



ILCA ASIAN CUP 2026
QINHUANGDAO
2026年ILCA级亚洲杯帆船赛 秦皇岛站

In conjunction with:



Organising Authorities:



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NOTICE OF RACE ILCA Asian Cup 2026 QinHuangDao 10~15 June CHINA

*(in conjunction with
ILCA Asia Summer Training Camp
3~9 June)*

**Organising Authorities:
Chinese Yachting Association and ILCA Asia**

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.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix T "Arbitration" will apply.
- 1.5 In all rules governing this event.
 - (a) Both 'athlete' and 'competitor' mean a person competing or intending to compete in the event.
 - (b) **[SP]** denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee or Technical Committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the Jury with a hearing (this changes RRS A5);
 - (c) **[DP]** denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Jury; and
 - (d) **[NP]** denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat and for which the Jury may refuse to hold a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1 and 63.2.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.7 RRS 90.3(e) applies.

2. [DP] [NP] ADVERTISING

- 2.1 When provided by the Organising Authority, boats or competitors shall carry, display or wear the following as instructed:
 - (a) Coloured bibs for event leaders;
 - (b) Event advertising;
 - (c) **[SP]** Tracking and timing system equipment

3. ENTRY REGULATIONS

- 3.1 All entries shall meet the requirements of World Sailing Eligibility Code.
- 3.2 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 ILCA Asian Cup 2026 QinHuangDao, entries shall be open to competitors of all nationalities, but not to competitors holding only Russian or Belarussian nationality.

- 3.3 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:
<https://www.sailing.org/sailors/world-sailing-profile/>
- 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 2015. Proof of age will be required at registration.
- 3.8 For the ILCA7 Men Under 21 category, competitors must be born in 2006 or after.
- 3.9 For the ILCA6 Youth Under 19 categories, competitors must be born in 2008 or after.
- 3.10 For the ILCA4 Class, competitors must be born in 2009 or after.
- 3.11 For the ILCA6 /ILCA7 Master categories, competitor must be 30 years of age or older as of 10 June 2026.
- 3.12 Each sailor under 18 years old on 3 June 2026 shall provide a completed parent / guardian consent form at registration. For the duration of the training camp and the championship, each sailor under 18 years old shall be supervised by the responsible adult named on the parent / guardian consent form.
- 3.13 The responsible adult (if applicable) and competitors shall register together on site at the race office before 1800hr on 3 June 2026.
- 3.14 At the discretion of the Organising Authority, the total number of participants for the training camp may be restricted to 100; and the total number of entries for the event may be restricted to 240.
- 3.15 All participants of the ILCA Asia Summer Training Camp must also enter for the ILCA Asian Cup 2026 QingHuangDao. Participants of the ILCA Asia Summer Training Camp must report for registration on 3 June 2026.

4. ENTRY APPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Application for Entry shall be accepted on the ILCA Asia website (<https://event.ilcaasia.org>) from **20 April 2026** in accordance with the "Entry Procedure" appended to this Notice of Race.
- 4.2 Application for Entry closes on **11 May 2026 2359hr SGP time**.
- 4.3 The Entry Fees are as follows:
(a) ILCA Asia Summer Training Camp (Entry Fee USD \$200) plus ILCA Asian Cup 2026 QinHuangDao (Entry Fee USD \$330), **Total Entry Fee USD \$530**
(b) ILCA Asian Cup 2026 QingHuangDao only (**Entry Fee USD \$330**)
- 4.4 The Entry Closing Date is **26 May 2026 2359hr SGP time**
- 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 \$80 in addition to the Entry Fees in para 4.3**

5. EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS

- 5.1 For charter boats, please contact:
Shanghai Fareast Co. Ltd
Ms Riley Song, email: riley.song@fareastboats.com | Tel : +8619952686287 , or

QingDao Zou Inter Marine Co., Ltd.
Ms Penny MA, email: penny.ma@zouintermarine.com
- 5.2 The dateline for booking a charter boat is 26 May 2026.

6. [NP] [DP] BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 6.1 The event will be sailed in ILCA class boats as recognised 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.
- 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 event will comprise a ten-race series over four days with two races on day 1, three races on day 2, three races on day 3 and two races on day 4.
- 7.2 The Organising Authority may decide to split the entries into fleets and sail a qualifying series followed by a final series.
- 7.3 The Organising Authority may decide that fleets of a division will sail together.
- 7.4 If four races of a qualifying series have not been completed by the end of the second scheduled racing day, that qualifying series will continue until the end of the racing day in which a fourth qualifying race is completed.
- 7.5 A qualifying series race will not count until all qualifying series fleets have completed that race.

8. SCHEDULE

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| 8.1 | Wednesday 3 June 2026 | 1400hr – 1800hr ILCA Asia Summer Training Camp Registration |
| | Thursday 4 June to | 0900hr – 1800hr ILCA Asia Summer Training Camp |
| | Tuesday 9 June 2026 | |
| | Wednesday 10 June 2026 | 0900hr -1200hr & 1300hr -1800hr Registration, Equipment Inspection
Race Management Workshop |
| | Thursday 11 June 2026 | 0900hr - 1030hr Opening Ceremony
1130hr - 1800hr Registration, Equipment Inspection
1400hr Practice race |
| | Friday 12 June 2026 | 2 races back-to-back (Qualifying series) |
| | Saturday 13 June 2026 | 3 races back-to-back (Qualifying series) |
| | Sunday 14 June 2026 | 3 races back-to-back (Qualifying /Final series) & Social Evening |
| | Monday 15 June 2026 | 2 races back-to-back (Final series) followed by prize giving party &
Reception |
- 8.2 Up to four races a day may be sailed if the schedule is behind.
 - 8.3 The time of the first warning signal on 12 June 2026 will be 1200hr.
 - 8.4 Each day succeeding races will start as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
 - 8.5 On 15 June 2026 no warning signal will be made after 1500hr.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 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 Seatopia, Huamao 1st Road, Beidaihe New District, Qinhuangdao, Hebei, China 066311 (Northern Headquarters Base of the Chinese Yachting Association)

- 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 A Technical Committee will be appointed in accordance with RRS 92.
- 11.2 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.
- 11.3 Equipment inspection will take place at the Boat Storage Hanger near the boat park according to the Schedule. Equipment inspections outside the scheduled times will only be possible at the discretion of the Technical Committee and on payment of USD \$20.
- 11.4 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 website (<https://event.ilcaasia.org>) by the entry closing date.
- 12.2 Coaches will be required to pay a fee of **USD \$100** 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 organisation, exchange points of view and inform the coaches about changes in the sailing instructions and event organisation in general.

13. COURSES

- 13.1 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

- 14.1 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b).

15. [DP] RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 15.1 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

- 16.1 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 Two 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, U21 & Master results will be extracted without recalculation.
- 17.6 When different divisions of the same class sail together, the results will be extracted without recalculation.

18. SCORING FOR ILCA ASIA ANNUAL OVERALL RANKING

- 18.1 Results of the ILCA Asian Cup 2026 QinHuangDao shall count towards the **2026** ILCA Asia Annual Overall Ranking.
- 18.2 Details of the ranking calculation are published on the ILCA Asia Website <https://event.ilcaasia.org/>

19. TITLES & PRIZES

- 19.1 Prizes will be awarded in the following divisions and categories:
 - (a) ILCA7 Men / U21 / Masters
 - (b) ILCA6 Men / U19 Youth / Masters
 - (c) ILCA6 Women / U19 Youth / Masters
 - (d) ILCA4 Youth U18 Boys / Youth U16 Boys
 - (e) ILCA4 Youth U18 Girls / Youth U16 Girls
- 19.2 When there are 5 or more entries, top 3 prizes will be awarded.
- 19.3 When there are 3 or 4 entries, top 2 prizes will be awarded.
- 19.4 An ILCA Asian District Cup will be awarded to the top performing ILCA district.
- 19.5 An ILCA Asian Club Cup will be awarded to the top performing club.
- 19.6 If there are competitors from districts outside of ILCA Asian Region, overall prizes will be awarded to the top three competitors overall of each category, regardless of their nationality.
- 19.7 The Organising Authority may present special commemorative awards.

20. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

- 20.1 By entering the event competitors automatically grant to the Organising 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.

21. LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

- 21.1 The Chinese Yachting Association, International Laser Class Association (ILCA), ILCA Asia, the host, the supporting agencies 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.
- 21.2 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.
- 21.3 Competitors shall maintain their boats in a safe and seaworthy condition.

- 21.4 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.
- 21.5 At-fault occurrences to other boats are the responsibility of the competitor. Competitors are not covered by any liability insurance provided by the Organising Authority and should provide their own coverage for personal goods and liability protection. The Organising Authority recommends that competitors consult their own insurance carriers to ensure they are covered at this event and regarding additional personal liability insurance coverage.
- 21.6 A competitor is advised to have personal accident and health insurance that covers him/her while attending the event and while racing.
- 21.7 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.

22. LOCAL CONTACT (excluding entry and entry payment)

22.1 Host, letter of invitation, local transfers, accommodations:

Mr Lizhi Sun

Email: sunlizh@sinooceangroup.com | Mobile:+86 13439134478 | WeChat: Jimlizhi

22.2 Coach boat charter:

Mr Feng Gao

Email: 630405109@qq.com | Mobile:+86 15076009992

22.2 ILCA Asia contact:

Event Secretary

email: events.ILCA.Asia@gmail.com

23. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

23.1 This notice of race may be subject to amendments which will be identified on the ILCA Asia event website.

ATTACHMENT 1

ILCA ASIAN CUP 2026 QINHUANGDAO ENTRY PROCEDURE (INCLUDING ILCA ASIA SUMMER TRAINING CAMP)

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 **Step 1 – Application for Entry**
Application for Entry shall be accepted online from 20th April 2026 at the ILCA Asia Website (<https://event.ilcaasia.org>). **Application closes on 11 May 2026 2359hr SGP time.**
- 2.2 **Step 2 – ILCA District Endorsement**
Each ILCA District / National Association will be requested to review the application for entries from its district / nation.
ILCA Districts / 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.
Applications shall be considered as rejected if the ILCA Districts / National Associations do not respond by 18 May 2026 2359hr SGP time.
- 2.3 **Step 3 – Entry Offer & Payment**
Upon receipt of district endorsements, offers for entries with payment link will be sent to successful competitors. Offers for entries must be accepted and paid by **Entry Closing Date 26 May 2026 2359hr SGP time.**
**Only sailors from ILCA District / National Association that have paid up the 2025 District Membership Fees to ILCA will be offered entries.*

3. LATE APPLICATIONS & ENTRIES

- 3.1 Late application for entries may be accepted 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 \$20 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.