



**International Lightning Class Association  
Central Atlantic District Championship  
Brick, NJ, USA  
June 29-30, 2024**



**NOTICE OF RACE**

The International Lightning Class Association (ILCA) & Metedeconk River Yacht Club are the Organizing Authority (OA).

**1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the *ILCA Constitution* (<http://www.lightningclass.org/constitution>), *By-Laws* (<http://www.lightningclass.org/bylaws>), Lightning Specifications and the *Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships* (hereafter referred to as Document Governing) (<http://www.lightningclass.org/docgoverning>)
- 1.2. US Sailing Prescriptions apply and are available at: <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2021-2024-US-Prescriptions-Final.pdf>
- 1.3. Boats are required to carry portable equipment in accordance with *NOR Addendum ILCA Required Equipment*. (attached)
- 1.4. Appendix T Arbitration applies.
- 1.5. The rules identified below will be changed as noted. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
  - 1.5.1. RRS 27.3 is changed to add the following: "The RC or OA shall not abandon (or cancel) a scheduled race, or races, before the starting signal without approval of the Class Representative."
  - 1.5.2. 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 planning is possible, the boat's crew may pull the sheet only, (not the guy), in order to initiate surfing or planning, but each sail may be pulled 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."

**2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available on the regatta website no later than June 22, 2024 and at MRYC during Check-In.

**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 device is prohibited as detailed in NOR Addendum 2, 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. The event is open to all boats of the Lightning Class.
- 4.2. When registering, each competitor may be required to sign a waiver for loss, damage or injury to persons or property incurred in conjunction with the regatta, on the property of the club, or on the water, or during participation in any individual race of the regatta, or from the actions of the ILCA, its officers, the protest committee, the race management team and any sponsors of the Regatta and their members, officers, governors and agents, from liability for such damage or injury.
- 4.3. Membership is Required.
  - 4.3.1. ILCA Individual Membership: EVERYONE who competes in a District Championship MUST be an ILCA member (including every crew). See Membership to verify District Membership
  - 4.3.2. Fleet Dues Every skipper who competes in a District Championship must be affiliated with a Fleet in good standing with the ILCA or must have received permission from the Executive Committee to sail as an "unaffiliated" member. Fleet Dues are \$25.00 (payable to ILCA). Measuring will consist of checking safety equipment and royalty labels on sails." See Section 9 of this NOR.

#### **5. FEES**

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$160.00. A late fee of \$40 will be charged for payments received after June 8, 2024.
- 5.2 A 50% discount will be available for boats skippered by juniors eligible for the Lightning Junior North American Championship (not reached their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday on or before 12/31/2024). Must be registered by June 8, 2024 to receive this discount.

Registration fee will include:

- Awards and prizes
- Light breakfast each morning
- Post-racing cookout (burgers, hot dogs, etc.) at the MRYC Pool on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>
- Post-racing snacks and keg beer after racing on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>

Additional Saturday cookout tickets are available on YachtScoring for \$15/per person. Cash will also be accepted on site for additional cookout tickets.

#### **6. CREW LIMITATIONS**

Crew shall be three, all of whom shall be ILCA members as per ILCA By-Laws.

#### **7. ADVERTISING**

- 7.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA. As per World Sailing Regulation 20 (the Advertising Code) the International Lightning Class Association restricts competitor advertising to hulls only.
- 7.2. OA supplied bow numbers shall be displayed on each boat.

## **8. SCHEDULE**

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

### **Friday, June 28**

1500 Boat Arrivals Accepted  
1600 to 1800 Registration and Check-In

### **Saturday, June 29**

0730 to 0900 Registration and Check-In / Breakfast  
0900 Competitors' Meeting  
0930 Tows Leave MRYC for Green Island Course  
1100 First Warning Signal  
Post Racing Cookout at MRYC Pool / Pool Bar Open (cash/card)

### **Sunday, June 30**

0800 to 0900 Breakfast  
0930 Tows Leave MRYC for Green Island Course  
1100 First Warning Signal  
1500 No Warning Signal after this time  
Post Racing Snacks & Beer / Awards at MRYC Clubhouse

## **9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION [DP]**

- 9.1. Each boat shall hold and produce a valid Measurement Certificate at measurement and must display a current ILCA membership decal.
- 9.2. 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.
- 9.3. Competitors are advised that the Chief Measurer or a designated representative may make spot measurements and inspection of required equipment on or off the water during the Championship. Boats may be inspected at any time.
- 9.4. Boats shall be available for measurement for June 29, 2024 unless other arrangements are made with the OA.

## **10. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT**

RRS 50 is not changed.

## **11. VENUE**

11.1. Racing Area will be on the Green Island Course of Barnegat Bay and only under special weather conditions will racing be conducted on the Metedeconk River.

11.2. Launching, hauling, all boat storage will take place at Metedeconk River YC. Boats will be launched and hauled all 3 days.

## **12. COURSES**

Courses will be windward/leeward and may include an offset mark and a gate, as described in the sailing instructions.

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

RRS 44 as amended by NOR 1.5.3

## **14. SCORING**

14.1. The low point system of RRS Appendix A will apply in accordance with the Document Governing.

14.2. A boat's series score shall be the total of all races sailed. One race constitutes a regatta.

## **15. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]**

15.1. Spectator boats shall not communicate with competitors on the water unless the RC requests that they do so for safety reasons.

## **16. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS [DP]**

A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

## **17. BERTHING [DP]**

17.1. Boats will be dry-sailed. There are three high speed hoists available for launching. A ramp is also available, but recommended for support boat launching only (Note: Keep in mind that this is a saltwater venue).

17.2. Boats/trailers may be assigned spaces. OA provided parking space numbers shall be placed near the trailer tongue.

17.3. MRYC has a very full dry sail area; as such, boats should not be brought to the club prior to Friday, June 28 unless explicitly authorized by the regatta chair.

## **18. CLEANING OF BOATS**

There will be no undue restrictions on cleaning of boats.

## **19. RISK STATEMENT**

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.

## **20. INSURANCE**

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.

## **21. PRIZES**

21.1. Awards presentation is planned at the MRYC clubhouse immediately following haul out on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams (Skipper and Crew). CAD perpetual trophies will be awarded to highest placing finisher from CAD, runner-up from CAD and middle of the fleet.

## **22. FURTHER INFORMATION**

### **Regatta Chair**

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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.