

The 2026 Welsh Harp Sailing Club Laser/ILCA Open Notice of Race (NoR) version 1 Saturday 19th September 2026 at the Welsh Harp Sailing Club. Birchen Grove, London, NW9 8SA Organising Authority: Welsh Harp Sailing Club in collaboration with Thames Valley ILCA Grand Prix Series											
0	GENERAL										
	The Welsh Harp Sailing Club Laser/ ILCA Open is a series of races that will be held at Welsh Harp Sailing Club on Saturday 19th September. There will be maximum of 4 races starting 11am.										
1	RULES										
1.1	This event will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (Sailing Racing Rules : Racing Rules World Sailing), the rules of the ILCA UK class association, the Sailing Instructions (SIs) and this Notice of Race.										
1.2	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.										
2	SAILING INSTRUCTIONS										
2.1	The sailing instructions will be available at the time of registration and on the Welsh Harp Sailing Club website										
3	COMMUNICATION										
3.1	[DP] While racing, 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	ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY										
4.1	The event is open to all boats of the ILCA and Laser classes. Boats must comply with class legal (ILCA UK class association) boats, rigging and sails and foils if to be included in the Thames Valley Grand Prix Series .										
4.2	Competitors are eligible for entry with the payment of an entry fee and completing the relevant sections of the online entry form or in person on the day. Early bird fees apply for entries completed by midnight Friday 18th September.										
4.3	Medical forms must be completed (at registration on the day) for any conditions relevant to the event.										
4.4	Under 18 must have parental permission forms, completed at registration on the day, by the parent, legal guardian, or Appointed Adult Supervisor (<i>Loco Parentis</i>).										
5	FEES										
5.1	Entry fees are as follows: <table><tr><td>Welsh Harp SC Laser/ILCA Open</td><td>Standard (£)</td><td>Early Bird (£)</td></tr><tr><td>Adult</td><td>20</td><td>15</td></tr><tr><td>Under 18/ Student</td><td>7.50</td><td>10</td></tr></table> Note: • Early bird closes midnight Friday 18th September • Youth is defined as 17 or younger as at 31 December 2026.		Welsh Harp SC Laser/ILCA Open	Standard (£)	Early Bird (£)	Adult	20	15	Under 18/ Student	7.50	10
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	• Student is defined as ‘Full time’ student • Entry fee includes limited breakfast (breakfast roll), Saturday brunch and after racing refreshments.				
6	SCHEDULE				
6.1	The Welsh Harp Sailing Club Laser/ ILCA Open will be a series of four races <table><tr><th>Event Details</th><th>Key Times</th></tr><tr><td> The Welsh Harp Sailing Club Laser/ ILCA Open Welsh Harp Sailing Club Saturday 19th September 2026 </td><td> 09:00 – 10.30 Registration (medical forms etc and sign-on) 10:30 Briefing in front of club house 11:00 1st Race warning signal 2nd Race follows back to back 13:15 - 14:00 Brunch 14:30 3rd Race warning signal 4th Race follows back to back 17:00 Prize giving + refreshments </td></tr></table>	Event Details	Key Times	The Welsh Harp Sailing Club Laser/ ILCA Open Welsh Harp Sailing Club Saturday 19th September 2026	09:00 – 10.30 Registration (medical forms etc and sign-on) 10:30 Briefing in front of club house 11:00 1st Race warning signal 2nd Race follows back to back 13:15 - 14:00 Brunch 14:30 3rd Race warning signal 4th Race follows back to back 17:00 Prize giving + refreshments
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6.2	On the day of racing no warning signal will be made after 16:00				
7	VENUE				
7.1	The venue is Welsh Harp Sailing Club, Birchen Grove, London, NW9 8SA. (see below in ‘Further Information’ for parking details. Gate on Birchen Grove for visiting boats to enter and drop will be opened 08.45. For any other requests, please get in touch.				
8	COURSES				
8.1	The courses to be sailed and the marks to be used will be described in the Sailing Instructions which will be available at the registration time for each event, and on the WHSC website.				
9	SCORING				
9.1	The series will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the RRS using the Low Point System. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series for the event. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of their individual race scores. When four races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score, i.e., single discard.				
10	SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS				
10.1	Support vessels are not allowed.				
11	BERTHING				
12	DATA PROTECTION				

12.1	As mentioned in section 4.3, medical forms must be completed for any conditions relevant to the event. Under 18 must have parental permission forms. These will all be kept in a sealed envelope during the event and destroyed after the event.
13	RISK STATEMENT
13.1	Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: <i>"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"</i> Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that: (i) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event; (ii) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore; (iii) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions; (iv) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to sail; (v) The provision of a race management team, patrol/safety boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities; (vi) The provision of patrol/safety boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances; (vii) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to the venue or the event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the event or venue and to attend any safety briefings for the event. (viii) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.
14	INSURANCE
14.1	Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.
15	PRIZES
	1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes for each fleet ILCA 7 (Standard), ILCA 6 (Radial) and other fun prizes at the discretion of the organisers.
16	FURTHER INFORMATION
16.1	WHSC is within the London ULEZ – here is link to check if you need to pay to bring your vehicle into the zone: https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/check-your-vehicle/ Birchen Grove (adjacent to WHSC) has parking restrictions on 19th September (a Wembley Stadium event day). Please park in the Welsh Harp car park at the far end of Birchen Grove to avoid a PCN after dropping your boat in the boat park. For any further information please contact Welsh Harp Sailing Club - Laser Fleet Captain michamyers54@gmail.com / muffingreen@me.com