2026 Notice of Series
I-LYA Junior Sailing Traveler's Series

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The I-LYA Junior Traveler's Series is a summer-long series of regatta competitions hosted at I-LYA Member Clubs from May through August. Top finishing skippers and crew in each qualifying fleet receive an overall Series Award upon the conclusion of the last scheduled event. The Traveler's Series schedule is posted on the Events/Junior Sail webpage located at I-LYA.org or clicking here.

1. RULES

Races will be governed by the rules as defined in "The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028", the prescriptions of US Sailing, and the Notice of Race for each individual event. Event organizers will structure their regatta according to the guidelines established by the "I-LYA Traveler's Series Rules & Procedures", however, the I-LYA Junior Sailing Code of Conduct shall not apply, and comply with state youth concussion laws with documents available at the Traveler's Series webpage at I-LYA.org.

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

2.1 This Series is open to all Optimist, C420, ILCA 4, 6, and 7 classes and Thistle Class boats.

2.2 Sailors must be at least 7 years old and can participate in the Traveler's Series up to and including the summer immediately following their senior year of high school.

2.3 Event organizers and regatta participants shall use www.theclubspot.com, an on-line service for pre-regatta set-up, regatta registration and event scoring.

2.4 Eligible sailors are required to register for each event on-line using www.theclubspot.com, and encouraged to register as early as possible. On-line registration for each regatta will close at 12-noon the Thursday before each scheduled event.

2.5 Three registered boats in each fleet are required to be eligible for individual regatta and overall Traveler's Series awards.

3. FEES

3.1 Series costs are covered by a $250.00 regatta hosting fee paid to I-LYA by each club by June 15, 2024

3.2 Regatta registration fees per participant will be as follows:

- **$30** if registered by 12 noon seven days before the event
- **$40** if registered between the early deadline and 12 noon two days before the event
- **$60** for late registration after 12 noon two days before the event
    - Optimist Green Fleet sailors will be exempt from late fees; however, advance online registration is strongly encouraged to assist host clubs with event planning and preparation.

Fees shall be paid to the host club. Acceptable forms of payment will be listed in the specific NOR for the event.

4. SCHEDULE & COMPETITORS MEETING

4.1 A Competitors' meeting to include safety and communication protocol will be held at 10:00 A.M., with the first race to follow as soon as possible. This may be a virtual meeting, please see the organizer's NOR.

4.2 It is recommended that the Sailing Instructions use "No initial starting sequence shall be started after 16:00" or as suitable to allow for awards beginning between 17:00-17:30.

4.3 Complete Schedule shall be according to the Regatta Sailing Instructions.

5. SERIES WAIVER, MEDICAL FORMS

Hosting Clubs shall utilize both Traveler's Series Waiver and Medical Forms. These forms are included in the I-LYA Junior Membership (Free) which is a prerequisite to sign up for Traveler's Series events. Links are found on the junior website. Parents, guardians and/or team coordinators are encouraged to update all contact information on these forms prior to each event throughout the season.

6. CLUB TEAM REPRESENTATIVE

All Clubs participating in a Traveler's Series Regatta shall appoint at least one adult to appear at registration and is responsible throughout the day to be present ashore in case of illness or injury of a team member. On-the-water instructors and/or coaches do not qualify as a designated adult responsible for this purpose.

7. SAIL IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

7.1 Competitors are expected to update sail numbers when registering on-line for each event. Competitors will confirm their sail number at check-in on the day of an event to help prevent scoring errors.

7.2 ILCA: The assignment of a Series top-sail number is required of each competitor to aid in race management. Top-sail numbers are assigned through the Series Scorer, and will remain with each competitor throughout their eligibility in the Junior Series. Competitors are responsible to purchase their own numbers/digit(s) once assigned. All assigned numbers shall be applied to the upper most head section of the mainsail in a non-overlapping position port to starboard. An ILCA topsail number can be assigned by emailing ilya.juniors@gmail.com

8. GREEN REGATTA

Series is a Sailors for the Sea "Clean Regatta". As such, all competitors are encouraged to use non single use water bottles and recycle all appropriate items. More info at http://www.sailorsforthesea.org/programs/clean-regattas

9. SCORING

9.1 Series and Regatta Scoring will be according to RRS Appendix A.

9.2 Number of races to include a regatta throw out shall be stated in the Regatta Sailing Instructions

9.3 Overall series scoring will be conducted by the Series Scorer upon completion of the last scheduled event. Details, including Competitor Instructions, are in the Regatta section of the I-LYA Juniors Page.

9.4 Thistle, C420, ILCA 4, 6 and 7 and Optimist Red/White/Blue: Series placements are based on the best four regatta finishes out of the total number of regattas scheduled with the Thistle Series being no more than the best four finishes where the total number conducted is less than the number scheduled.

9.5 Series Team award determined by the top three finishes from each club for each regatta across three fleets

9.6 Optimist Green: Although not scored as part of the overall series Optimist Green will sail

and compete for individual participation awards at each event.

10. TRAVELERS SERIES AWARDS

Thistle 1st, 2nd & 3rd in Series Szambecki Scholarship Award, 1st & 2nd.
C420 1st – 8th in Series Anne Frazier Award, 1st overall & Copfer Award, top finishing female team.
ILCA 6 1st – 8th in Series Laser Radial Plaque, 1st overall.
ILCA 4 and 7: 1st – 3rd Overall
Optimist 1st – 8th in Series Jeb Memorial Award, 1st overall.
Team Award 1st, 2nd and 3rd, Stan Cliff Award

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