



**2020**  
**LIGHTNING**  
NORTH AMERICAN  
CHAMPIONSHIP

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CLEVELAND, OH



**International Lightning Class Association**  
**2020 North American Championship**  
Edgewater Yacht Club, Cleveland OH  
9-15 August 2020

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS – 2017-2020)*.
- 1.2. The International Lightning Class Association (ILCA) By-Laws and “Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships” hereinafter referred to as the “Document Governing” will apply.
- 1.3. The rules identified below will be changed and will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
  - 1.3.1. 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 Governing Authority.
  - 1.3.2. 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 planing is possible, the boat’s crew may pull the sheet only, (not the guy), in order to initiate surfing or planing, 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.” This Class Rule changes RRS 42 and shall be included in the Notice of Race for informational purposes only.
  - 1.3.3. 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. ADVERTISING**

- 2.1. Advertising shall be in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 except that it shall be restricted to the hull only in accordance with Article VIII (2) of the Document Governing.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1. Eligibility for Boats, Skippers and Crew shall be in accordance with Articles V, VI, and XII of the Document Governing. Each US and Canadian entry shall qualify for participation in the NAC by participating or registering in their respective District Championship Regatta. Participants may register in advance of qualifying, but failure to complete the qualification process will void entry. Competitors from other countries may request entry information from the class office.
- 3.2. One or more skippers from the Women’s, Juniors and Masters fleets, not previously qualified through their District, may be entitled to enter the 2020 North American Championship Regatta in accordance with the Document Governing. These entries are not included in the 100-boat limit noted in 3.5 and may register immediately after completion of the WJMs.

- 3.3. Eligible boats may enter the Regatta by completing the registration form and paying the registration fee(s) by 1600 on Friday August 7, 2020, except for participants qualifying via 3.2. Registration is online at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com), and will open on March 1, 2020.
- 3.4. When registering, each competitor will 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 EYC, 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.
- 3.5. Registration is limited to 100 boats based upon a first come first serve basis who meet the eligibility requirements in section 3.1.

#### 4. FEES

- 4.1. The entry fee is \$575 USD. A late fee of \$100 USD will be charged for payments received after July 10, 2020.

Competitors will receive:

- Monday Welcome Party at Foundry (with food)
- Wednesday dinner at EYC
- Friday awards dinner at Edgewater Beach House (near the club)
- Beer and snacks after racing
- Awards and Prizes
- Full guest privileges at EYC, including all on site dining and bar services.

#### 5. SCHEDULE

Day	Event	Time
Sunday, 8/9	Registration, Check-in and Measurement (hull, safety check) Sail Measurement	1000 to 1700 1000 to 1330
Monday, 8/10	Registration, Check-in and Measurement (all) Practice race Competitors Meeting and Welcome Party	1000 to 1200 1300 1730
Tuesday, 8/11	Races	First warning 1000
Wednesday, 8/12	Races Dinner at EYC	First warning 1000 1830
Thursday, 8/13	Races	First warning 1000
Friday, 8/14	Races	First warning 1000
Saturday, 8/15	Races No warning signal after Dinner, Final awards	First warning 1000 1500 1830

#### 6. MEASUREMENT

- 6.1. Each boat shall hold and produce a valid Measurement Certificate at measurement and must display a current ILCA membership decal. Boats, sails, and equipment will be measured and inspected in accordance with the Lightning Class By-Laws.
- 6.2. 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.
- 6.3. 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.
- 6.4. Boats that pass measurement for the WJM Championship will not have to be re-measured. However, sails will need to be re-stamped (but not measured) in order to comply with the 5-sail limit in the Class rules.

## **7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available no later than 05 August 2020 online at [www.yachtscoreing.com](http://www.yachtscoreing.com) and will be available at EYC during registration and check-in times.

## **8. VENUE**

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

8.2. Location of Edgewater Yacht Club: [6700 Cleveland Memorial Shoreway, Cleveland, OH 44102](#)

## **9. PENALTY SYSTEM**

9.1. See NOR 1.3.3

## **10. SCORING**

Will be per Appendix A in accordance with the Document Governing Article VIII #4, and in addition for the North American Championship Document Governing Article XIII.

## **11. SUPPORT BOATS**

11.1. Support and coach boats must register with the OA during the registration hours.

11.2. Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel shall stay outside the racing area (defined as 100 meters outside the lay lines of the course including the start area) and comply with other requirements as specified in the Sailing Instructions. These requirements begin from the start of the first race of the regatta until the finish of 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 failure to comply with any of these requirements may result in disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing support personnel (Reference – ILCA Class Rules VIII – racing conditions #15).

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

## **12. BERTHING**

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park.

## **13. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

13.1. 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.

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

## **14. PRIZES**

14.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top teams in each of the NAC fleets. (1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> in the championship division and 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> in other division.)

14.2. Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to the North American Champion, Runner-up, 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Runner-up.

14.3. Tom Fallon Trophy will be awarded to the last boat to qualify for the Championship Series.

14.4. Swanson Trophy will be awarded to encourage and recognize women competitors in the North American Championship.

- 14.5. Thomas McDermott Trophy will be awarded to the skipper who improves the most in position in the Qualifying Series (2019 vs. 2020).
- 14.6. Thermis Trophy will be awarded to the highest placing skipper who is sailing in the Championship division for the first time.
- 14.7. Elfman Trophy will be awarded to the highest placing Master skipper in the North American Championship who also skippered in the 2020 North American Masters Championship.
- 14.8. A prize will be awarded for the highest placing Corinthian helmsman who will have reached his or her 65th birthday by the end of the calendar year.
- 14.9. A prize will be awarded for the highest placing Corinthian helmsman who will have reached his or her 75th birthday by the end of the calendar year. A Corinthian sailor is an amateur sailor similar to ISAF Sailor Classification Code Group 1.

## **15. QUALIFICATION FOR SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

- 15.1. The NAC will serve as the US qualifier for the 2021 World Championship to be held in Wrightsville Beach, NC in May 2021.
- 15.2. US skippers will qualify in order of finish. Should this procedure fail to produce the number of qualifiers to which the Area is entitled, unused slots may be assigned by the Executive Committee.
- 15.3. The exact number of US slots will be announced according to the Document Governing, but it is anticipated that 20 slots will be available to US Sailors.

## **16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

## **17. 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.

## **18. FURTHER INFORMATION**

### **International Lightning Class Association**

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