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**Kingston, Ontario, to host two Sailing World Championships**

Canadian Olympic-training Regatta Kingston (CORK) is set to host two sailing World Championships this summer. The ILCA Laser Radial Youth Worlds will take place July 24-31 at Portsmouth Olympic Harbour followed by the ILCA Laser 4.7 Youth Worlds from August 16-23. CORK will host over 500 athletes (boys and girls ages 12-19) and coaches from 42 countries.

Marianne Davis, Executive Director of CORK notes, “2019 marks a symbolic year for CORK as we are celebrating our 50th anniversary. CORK sailing events have welcomed the world to Kingston since 1969 including the 1976 Olympics and more than 40 World Championships. This summer’s world championships will showcase top youth athletes from all over the world.”

Kingston has previously hosted several World Championships for the Laser Class, most recently three worlds in 2015.

"The International Laser Class Association is excited about returning to Kingston in 2019”, says Randolph Bertin, International Laser Class Association. “With two major youth World Championships, you will be seeing the future of sailing. Kingston is a welcoming city and we look forward to a friendly reception for the sailors who will be coming from around the world to crown new champions.”

Megan Knott, Executive Director of Tourism Kingston comments on CORK’s strong economic impact. “CORK has been a major contributor to sport tourism in Kingston for 50 years, and what a way to celebrate by hosting two world championships. This summer, we estimate these events will provide $4.5M in total economic impact to Kingston and $6M to Ontario”.

It is estimated that CORK has brought in over $100M to the City of Kingston over its’ lifetime. To see the full list of regattas this summer, please visit [http://www.cork.org/event-schedule/](http://www.cork.org/event-schedule/).

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About Tourism Kingston
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