



2025 US Junior Women's Singlehanded Championships for the Leiter Trophy

July 7-11, 2025
Macatawa, MI



NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

Organizing Authority: US Sailing
Host Club: Macatawa Bay Yacht Club

All times are US Eastern Time

Event Website:

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/2025-u-s-junior-womens-singlehanded-championship>

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the NoR means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule nor request redress based on that rule. This changes RRS 60.1 and 61.1.

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1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Other documents that govern the event are:
 - (a) US Sailing Championship Conditions, available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/championship-conditions/>
 - (b) Conditions for the US Junior Women's Singlehanded Championships (USJWC Conditions), available on the [event website](#).
 - (c) [NP] US Sailing Championship Code of Conduct, available at https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/FinalChampionships_CodeofConduct3-21-17.pdf
 - (d) [DP] US Sailing Coaching and Support Boat Policy, available at: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/coaching-and-support-boat-policy/>. This is a Grade 2 (US Sailing coaches provided) event.
- 1.3 The Class Rules of the International Laser Class Association apply.
 - (a) RRS 60.1 is changed to add: 'However, a boat shall not protest another boat for an alleged breach of a class rule other than class equipment measurement rules.'
- 1.4 RRS 77 is changed so that a boat is not required to display national letters.

2 SAFETY

- 2.1 [DP] Each competitor shall wear a USCG-approved life jacket, in good condition, that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 2.2 The PFD must be worn outside of all clothing except that a thin shirt or bib may be worn over the PFD to prevent snagging.
- 2.3 [DP] Each competitor shall carry a tow line at least 40 feet long onboard at all times while on the water.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is online and located at the [event website](#). Courtesy Postings will be located at the MBJA building.
- 3.2 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 The sailing instructions will be posted on the notice board approximately one month before the event.

5 ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 The event is open to all boats of the ILCA 4 and ILCA 6 class that meet the following requirements. All competitors shall:
 - (a) provide their own boats. Charter boat information is available on the event website.
 - (b) be female and have reached their 13th birthday but not their 19th birthday during the calendar year in which the event is held.
 - (c) be US Competitors (see US Championship Conditions B7.3(a).
 - (d) be individual or family members, all in good standing, of US Sailing at the time of application, registration, and of the event and not otherwise ineligible to compete under the laws, regulations, policies and rules of the USOPC or its affiliated organizations.

6 ENTRY

- 6.1 Eligible boats may enter no later than June 30, 2025 by registering online at [event website](#) and paying all required fees. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all advance and on-site registration requirements and pay all fees.

7 FEES

- 7.1 Entry fees are as follows:

If paid by midnight on:	Entry Fee (US\$)
May 31, 2025	\$475
June 30, 2025	\$575

- 7.2 The entry fee includes pre-regatta clinic, racing, boat storage and launching during the event, post-race socials, and the awards dinner.

8 ADVERTISING

- 8.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 8.2 The organizing authority may provide bibs that competitors are required to wear as permitted by the World Sailing Advertising Code.

9 SCHEDULE

- 9.1 [DP] Competitors shall not arrive at the venue before Sunday, July 6 unless they have been given prior written permission from the US Sailing Junior Women's Championship Committee Chair. Requests for early and late arrivals and departures shall be made in writing via e-mail to US Sailing, youthchampionships@ussailing.org and sent no later than June 30.
- 9.2 The schedule is as follows (all times are US Eastern):

Date	Time	Item
Sun, July 6	1500-1700	On-site Registration
Mon, July 7	0900-1000	On-site Registration
	1000-1800	Clinic with US Sailing Coaches
Tue, July 8	1000-1800	Clinic with US Sailing Coaches
Wed, July 9	1000-1800	Clinic with US Sailing Coaches
Thur, July 10	0900	Competitors' Meeting
	1100	Racing Day - Warning for first race of the day
Fri, July 11	0900	Competitors' Meeting
	1100	Racing Day - Warning for first race of the day
	1500	No warning after this time
	1730-1830	Awards Ceremony

- 9.3 [NP] Awards presentation will be made as soon as practicable following the conclusion of racing and pack-up. Attendance at the Awards Ceremony is mandatory for all competitors.

10 [DP] REGISTRATION AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 By the end of onsite registration and equipment inspection (see hours shown in the schedule above):
- (a) All competitors shall, in writing, agree to abide by the US Sailing Championship Code of Conduct.
 - (b) All competitors shall, in writing, agree to US Sailing Waiver of Liability.
 - (c) All boats shall provide proof of liability insurance coverage.
 - (d) [DP] Boats shall be available for equipment inspection.
- 10.2 Boats, sails, and equipment may be inspected at any time.

11 VENUE

- 11.1 The venue will be Macatawa Bay Yacht Club, Macatawa, MI 49434. <https://www.mbyc.com/>
- 11.2 The racing area will be on the waters of Lake Michigan, see Diagram A.

12 COURSES

- 12.1 Courses will be autonomous marks or drop-marks courses as described in the sailing instructions.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 RRS/US Appendix V, Alternative Penalties will apply.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 14.2 Additional scoring details will be provided in the sailing instructions.

15 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 15.1 A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

16 RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1 Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See Racing Rules of Sailing rule 3 (Decision to Race). The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 16.2 Competitors shall accept full responsibility for their actions during any activity related to the event. This includes activities before, during, and after the regatta from the time they arrive at the venue until they leave the venue at the conclusion of the event.

17 PRIZES

- 17.1 US Sailing Championship medals will be awarded to competitors who finish first through fifth overall in classes greater than 25 and first through third overall in classes with less than 25 entries.
- 17.2 The winning competitors will have their names placed on the Leiter Trophy.
- 17.3 The C. Thomas Clagett Jr. Sportsmanship Prize will be awarded to a competitor based on the results of the competitor ballots.
- 17.4 Additional awards may be given at the discretion of the organizing authority and host club.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1 For further information please contact

Event Chair:	Pat Gort	pgort234@gmail.com	616.283.0971
US Sailing Representative:	John Pearce	youth@ussailing.org	401.342.7930
Championship Chair:	Alana O'Reilly Marks	alanaoreilly@gmail.com	843.327.9855

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Sailors are responsible for securing their own housing for the event.

For convenience, blocks of rooms have been reserved at 3 local hotels. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly and asking for the group rate associated with "US Sailing Leiter".

Marriott [Courtyard Holland Downtown](#) phone 616.582.8500 Rate of \$239/night (Fri 11th is \$319)

[Homewood Suites by Hilton Holland](#) phone 616.795.0134 Rate of \$159/night

Avid, an IHG [Hotel in Zeeland](#) phone 616.953.3900 Rate of \$139/night

Competitors may also choose to stay at an Airbnb, VRBO, or other local residence of their choosing.

All competitors must have a "Designated Adult" with them at the event acting as a chaperone. Your Designated Adult must be present at onsite registration. This Designated Adult must be over 21 years of age and cannot be a Coach.

ILCA Charters are available through ZIM Sailing <https://zimsailing.com/charter/>

Diagram A Race Area

The starting area is intended to be approximately 2.0 nm from the Holland Pier Head.

