ILCA NA Masters 2027 Boat Charter information

Charter Boats

Travelling to Vancouver for the 2027 ILCA Masters and unable to bring your own boat? The organizing committee is working with local owners to make a limited number of privately owned ILCAs available to visiting sailors for the regatta at Jericho Sailing Centre, June 24 to 27, 2027, and for the optional clinic and tune up day on June 23.

We do not yet know how many charter boats will be available, so please plan to bring your own boat if you can. Requests are handled in the order received, and a charter is secure only once it has been confirmed.

How it works

The charter boats belong to local sailors, many of them junior members of Vancouver yacht clubs, who have kindly offered their boats to support the regatta. The organizing committee matches each visiting sailor with a boat owner and helps with logistics such as getting boats to Jericho.

The charter itself is an agreement between the sailor and the boat owner. You sign a short charter agreement with the owner and pay the owner directly. The organizing committee is not a party to the charter and does not collect charter fees. Any questions about damage, repairs or the damage deposit are settled directly between the sailor and the owner; the charter coordinator is not involved in those discussions.

What is included

Boats are supplied race ready. Each charter boat comes with:

- Hull with hiking strap and standard deck fittings
- ratchet block;
- Spars: top section, the correct lower section for your rig (ILCA 7 or ILCA 6), and boom
- Centreboard and rudder
- Launching dolly: we will endeavour to supply one with every boat, and at a minimum we will make sure you have a way to move your boat between dinghy storage and the water

What you need to bring

- Sail and battens for your rig (ILCA 7 or ILCA 6)
- Control lines: mainsheet, vang, outhaul, Cunningham and traveller
- Tiller and tiller extension
- Your own hiking strap, if you prefer it (optional)

Travel tip: a rolled sail, battens, lines and a tiller fit in a standard sail tube or ski bag and can fly as checked luggage.

Charter fee

The charter fee is set between the sailor and the boat owner and will be approximately $125 to $150 CAD per day, paid directly to the owner.

- Regatta only, June 24 to 27 (4 days): approximately $500 to $600 CAD
- Clinic day plus regatta, June 23 to 27 (5 days): approximately $625 to $750 CAD

To confirm your charter, you pay the owner a booking payment equal to one day's fee when you sign the charter agreement. This payment is credited against your total fee. You pay the balance and the damage deposit at pickup.

You and the owner agree on how to pay, for example Interac e-Transfer or cash at pickup.

Damage deposit

A refundable damage deposit of $750 CAD is paid to the owner when you collect the boat. The owner returns the deposit at check-in, less the cost of repairing any damage beyond normal wear and tear. If something breaks during the regatta, the owner may deduct the repair cost and ask you to top the deposit back up before you sail again.

Insurance

Insurance requirements for charter boats are set out in the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and the charter agreement.

How to request a charter boat

1. Email the charter coordinator, Matt Collingwood (mattcollingwood@gmail.com), with your name, country, sail number, rig (ILCA 7 or ILCA 6), the days you need (regatta only, or clinic day plus regatta), your arrival date and a mobile number.
2. We will match you with an owner and send you the boat's details (builder, year, condition and whether a dolly is included) along with an introduction to the owner.
3. You and the owner sign the charter agreement (https://jsca.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/11/Charter-Agreement-2027-ILCA-Masters_final.pdf), and you pay the owner the booking payment.
4. Your charter is confirmed once the signed agreement is returned to the coordinator and the owner has received the booking payment.
5. Once your charter is confirmed, enter the regatta (https://jsca.bc.ca/event/2027-ilca-na-masters-championship/).

Please send requests by June 1, 2027. Requests received after the fleet is full go on a waitlist, in order of receipt.

Collecting and returning your boat

- You and the owner arrange a pickup time at Jericho Sailing Centre before your first day on the water: June 23 if you are sailing the clinic, or June 24 if you are sailing the regatta only.

- Inspect the boat with the owner, note any existing damage on the condition form, and take photos. This protects both of you.
- Keep the boat in its assigned spot in the dinghy park for the duration of the event.
- If anything is damaged, tell the owner the same day so repairs can happen before the next race.
- Return the boat immediately after the final race on Sunday, June 27, and no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, June 28. Jericho Sailing Centre may end courtesy storage shortly after the regatta. Return it rinsed, derigged and checked in with the owner, who will then refund your deposit.

Changes and cancellations

If your plans change, tell the charter coordinator and the owner as soon as possible so the boat can go to the next sailor on the waitlist.

- The booking payment is non-refundable, unless the owner charters the boat to another sailor for the same dates, in which case the owner refunds it.
- Once you collect the boat, the full fee for the days you booked is due, even if you stop sailing early.

Frequently asked questions

Can I choose a specific boat? Boats are allocated in the order requests are received. Tell us any preferences and we will do our best to match them.

What condition are the boats in? Boats are supplied race ready. They are privately owned and vary in age, and we will share each boat's builder, year and condition before you commit.

Can I switch between ILCA 7 and ILCA 6? The boat comes with the lower section for the rig you request. Let us know in advance if you want to sail a different rig on any day.

I am flying in and cannot bring a tiller. Can I borrow one? Ask the charter coordinator. Local sailors can sometimes lend a tiller or lines.

Contact

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