

## **2024 Canadian Open and Lake Erie Districts**

**July 5-7, 2024**

International Lightning Class Association & Buffalo Canoe Club & Lightning Fleet 12 are the organizing authorities.

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

#### **1 – RULES**

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024, the ILCA Constitution, By-Laws, Lightning Specifications and the Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships (hereafter referred to as Document Governing). They are available at <https://www.lightningclass.org/docgoverning> and [https://www.lightningclass.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=86&club\\_id=93488](https://www.lightningclass.org/content.aspx?page_id=86&club_id=93488)

1.2. Boats are required to carry portable equipment in accordance with NOR Addendum ILCA Required Equipment. (attached)

1.3. The rules identified below will be changed as noted. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

1.3.1 RRS 42.3(c) is changed to read: “Except on a beat to windward, when surfing (rapidly accelerating down the front of a wave) or planing is possible, the boat’s crew may pull any sail using the sheet only, (not the guy) in order to initiate surfing or planing but each sail may be pulled in only once for each wave or gust of wind. When the mainsail is pumped, only that part of the sheet between the crew member handling the sheet and the first block on the boom shall be used.”

1.3.2 RRS 44 is changed to add the following: “The two turns penalty as provided in RRS Rule 44 will apply with the additional provision that when an infringing yacht has its spinnaker drawing at the time of the infringement, drops it completely while taking her penalty, and resets it immediately and has it drawing after the penalty, the penalty is one full turn instead of two.”

#### **2 – SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available online at the following link: <https://yachtscoring.com>

#### **3 – COMMUNICATION**

3.1. Use of hand-held VHF radios will be permitted for communication from the Race Committee to competitors on a predetermined channel to be identified in the Sailing Instructions. The Race Committee intends to use VHF radio to identify OCS (On Course Side of the line) boats after starts and otherwise communicate with the fleet on the water. Failure to receive a hail, for a hail to be made, the order of hails made, or receive other communications to the fleet shall not be cause for redress.

3.2. Other use of any communication devices is prohibited, and such use shall require withdrawal from the race unless determined by the Race Committee to have been for emergency purposes.

#### **4 – ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

4.1. Eligibility for boats, skippers and crew shall be in accordance with ILCA By-Laws and shall be in accordance with the Document Governing, which Articles apply in their entirety. Skipper must be a Life, Active or Associate Member of the ILCA. Crew must be Life, Active, Associate or Crew Member of the ILCA.

#### **5 – REGISTRATION AND FEES**

5.1. Registration is on-line at the following link: <https://yachtscoring.com>

5.2. The entry fee is \$150.00 USD until June 30 and \$165.00 USD thereafter.

5.3. Registration includes: racing, Saturday night dinner and entertainment, post-race snacks and refreshments each day, and awards.

#### **6 – ADVERTISING**

6.1. Advertising shall be in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20 except that it shall be restricted to the hull only in accordance with Document Governing Article VIII (2). Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

#### **7 – SCHEDULE**

##### Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>:

15:00 Arrival accepted.

18:00 to 19:00 Check In & Registration

19:00 Music entertainment & dinner available at Club for purchase

##### Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>:

08:00-10:00 Check-In, registration

10:00 Competitors' meeting

11:30 First Warning Signal  
18:00 Dinner (3 tickets included with Registration)

Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>:

10:30 First Warning Signal  
14:30 No Warning Signal after this time  
Awards & refreshments following racing

The Race Committee may adjust the racing schedule and racing area to suit weather conditions. The number of races shall be a maximum of six. One race constitutes a regatta.

## **8 – EQUIPMENT INSPECTION [DP]**

8.1. Each boat shall hold and produce a valid Measurement Certificate at measurement and must display a current ILCA membership hull decal. Boats, sails, and equipment may be measured and inspected in accordance with the Lightning Class By-Laws.

8.2. All sails shall have Official ILCA Royalty Labels. Mainsail and spinnaker numbers shall be the same. Spinnaker numbers shall be of a sufficiently contrasted color to make sail number identification possible.

8.3. Competitors are advised that the Chief Measurer or a designated representative may make spot measurements and inspection of required equipment during the Championship.

## **9 – VENUE**

9.1. Racing Area: Lake Erie, SE of Buffalo Canoe Club

9.2. Launching, hauling, and all boat storage will take place at Buffalo Canoe Club. Boats will be launched and hauled on both days.

9.3. Buffalo Canoe Club will be providing the Race Committee.

## **10 – COURSES**

10.1. Courses will be windward leeward as defined in the Sailing Instructions.

## **11 – SCORING**

11.1. The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A 4.1 will apply. All scores will count except if at least six (6) races are completed, each boat's worst score will be excluded from her series score. One (1) completed race shall constitute a series.

## **12 – SUPPORT BOATS**

12.1. Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel and vessels shall stay outside the racing area (defined as 100 meters outside the lay lines of the course, including the start area) from the first warning signal of the regatta until the last boat has finished the last race of the regatta. Individual competitors may not use support boats at any time during the regatta unless such support is available to all competitors or is authorized by the Race Committee. The penalty for failing to comply with these requirements may be the disqualification of all yachts associated with the infringing support personnel.

## **13 – RISK STATEMENT**

13.1. RRS 3 Decision to Race states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **14 – INSURANCE**

14.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of US \$300,000 per event or the equivalent. A copy of insurance company documents establishing that such coverage is current shall be produced if requested by the OA.

## **15 – PRIZES**

15.1. Awards presentation is planned at the Buffalo Canoe Club immediately following racing. Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 teams.

### **Further Information:**

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## NOR Addendum ILCA Required Equipment

### Portable Equipment

#### a. Mandatory

- i) A fluke-type anchor weighing not less than 1.8Kg (4lb) with a line not shorter than 15.24m (50ft). The line shall be a minimum of 9.525mm (3/8 inches) in diameter and shall be made of Nylon or Dacron. This line shall be used only for towing or anchoring. Alternatives may be prescribed in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions.
- ii) Compass.
- iii) Bucket with a minimum capacity of one gallon.
- iv) Throwable life preserver or cushion with an attached whistle.
- v) Paddle
- vi) Other lifesaving equipment as required by government regulations.

#### b. Optional

- i) Electronic Equipment – the following electronic devices are allowed aboard a Lightning in the regatta:
  - 1) Battery-powered wrist watches.
  - 2) An electronic digital compass with chronograph (timer and/or clock). The compass must be entirely self-contained with either an internal battery and/or solar power. The compass shall have no external connection and shall neither provide wind or boat speed nor compute correlations between time and distance.
  - 3) Other hand-held navigational devices. Use while racing is not permitted except for emergencies.
  - 4) Hand-held communication devices (cell phones, pagers, radios, etc.) with the following restrictions:
    - a) For this regatta, use is not permitted on the water except for emergencies. This restriction is modified to allow communication from the Race Committee to competitors on a predetermined Marine VHF channel.
    - b) The RC intends to communicate with competitors using a VHF Channel to be announced and will attempt to communicate to OCS boats using the same VHF Channel. Competitors should bring their own VHF radio. Failure or delay in this procedure shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 60.1 (b).
  - 5) Personal medical devices, attached to an individual, required for a person's well-being are allowed if they are medically necessary.
  - 6) In all cases where the use of electronic devices is not permitted, a competitor's use shall require withdrawal from the race unless the Race Committee deems use was for emergency reasons.