



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Inaugural Silo City Regatta

Sunday Sept 20, 2026 at Buffalo Canoe Club, Ridgeway, ON
Buffalo Laser Class Association

1 Rules - 1.1) The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the rules of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA). **1.2)** Each competitor is responsible for ensuring their equipment is in compliance with the ILCA rules. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the regatta.

2 Eligibility and Entry - 2.1) All competitors must meet the eligibility requirements as stated in the Notice of Race and have valid entries in accordance with the Notice of Race.

3 Disclaimer of Liability - 3.1) Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4 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, or after the regatta.

4 Racing Areas - 4.1) Racing shall be held on the waters of Lake Erie in the partially protected water of Abino Bay.

5 Start - 5.1) Starts shall be in accordance with RRS 26. **5.2)** The starting line shall be between the orange flag/pole on the signal boat and the nearby starting mark course side. **5.3)** No race shall be started unless there is a minimum consistent wind speed of 2 knots throughout the racing area. **5.4)** We will plan to race as separate fleets with rolling starts unless it makes sense to combine based on numbers. **5.5)** 3-minute start sequence.

6 The Finish - 6.1) The finishing line will be the same line as the starting line.

7 Schedule of Events

8-9 AM Registration

9:15 AM Skippers Meeting

10:30 AM First warning signal, races to follow

2:15 PM No warning after

Targeting 5-7 races. Awards to follow.

8 Courses and Marks - 8.1) See Appendix C below.

9 Time Limits and Target Times - 9.1) The time limit for races shall be 1 hour. **9.2)** Boats not finishing within 15 minutes of the first boat to finish shall be scored DNF. **9.3)** Target time for each race is 30 minutes.

10 Protests - 10.1) Competitors intending to protest must inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing. Boats should first sail to the non-course side of the Race Committee boat and report. **10.2)** Protests must be filed with the Race Committee within 45 minutes of the time the Race Committee boat docks.

11 Scoring - 11.1) The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A2, will be used. **11.2)** A minimum of 1 race must be completed to constitute a series. **11.3)** If 6 or more races are sailed there shall be one throw-out race. **11.4)** ILCA 4 / ILCA 6 sailors who compete shall be scored separately if there are at least 3 competing. If less than 3 compete they shall be scored with ILCA 7s.

12 Safety - 12.1) Life jackets shall be worn at all times while racing, failure to do so will result in disqualification. **12.2)** Competitors must check in with the Race Committee boat once they are on station prior to racing; failure to do so will result in the competitor not being scored. Checkins must be done while on starboard tack to the lee of Race Committee by hailing them with your sail # ie "185042 checking in". **12.3)** Competitors who wish to end their day early must inform the Race Committee prior to sailing in.

13 Awards - Awards will be presented to the top 3 finishers in each scored fleet.

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Appendix C: Courses

I1 - Windward leeward - Start → 1 → Finish

I2 - Double windward leeward - Start → 1 → Pin → 1 → Finish

