

Organising Authority:



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Venue:



NOTICE OF RACE

2023 ILCA Asian Open Championship

7-13 June 2023

Ningbo, CHINA

Organising Authority:
Chinese Yachting Association and
the International Laser Class Association (ILCA) Asian Region

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 Organising 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 2023 ILCA Asian Open 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 a 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 open 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:
[World Sailing - Sailor Dashboard](#)
- 3.7 Entry is restricted to experienced sailors who are or will be at least 12 years old in the year of the Championship, i.e., born before 2012. Proof of age will be required at registration.
- 3.8 For the ILCA6 Youth Under 19 categories, competitor must be born in 2005 or after.
- 3.9 For the ILCA4 Class, competitor must be born in 2006 or after.
- 3.10 For the ILCA6 /ILCA7 Master categories, competitor must be 30 years of age or older as of 7 June 2023.
- 3.11 Each sailor under 18 years old on 7 June 2023 shall provide a completed parent / guardian consent form at registration. For the duration of the championship, each sailor under 18 years old shall be supervised by the responsible adult named on the parent / guardian consent form.
- 3.12 The responsible adult (if applicable) and competitors shall register together on site at the race office before 1800hr on 8 June 2023.
- 3.13 At the discretion of the organising authority, the total number of entries may be restricted to 80 per class.
- 3.14 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,
 - 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 organising authority will make reasonable efforts to refund as much of the entry fee as possible, though the amount of any such refunds cannot be guaranteed.

4. ENTRY APPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Entry applications will be accepted on the ILCA Asia event website <https://sailing.laserinternational.org/site/event-site/165/home> in accordance with the "Entry Procedure" appended to this Notice of Race. The platform will be active from the start date of entry application.
- 4.2 The entry application will start on 10 April 2023
- 4.3 The entry closing date is 21 May 2023
- 4.4 The entry fee is USD \$380
- 4.5 Entries completed after the entry closing date may be accepted solely at the discretion of ILCA Asia and upon payment of a late entry fee of USD \$460 (USD \$380 + USD \$80)

5. CHARTER BOATS

For information about charter boats, please contact:
 QingDao Zou Inter Marine Co., Ltd.
 Ms Penny Ma, email: penny.ma@zouintermarine.com

6. [NP] [DP] BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

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- 6.1 The event will be sailed in ILCA 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, daggerboard 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 organising authority.

- 6.7 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organising 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 into fleets and sail a qualifying series followed by a final series.
- 7.2 The organizing authority may decide that fleets of a division 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 7 June 0900hr -1200hr & 1300hr -1800hr Registration, Equipment Inspection
8 June 0900hr -1200hr & 1300hr -1800hr Registration, Equipment Inspection, 1400hr Practice race
1830hr Opening Ceremony & Reception
- 9 June 2 races back-to-back (Qualifying series)
- 10 June 2 races back-to-back (Qualifying series)
- 11 June 2 races back-to-back (Qualifying series) & Social Evening
- 12 June 2 races back-to-back (Qualifying/final series, if 4 races have been sailed)
- 13 June 2 races back-to-back, (Qualifying/final series) followed by prize giving party and reception
- 8.2 The schedule may be changed by notice to competitors every day.
- 8.3 The time of the first warning signal on 9 June will be 1200hr.
- 8.4 Each day succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
- 8.5 On the last day of the championship, no warning signal will be made after 1600hr.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

10. RACE OFFICE

- 10.1 The race office is located at Eternal Fantasy Sailing Club (Address: #775, Huanhu South Road, Dongqian Lake, Ningbo, Zhejiang)
- 10.2 The race office is open during registration and on each race day from 0900hr 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 at 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 technical committee, race 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 Asia event website by the entry closing date.
- 12.2 Coaches will be required to pay a fee of USD \$50 at registration on site. The fee will include all socials in the schedule.
- 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 of 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 U16, U19 & Master results will be extracted without recalculation.

18. TITLES & PRIZES

ILCA7 Men Class

- 18.1 The first Asian Male sailor in the ILCA7 will be Asian ILCA7 Men Champion
- 18.2 The first Asian ILCA7 Master will be Asian ILCA7 Master Champion
- 18.3 ILCA Cubes will be awarded in accordance with the ILCA Honour Awards By-law

ILCA6 Class

- 18.4 The first Asian Female sailor in the ILCA6 will be Asian ILCA6 Women Champion
- 18.5 The first Asian Male sailor in the ILCA6 will be Asian ILCA6 Men Champion
- 18.6 The first Asian ILCA6 Master will be Asian ILCA6 Master Champion
- 18.7 The first Asian ILCA6 Youth Male (U19) sailor will be Asian ILCA6 Youth U19 Boy Champion
- 18.8 The first Asian ILCA6 Youth Female (U19) sailor will be Asian ILCA6 Youth U19 Girl Champion
- 18.9 ILCA Cubes will be awarded in accordance with the ILCA Honour Awards By-law

ILCA4 Youth (U18) Class

- 18.10 The first Asian ILCA4 Youth Male (U18) sailor will be Asian ILCA4 Youth U18 Boy Champion
- 18.11 The first Asian ILCA4 Youth Female (U18) sailor will be Asian ILCA4 Youth U18 Girl Champion
- 18.12 The first Asian ILCA4 Youth Male (U16) sailor will be awarded an Asian ILCA4 Youth U16 Boy prize
- 18.13 The first Asian ILCA4 Youth Female (U16) sailor will be awarded an Asian ILCA4 Youth U16 Girl prize
- 18.14 ILCA Cubes will be awarded in accordance with the ILCA Honour Awards By-law

Open Overall

- 18.15 If there are non-Asian competitors in the event, top three prizes will be awarded to the top three competitors overall of each category, regardless of their nationality.

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 Chinese Yachting Association (the host), International Laser Class Association (ILCA), ILCA Asia, 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, the Host, ILCA, ILCA Asia, 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)

- 21.1 Host contact:
Mr Zhen QIAO, Chinese Yachting Association
email: qiaozhen_cya@126.com

21.2 Venue contact:
Ms Flora FU, Eternal Sailing Club
email: 443612423@qq.com

22. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

This notice of race may be subject to amendments which will be identified on the ILCA Asia website:
<http://asia.laserinternational.org/>

ATTACHMENT 1

ILCA ASIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP 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. ENTRY PROCEDURE

- 2.1 All entries are accepted online at: <https://sailing.laserinternational.org/site/event-site/165/home> starting from 10 April 2023.
- 2.2 Entries will be accepted until the entry closing date 21 May 2023.
- 2.3 After the entry closing date each ILCA National Association will review the entries from its country or district.
- 2.4 ILCA National Associations may refuse a competitor's entry based on sailing ability, membership status or failure to meet other national entry requirements. Competitors will be notified by email when their entries are refused, and the reason for the refusal will be specified.

3. LATE ENTRIES

- 3.1 Entries completed after the entry closing date may be accepted solely at the discretion of ILCA Asia and upon payment of a late entry fee as per Notice of Race.

4. ENTRIES – CANCELLATION & REFUNDS

- 4.1 The full entry fee less bank charges of USD \$10 will be refunded if the entry is refused by the National ILCA / 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 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.
- 4.4 No fees are refundable for cancellations after the entry closing date.