

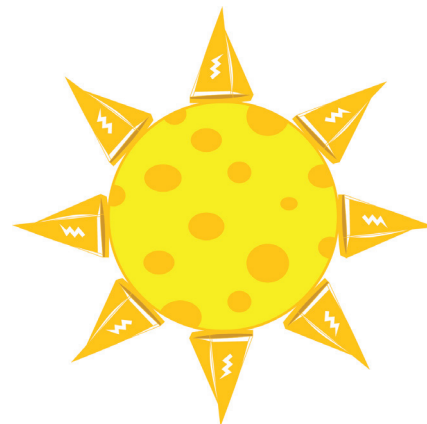
2014 INTERNATIONAL LIGHTNING CLASS NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

August 7-15, 2014
Hosted by:
Lightning Fleet 187
Sail Sheboygan & Sheboygan Yacht Club
Sheboygan, WI USA

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The following US Sailing prescriptions will not apply: 40, 48.1, 56, 86.3
- 1.3 Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships (hereafter referred to as Rules Governing document) will apply.
- 1.4 Per ILCA Rules Governing document, Racing rules 42.3(c), 44.1, will be changed as follows: The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions.
 - a) Per ILCA Rules Governing Document Article VIII 12, RRS 42.3(c) is changed to say: "Except on a beat to windward, when surfing down the leeward side of a wave or planing is possible, a boat's crew may pump the sheet, but not the guy, controlling any sail to initiate surfing or planing, but 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.
 - b) Per ILCA Rules Governing Document Article VIII 9, RRS 44.1 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 a One-Turn Penalty instead of two.
 - c) In accordance with RRS 70.5(a) and pending permission from US Sailing, decisions of the Protest Committee for the Qualifying Series are final. US Sailing's permission is limited to the Qualifying Series only. Competitors may appeal decisions of the Protest Committee in the Final Series.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages, English will take precedence.



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1.6 Boats will not be required to carry national letters on their sails. This changes RRS G1.1.

2. ADVERTISING

- a) Competitor advertising will be restricted as follows: Shall be in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 except that it shall be restricted to Hull only in accordance with Article VIII(2) of the Rules Governing document.
- b) Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- a) The regatta is open to boats of the International Lightning Class.
- b) Eligibility for entry shall be in accordance with Articles V, VI, and XII of the Rules Governing document.
 - I. The quota for the North American Championship will be as determined by the ILCA Executive Committee.
 - II. The Midwest District will have its quota doubled.
 - III. Each District shall be allocated one additional boat in the North American Championship for every three (3) boats from that District that sailed in the Blue Fleet in the 2013 North American Championship.
 - IV. In addition, members of the ILCA Executive Committee, the Vice President of the North American Championship, the current North American Champion and the current World Champion need not qualify to sail the 2014 North American Championship.
 - V. From the ILCA Women's, Juniors, Masters Championships one or more skippers, not previously qualified through their district, shall be entitled to enter the North American Championship regatta in accordance to the following formula: one skipper qualifies if the fleet consisted of 1 to 10 boats; two qualify if 11-20 boats; three qualify if 21-30, etc.
- c) Eligible boats may enter by completing the registration form available at <http://www.sailsheboygan.org/LightningNAs.php/> together with the appropriate entry fee listed in NOR 4(a) (either electronically or postmarked) by midnight on July 28, 2014.
- d) Late entries will be accepted up to noon on August 7, 2014 and will require an additional fee of USD \$30.00.
- e) Payments can be made online or mailed to Sail Sheboygan, Attn. Lightning NAs, P.O. Box 649, Sheboygan, WI 53081. Checks should be made out to Sail Sheboygan, Ltd.

4. FEES

- a) Required entry fees are as follows:

Lightning North American Championship	USD \$299.00
Women's, Masters	USD \$150.00

Juniors USD \$50.00

- b) Other fees:
Late fee as per NOR 3(c) USD \$30.00

5. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

The regatta will consist of a qualifying series and a final series.

6. SCHEDULE

- a) Registration:

	Date	Time
Women's, Juniors, Masters	August 7, 2014	1000 to 1900
North American Championship	August 9, 2014	1200 to 1700
North American Championship	August 10, 2014	0800 to 1400

- b) Measurement and inspection:

	Date	Time
Women's, Juniors, Masters	August 7, 2014	1000 to 1900
North American Championship	August 9, 2014	1200 to 1700
North American Championship	August 10, 2014	0800 to 1400

- c) Dates of racing:

Date	Women's Juniors, Masters	North American Championship
August 8-10, 2014	Racing	
August 10, 2014		Practice Racing
August 11-15, 2014		Racing

- d) The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1000.
- e) The approximate time of the warning signal for the North American Championship practice race is 1530. The practice race will be held after the conclusion of the Women's, Juniors and Masters championships but not before 1530.

7. MEASUREMENTS

- a) Boats must hold and present a valid Measurement Certificate and must display a current membership decal. Boats and equipment will be measured and inspected in accordance with Article VII of the Lightning Class By-Laws. All safety gear as specified by the Lightning Class Rules shall be available for inspection by the Measurement Team at the time of measurement. Please have all required safety gear available and with the boat prior to beginning the measurement process.
- b) The measurement and inspection process may include a check for foam in masts, as specified in Article 54 of the Lightning Plans and Specifications, as follows, "Aluminum masts shall be filled with foam from the spreaders to the top of the mast."
- c) A maximum of one (1) main, two (2) jibs and two (2) spinnakers are allowed unless damage results in a substitution approved by the Chief Measurer. All sails shall have Official ILCA Royalty

Labels. Mainsail and spinnaker numbers shall be the same and spinnaker numbers must be of material strongly contrasting the spinnaker color. Mainsail and spinnaker must carry the hull number. Should an owner wish to use sails with the number of a boat he/she currently owns, that is not the hull number of the boat they are sailing, this is permissible, provided the numbers are applied as required by the specifications.

- d) The Chief Measurer or, a designated representative approved by the ILCA, may make spot measurements and inspection of required equipment during the Championships.
- e) Boats that have been measured in connection with their participation in the 2014 Women's, Juniors', Masters' Lightning North American Championship at Sheboygan Yacht Club and boats measured at the 2014 Midwest District Regatta under the supervision of the Chief Measurer at Sheboygan Yacht Club, will have completed the measurement process for the 2014 North American Championships.
- f) The Measurement Sub-Committee of the 2014 North American Championship Organizing Authority sees no reason why the measurement process should not be fun. Please enjoy.

8. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available approximately one month prior to the beginning of the event at <http://www.sailsheboygan.org/LightningNAs.php> and in competitor registration packets on-site.

9. **VENUE**

- a) The racing area will be approximately 1-2 nautical miles ESE of the Sheboygan Harbor entrance.
- b) A diagram of the racing area will be available with the Sailing Instructions.

10. **THE COURSES**

- a) The courses will be windward/leeward and courses combining windward/leeward with a 90-degree triangle. The windward/leeward legs will be approximately .75 to 1.5 miles.
- b) Course diagrams will be available with the Sailing Instructions.

11. **PENALTY SYSTEM**

US Sailing Prescription Appendix T, Sections B and D will apply.

12. **SCORING**

- a) Scoring for the North American Championship will be in accordance with Rules Governing Document Article XIII, This changes RRS Appendix A2.
- b) Scoring for the Women's, Juniors, Masters will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A2.

13. **SUPPORT BOATS**

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside the racing area (defined as

100 meters outside the laylines of the course including the starting area) from the first warning signal of the day until the last boat has finished the last race each day unless otherwise designated in the Sailing Instructions. Failure to comply with this requirement may be disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing support personnel.

14. BERTHING

Boats will be drysailed and shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park. Boats will be launched and hauled either by crane or ramp. Competitors should be prepared to have their trailers submerged in fresh water.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- a) Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- b) VHF radios are allowed for communications with the Race Committee (RC) per ILCA By-Laws, Article VIII, 5. b) 4) A. The RC intends to communicate with competitors using VHF channel 72 and intends to hail OCS boats using VHF.

16. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

- a) Prizes will be awarded to top placing skippers and crews in all divisions of the WMJ and Final Series.
- b) Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to the North American Champion, Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up, and 3rd Runner-up.
- c) The Tom Fallon Trophy will be awarded to the last boat to qualify for the Championship Series.
- d) The Swanson Trophy will be awarded to encourage and recognize women competitors in the North American Championship.
- e) The Thomas McDermott Trophy will be awarded to the skipper who improves the most in position in the Qualifying Series (2013 to 2014).
- f) The Thermis Trophy will be awarded to the highest placing skipper who is sailing in the Championship division for the first time.
- g) The Elfman Trophy will be awarded to the highest placing Master skipper in the North American Championship who also skippered in the 2014 North American Masters' Championship.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. 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.

18. MEDIA

By participating in this regatta, a competitor grants to the organizing authority and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make use and show, from time to time, at their discretion any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

See Regatta Chairmen Bill Faude and Todd Wake, contact information below, or check the website, <http://www.sailsheboygan.org/LightningNAs.php> for additional information.

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