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Charleston Yacht Club Open Regatta
Southeastern Lightning District Championship
July 14-16, 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

(Rev 2023-06-15)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The notation '[DP]' is a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.1 and 63.2 will not apply.

1.3 The Lightning Class is subject to the following:

1.3.1 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/docs.ashx?id=328142>

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

1.3.3 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."

1.3.4 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 (below the gooseneck) while taking her penalty, and resets it immediately and has it drawing after the penalty, the penalty is one turn instead of two."

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions (SI) will be available online by 2000 hours EDT on July 13, 2023.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The official notice board will be located online only at the event website:

<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=15998>

3.2 The Race Committee (RC) working channels for each circle will be published in the SIs.

3.3 [DP] All participants in fleets that allow VHF radio communication shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on the standard US channels.

3.4 [DP] [While racing][From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day], except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The regatta is open to all one-design classes with 3 or more boats registered.

4.2 Eligible boats shall enter by completing the entry form online at the event website.

4.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4.4 For the Lightning Class, Crew shall be three, all of whom shall be ILCA members as per ILCA By-Laws.

5 FEES

5.1 Junior sailors \$30

5.2 Single-handed \$40

5.3 Double-handed (including MC) \$45

5.4 Triple-handed \$55

5.5 Four or more sailors (including E-scows) \$65

5.6 ChYC regatta T-shirts and other items will be available for purchase during the event. Additional information will be available on the event website.

6 SCHEDULE (All times in EDT)

Friday, July 14 1800 Registration and Welcome Reception, ChYC Flag Room

Saturday, July 15 0830 Registration and Breakfast Available for Purchase, ChYC Flag Room

1000 Skippers Meeting, ChYC Flag Room

1300 First warning signal

1800 Cocktail Party hosted by the ChYC Auxiliary, ChYC Flag Room

Sunday, July 16 0830 Breakfast Available for Purchase, ChYC Flag Room

1100 First warning signal

1430 No warning signal will be made after this time

Awards to follow after the Protest Time Limit, ChYC Flag Room

7 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

7.1 Boats may be inspected at any time.

7.2 For the Lightning Class, Boats are required to carry portable equipment in accordance with ILCA By-Laws. (Addendum)

8 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

8.1 The Escow fleet is required to sail with float packs at all times.

9 VENUE

9.1 There will be multiple race circles inside Charleston Harbor to which classes will be assigned which will be further detailed in the SIs.

9.2 Launch and recovery of boats may be available at Charleston area yacht clubs during the regatta. Additional information will be updated on the event website.

10 COURSES

10.1 The courses to be sailed will be a combination of windward-leeward and/or triangle courses which will be further detailed in the SIs.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 RRS Appendix V shall apply.

12 SCORING

12.1 For An unlimited number of races are planned.

- 12.2 If six or more races are completed in a class, each boat will have one score excluded for that class.
12.3 One race in a class is required to be completed to constitute a series for that class.
12.4 The Low Point Scoring System in RRS Appendix A4 will be used.

13 SUPPORT BOATS

16.1 [NP][DP] Individuals operating vessels less than 26 feet in length are required to use ECOS links (aka Kill Cords) except when docking, launching and loading on a trailer. Noncompliance will result in exclusion from the racing area for the day without a hearing. Flagrant and/or repeated noncompliance will result in a hearing to consider whether a support person has broken this rule under RRS 60.3(d). This changes RRS 63.1.

14 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

14.1 A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules. See RRS Appendix G3.

14.2 Charter 420 and Optimists will be available for charter through Charleston Community Sailing.

14.2.1 The boats are limited in number so if you wish to charter one contact CCS:
will@charlestoncommunitysailing.com (843)607-4890.

14.2.2 The negotiated charge per boat is \$100/420 and \$80/Optimist. The boats will be available at the CCS dock and will need to be returned daily.

15 RISK STATEMENT

14.1 **RRS 3 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**

16 PRIZES

16.1 Prizes will be given per class as follows:

1st place awarded for 3 boats

1st & 2nd for 4-6 boats

1st, 2nd & 3rd for 7 or more boats

16.2 Trophies for Masters, Senior and Junior classes may be awarded for the Sunfish class based on numbers of boats participating.

16.3 An overall trophy will be awarded for the Optimist class, along with a trophy for each of the Optimist Fleets.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

Regatta Chair:	Tyler Benjamin	207-322-3838	sailingchair@charlestonyachtclub.com
Charleston Yacht Club Office:		843-722-4968	office@charlestonyachtclub.com

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 2021 :

- 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.