions.
- 6.4 For the purposes of RRS G1.1, sails shall display the national letters of the World Sailing member national authority under which the entry was accepted. This changes RRS G1.1.
- 6.5 When ashore boats shall be kept in their assigned places at the venue.
- 6.6 Boats may be required to display identification numbers and fleet identification colours supplied by the organizing authority.
- 6.7 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organizing authority.
- 6.8 Access to the boat park may be restricted during certain hours including the hours of darkness.

7. RACING FORMAT

- 7.1 The organizing authority may decide to split the entries of an age group into fleets and sail a qualifying series followed by a final series.
- 7.2 The organizing authority may decide that fleets of a different age group will sail together.
- 7.3 If four races of a qualifying series have not been completed by the end of the fourth scheduled racing day, that qualifying series will continue until the end of the racing day in which a fourth qualifying race is completed.
- 7.4 A qualifying series race will not count until all qualifying series fleets have completed that race.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 18 February 0900-1200 & 1300-1800 Registration, Equipment Inspection
19 February 0900-1200 & 1300-1800 Registration, Equipment Inspection,
1400 Practice race
1830 opening ceremony.
20 February 2 races back to back, (Qualifying series)
21 February 2 races back to back, (Qualifying series)
22 February 2 races back to back, (Qualifying series)
23 February Reserve day
24 February 2 races back to back, (Qualifying/final series, if 4 races have been sailed)
25 February 2 races back to back, (Qualifying/final series)
26 February 2 races back to back, (Qualifying/final series) followed by prize giving party and buffet meal.
- 8.2 The time of the first warning signal on 20 February will be 1200.
- 8.3 Each day succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
- 8.4 On the last day of the championship, no warning signal will be made after 1600.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available from the ILCA event website after the entry closing date.

10. RACE OFFICE

- 10.1 The race office is located at the Royal Varuna Yacht Club, Pattaya, Thailand.
- 10.2 The race office is open during registration and on each race day from 0900 until 30 minutes after the protest time limit unless extended at the discretion of the race committee.

11. [NP] [DP] EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 11.1 Information on equipment inspection will be posted on the official notice board. Boats shall be presented with all equipment that shall 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.
- 11.2 Equipment inspection will take place at a designated location near the boat park during registration. Equipment inspection outside these times will only be possible at the discretion of the technical committee and on payment of USD 20.
- 11.3 Wet clothing and equipment inspections may be made throughout the event at the discretion of the class representative, technical committee, or the jury.

12. [NP] [DP] COACH REGISTRATION & TEAM/COACH/SUPPORT VESSELS

- 12.1 Coach/support vessels shall pre-register online at the ILCA event website by the entry closing date.
- 12.2 Coaches will be required to pay a fee of **USD \$100** upon registration.
- 12.3 Coach/support vessel drivers shall confirm registration of their vessels and submit the names and sails numbers of the competitors they are supporting at the race office before the end of registration.
- 12.4 Coach/support vessels shall clearly display an identification supplied at registration. No other individual support vessels shall be used.
- 12.5 Coach/support vessels shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving all international ship-to-ship channels.
- 12.6 Coach/support vessel 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.
- 12.7 When a coach/support vessel engine is running, the driver shall be connected to a device that will stop the engine if the driver falls out the vessel or is otherwise not in control of the vessel.
- 12.8 The movements of coach/support vessels will be restricted as defined in the sailing instructions.
- 12.9 There will be a coach meeting 2.5 hours before the first scheduled warning signal of the first race each day. The objectives of these meetings are to receive feedback from the coaches on the event organization, exchange points of view and inform the coaches about changes in the sailing instructions and event organization in general.

13. COURSES

A trapezoid course will be used with inner and outer loops and an upwind finish. The target time for the first boat in each race will be 50 minutes.

14. INTERNATIONAL JURY

An international jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b).

15. [DP] RADIO COMMUNICATION

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 telephones.

16. [DP] SAFETY

Each competitor 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.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 17.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.3 When **four or more races** have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.4 When a qualifying/final series is sailed:
 - (a) The qualifying series races and the final series races will count for total points in the championship.
 - (b) A qualifying series race will not count until all qualifying series fleets have completed that race.
 - (c) The worst qualifying series race score will be excluded when calculating the division into final series fleets.
 - (d) If only one final series race is completed it will not be excluded.
 - (e) For the purposes of RRS A5.2 the number of boats entered in a qualifying/final series race will be the number of boats assigned to the largest qualifying fleet.
- 17.5 Where competitors in several age categories start together the age category results will be extracted and calculated separately.

18. TITLES & PRIZES

- 18.1 The first competitor in the championship on each event will be titled as the ILCA 7 Master World Champion.
- 18.2 Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the ILCA Honour Awards By-Law for each event as follows:
 - ILCA 7 Apprentice
 - ILCA 7 Master
 - ILCA 7 Grand Master
 - ILCA 7 Great Grand Master
- 18.3 ILCA cube prizes will be awarded in accordance with the ILCA Honour Award By-Law.

19. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

By entering the event competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority the right in perpetuity to make, use, and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped, or filmed television and other reproduction of them, taken during the period of the event without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

20. LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

- 20.1 The Host, ILCA, 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 competitors being solely and entirely responsible for the management of their boats before, during and after the championship.
- 20.3 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 dinghy in open water in all conditions, including strong winds.
- 20.5 At-fault occurrences to other boats are the responsibility of the competitor. Competitors are not covered by any liability insurance provided by the organizing authority and should provide their own coverage for personal goods and liability protection. The organizing authority recommends that competitors consult their own insurance carriers to ensure they are covered at this event and regarding additional personal liability insurance coverage.
- 20.6 A competitor is advised to have personal accident and health insurance that covers him while attending the event and while racing.
- 20.7 To the fullest extent permitted by law, each competitor agrees to indemnify and hold ILCA, the Host, owners, affiliates, officers, employees, agents, members, volunteers, committee persons and race officials, acting in their official capacities, harmless from any claim arising from a competitor's acts or omissions.

21. LOCAL CONTACT (excluding entry and entry payment)

Event website: <https://2023ilca7masters.ilca-worlds.org/>

Event Director: Koravic "Wikki" Bhanubandh – event.rvyc@gmail.com

ATTACHMENT 1

ILCA Application and Entry Procedure

1. PAYMENTS & REFUNDS

- 1.1 All fees shall be paid online using Pay Pal or credit card. Credit cards used for payment should have an expiry date at least 3 months later than the entry closing date.
- 1.2 Refunds (if any) will be made to the same Pay Pal account or credit card.

2. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- 2.1 Applications will be accepted until the application closing date, with payment of a USD \$50 application fee which will be deducted from the entry fee, retained by ILCA, or refunded to the competitor under certain circumstances detailed in 4.1.
- 2.2 After the application closing date each ILCA National Association will review and rank the applications from its country or district.
- 2.3 ILCA National Associations may refuse a competitor's application based on sailing ability, membership status or failure to meet other national entry requirements. Competitors will be notified by email when their applications are refused, and the reason for the refusal will be specified.
- 2.4 Not later than 15 days after the applications closing date each applicant that has been ranked by the ILCA National Association will either
 - (a) receive an entry offer via email, or
 - (b) have their application added to the waiting list.All competitors that are ranked within the country allocation limit (see the ILCA event website for allocation limits) will receive an entry offer. Applications ranked lower than the country allocation limit will be added to the waiting list. The status of each competitor will be listed and automatically updated on the event website.
- 2.5 After allocated entries are offered, extra entries will be offered to competitors on the waiting list as they become available.
- 2.6 When an entry is offered the competitor must accept or refuse the offer prior to their entry offer expiration date. This date is usually 14 days after the date the entry offer is made, though it may be of shorter duration for entry offers made close to or after the entry closing date.

3. LATE APPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Competitors who do not apply by the application closing date may have very little chance to attend the event. Nevertheless, competitors may submit a late application from approximately 15 days after the application closing date until the entry closing date. Once the ILCA National Association has accepted and ranked the late application it will be automatically added to the waiting list.

4. APPLICATIONS – CANCELLATION & REFUNDS

- 4.1 The full application fee less bank charges of USD \$5 will be refunded if:
 - (a) the application is cancelled via the link provided in the confirmation email before an entry offer is received, or
 - (b) the applicant is offered an entry and refuses the offered entry before the expiration date stated in the entry offer, or
 - (c) the applicant is not offered an entry, or
 - (d) the application is refused by the National Laser Association / District.
- 4.2 Refunds will be made as soon as possible and not later than a week after the start of the event.
- 4.3 The application fee is not refundable if a competitor is offered an entry and fails to accept or refuse the offer within this time.

5. ENTRIES – CANCELLATION & REFUNDS

- 5.1 If a competitor cancels an entry on or before the entry closing date the full entry fee less a USD \$50 cancellation fee will be refunded approximately one week after the entry closing date.
- 5.2 **No fees are refundable for cancellations after the entry closing date.**

ATTACHMENT 2

ILCA Charter Boats

1. RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS

- 1.1 A limited number of charter boats will be made available to competitors for reservation through the ILCA on-line entry system.
- 1.2 Required and optional charter fees will be listed on the ILCA event website, and will be displayed during checkout and payment.
- 1.3 A reservation is established by paying all required charter fees and a refundable damage deposit.
- 1.4 ILCA is acting in the capacity of booking agent and the charter agreement is between the sailor and the charter provider
- 1.5 Refunds (if any) will be made to the same Pay Pal account or credit card.

2. TERMS & CONDITIONS

- 2.1 Sailors using charter equipment will be bound by the "Charter Terms and Conditions" available for preview in the Documents section of the ILCA events website - <https://sailing.laserinternational.org/public/site/event-list>
- 2.2 At the regatta venue, the sailor and any applicable guardian must sign the "Charter Terms and Conditions" before receiving charter equipment from the charter provider.

3. CHARTER CANCELLATION & REFUNDS

- 3.1 For cancellations before or on the entry closing date, charter fees are non-refundable unless the sailor's entry is also cancelled. In that case the full charter fee less a EUR €200 cancellation fee will be refunded approximately one week after the entry closing date
- 3.2 No charter fees are refundable after the entry closing date.
- 3.3 The refundable damage deposit, less any charges for damage incurred, will be refunded to the original payor of the damage deposit.