

Strong Breeze and Tight Racing Open ILCA Thailand Nationals in Pattaya

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The **ILCA Thailand National Championships** opened today at Royal Varuna Yacht Club with **102 entries** from **15 nations** with a notable highlight of the event being the **growing presence of Chinese sailors**, reflecting the continued development and expanding depth of ILCA sailing in the region.

Following a calm morning, sailors were briefed ashore at **10:30 local time**, with the breeze steadily

building as forecast. By late morning, fleets launched into a developing south-westerly wind, which filled in shortly after midday to produce **12–14 knots**, with gusts reaching **18 knots** during racing.

The RVYC Race Committee made full use of the conditions, setting fair and consistent courses that tested both boat handling and tactical decision-making throughout the day.

In the **ILCA 7 fleet**, featuring **31 competitors**, **Finley Dickinson (GBR)** leads after scoring two race wins from three races. **Nooa Laukkanen (FIN)** holds second place, while **Chusitt Punjamala (THA)** rounds out the top three.

The **ILCA 6 fleet**, with a competitive **34-boat entry**, saw a standout performance from **Marion Grace Montgomery (THA)**, who heads into Day 2 in **overall first place** after an impressive comeback on the opening day.



Jung Hyewon (KOR) sits second, with **Ton Rattana (THA)**, a familiar name on the regional circuit, in third.

In the **ILCA 4 fleet**, featuring **37 entries**, Thai sailors made a strong start, occupying the top three positions after Day 1. **Pinchanok Klaysomboon (THA)** leads the fleet, followed by **Hussaluk Srinakorn (THA)** in second and **Thanvisit Kitchanasiri (THA)** in third.

With strong fleets, international representation, and reliable breeze, conditions are set for another competitive day of racing. Sailors now look ahead to **Race Day 2**, with favourable winds once again forecast for Pattaya.



Racing continued on **Day 2 of the ILCA Thailand National Championships** with stable conditions and clear skies providing another strong day of competition on the waters off Pattaya.

10–11 knots, with a bright and sunny Sunday developing as fleets prepared to launch. Action on the water was assured, with competitors launching by **11:00 local time**.

With a **westerly breeze** established, the RVYC Race Committee had the course set early, once again implementing a **staggered start sequence**, with **ILCA 7** racing first, followed by **ILCA 6** and **ILCA 4**. Sailors from **15 different nations**, with fleets exceeding **30 boats in each class**, delivered close and competitive racing across the course.

In the **ILCA 7 fleet**, **Finley Dickinson (GBR)** continued his dominant form, holding **first place overall** with an impressive **five race wins from six races completed**. **Nooa Laukkanen (FIN)** remains firmly in second place, while **Chusitt Punjamala (THA)** sits third after another consistent day on the water.

The **ILCA 6 fleet** saw tight battles throughout the day, particularly at the first and second marks, as positions changed frequently in the developing breeze. **Marion Grace Montgomery (THA)** maintained her strong form to retain **overall first place** heading into Day 3. Behind her, **Ton Rattana (THA)** and **Jung Hyewon (KOR)** are **tied on points**, setting up a closely contested final day.

In the **ILCA 4 fleet**, several changes occurred within the top group. **Yu Kai Chen (TPE)** moved into **third place** by the end of Day 2, while **Hussaluk Srinakorn (THA)** held steady in second. **Pinchanok Klaysomboon (THA)** continues to lead the fleet, holding a **one-point advantage** going into the final day of racing.

With close margins across all fleets, **Day 3 is set to be a decisive day** for the athletes as the ILCA Thailand National Championships approach their conclusion.



The **ILCA Thailand National Championships** concluded today at Royal Varuna Yacht Club with a full and decisive final day of racing, as all fleets completed the **nine races originally scheduled** for the regatta. The Royal Varuna Yacht Club Race Committee remained on schedule throughout the championship, delivering a well-managed and complete series.



With three races remaining, the final day began with a **briefing at 09:30**, followed by a group photo ashore before sailors launched at approximately **11:00 local time**. Conditions once again delivered, with a **westerly breeze of 10–12 knots** providing consistent and fair racing across all fleets.

In the **ILCA 7 fleet**, the podium positions were firmly established heading into the final day and remained unchanged through the concluding races. **Finley Dickinson (GBR)** secured **overall victory**, ahead of **Nooa Laukkanen (FIN)** in second and **Chusitt**

Punjamala (THA) in third, confirming a dominant and consistent performance from the leading trio.

The **ILCA 6 fleet** produced some of the closest racing of the championship, with the top three positions trading places race by race on the final day. With live Sailfish tracking allowing members and spectators to follow the action closely, the final standings were decided only after the last race. **Marion Grace Montgomery (THA)** claimed **overall victory**, with **Jung Hyewon (KOR)** finishing second and **Ton Rattana (THA)** securing third place.

In the **ILCA 4 fleet**, the championship came down to the final race, with the top two sailors separated by just **one point** heading into Race 9. After an intense final battle, **Pinchanok Klaysomboon (THA)** and **Hussaluk Srinakorn (THA)** finished **tied on 17 points overall**, highlighting the exceptionally close competition throughout the fleet. **Yu Kai Chen (TPE)** completed the podium in third place.

Across three days of racing, the atmosphere on and off the water reinforced **Royal Varuna Yacht Club's reputation as a world-class sailing venue**, providing competitive racing conditions, efficient race management, and a welcoming environment for sailors from across the region and beyond.

The 2026 ILCA Thailand National Championships conclude with strong international participation, close racing across all fleets, and a high standard of competition from start to finish.