



**International Lightning Class Association  
2022 Women's / Junior's / Master's (WJM's)  
North American Championship  
Brick, NJ, USA  
August 1 - 4, 2023**



**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."
  - 1.5.3. 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 (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."
- 1.6. If there is a conflict between languages, the text written in its original English Document will take precedence.

**2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16057> 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 ILCA Junior North American Championship is open to all eligible skippers and crew who have not reached their twenty first (21) birthday on or before 12/31/2023. Each Junior entrant must complete and electronically sign the Junior Medical Emergency Form and Junior Competitor's Agreement on [Yachtscoring.com](https://yachtscoring.com).
- 4.2. The ILCA Women's North American Championship is open to all female sailors (skipper and crew).
- 4.3. The ILCA Masters North American Championship is open to all skippers who will have reached their 55th birthday on or before 12/31/2023. The minimum combined age of skipper and crew is 130 years as of 12/31/2023. Masters teams may register with co-skippers within the team of three, so long as each skipper meets the age requirement herein. No substitution of skippers or crew members is permitted within the team of three as proscribed by Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships Article VII. In addition, teams with co-skippers will not be eligible for automatic qualification to the North American Championships.
- 4.4. All skippers must be ILCA Life, Active, or Associate members in good standing. Crew must be ILCA members in good standing. Master's and Junior's participants must show a photo ID or other proof of age at Check-In.
- 4.5. Eligible boats may enter the Regatta by completing the registration form and paying the registration fee online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16057> by 1800 on Tuesday, August 1, 2023.
- 4.6. As part of registration, 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 MRYC, 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.

#### **5. FEES**

An early registration discount will apply through midnight U.S. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on July 20, 2023 with entry fees as follows: Juniors \$200.00 per boat; Women / Masters \$400.00 per boat. After July 20, 2023, the entry fees are as follows: Juniors \$250.00 per boat; Women / Masters \$450.00 per boat.

Entry fees for each three-person team include:

- Awards / prizes
- Full guest privileges at MRYC
- Coffee / light continental breakfast each morning
- Post-race refreshments
- Wednesday Pool party
- Thursday Dinner

Additional dinner tickets will be available for purchase for each event.

## 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.

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## 9. SCHEDULE

9.1. The number of races scheduled shall be nine (9) for the Women and Juniors and six (6) for the Masters.

9.2. The Race Committee will hold no more than two (2) races each day for the Masters, provided however that a maximum of three (3) races may be sailed if determined necessary by the PRO given weather conditions to achieve a six-race series, and in accordance with the guidelines contained in the ILCA Instructions to Race Committees for Lightning Class Regattas. The Race Committee will hold three (3) races each day for the Women and Juniors. The racing schedule for the Women and Juniors may be adjusted at the discretion of the Race Committee to allow for the maximum number of races to be sailed.

9.3. No Warning Signal will be made after 1500 on Friday, August 4.

9.4. Awards will be held Friday, August 7 as soon as practical after racing completes.

9.5. Schedule of Events (Subject to Change). Daily adjustments may also be made based on weather conditions or other factors.

9.6.

Day	Event	Time
Tuesday, 8/1	Check-In and Measurement Practice Race Competitors Meeting / Refreshments	0900-1800 Warning 1500 1830
Wednesday, 8/2	Light Continental Breakfast Tow Leaves Races Daily Awards / Post-Race Refreshments Pizza/Pool party	0800-0900 0930 First Warning 1100 After Racing 1830
Thursday, 8/3	Light Continental Breakfast Tow Leaves Races Daily Awards / Post-Race Refreshments Dinner	0800-0900 0930 First Warning 1100 After Racing 1830
Friday, 8/4	Light Continental Breakfast Tow Leaves Races No Warning Signal After Refreshments / Awards	0800-0900 0930 First Warning 1100 1500 After Racing

## 10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION [DP]

10.1. 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.

- 10.2. 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.
- 10.3. 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.
- 10.4. Boats shall be available for measurement no later than 1800 on August 1, 2023 unless other arrangements are made with the Chief Measurer and/or OA.

## **11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT**

RRS 50 is not changed.

## **12. VENUE**

- 12.1. 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.
- 12.2. Launching, hauling, all boat storage will take place at Metedeconk River YC. Boats will be launched and hauled all 3 days.

## **13. COURSES**

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

## **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

RRS 44 as amended by NOR 1.5.3

## **15. SCORING**

- 15.1. The low point system of RRS Appendix A will apply in accordance with the Document Governing.
- 15.2. For the Junior and Women's fleet, when fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.
- 15.3. For the Master's fleet, when fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.
- 15.4. A maximum of nine (9) races is scheduled for the Women and Junior fleets and six (6) races for the Master's fleet. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

- 16.1. Support and coach boats must register with the OA during Check-In.
- 16.2. 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.

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

## **17. 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.

## **18. BERTHING [DP]**

- 18.1. All boats must be at the Regatta site by 1800 hours on August 1, and remain there for the duration of the Regatta, except by written permission from the OA.
- 18.2. 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).
- 18.3. Boats/trailers will be assigned spaces. OA provided parking space numbers shall be placed near the trailer tongue.
- 18.4. MRYC has a very full dry sail area; as such, boats should not be brought to the club prior to Monday, July 31 and should be removed after racing concludes on Friday, August 4.

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## **20. CLEANING OF BOATS**

There will be no undue restrictions on cleaning of boats.

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## **22. 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.

## **23. 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.

## **24. PRIZES**

- 24.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top placing skippers and crews in each of the Women's, Junior's and Master's fleets commensurate with the number of entrants.
- 24.2. Perpetual Trophies will be presented to the North American Champion in the Women's, Junior's and Master's fleets.

- 24.3. The highest-placing Masters skipper who has reached his or her 65th birthday by December 31, 2023 shall win the Grand Master Trophy.
- 24.4. The highest-placing Masters skipper who has reached his or her 75th birthday by December 31, 2023 shall win the Great Grand Master Trophy.
- 24.5. Daily awards will be presented to the winner of each race (excluding the practice race) for each fleet.

## **25. QUALIFICATION FOR SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

- 25.1. One of more skippers from the Women's, Junior's and Master's fleets, not previously qualified through their District, may be entitled to enter the 2023 North American Championship Regatta in accordance with the Document Governing.
- 25.2. The two US skippers from the Junior division, having the best scores among those born on or after 1/1/04, and who are willing and able to represent the US, shall be named the US entrants for the 2024 Lightning World Youth Championship Regatta. As a clarification, neither the skipper nor crew can turn 21 years old in the year they sail the 2024 World Youth Championship.

## **26. FURTHER INFORMATION**

### **International Lightning Class Association**

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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 – only the following electronic devices may be used aboard a Lightning while competing:
  1. One or more timers:
    - a. For all sanctioned and non-sanctioned regattas and for fleet racing, while on the water, the use of timers shall be limited to the telling of time, the monitoring of the countdown timing sequence for the start of a race, or the monitoring of the count-up sequence for a race's time limit.
    - b. While on the water except for emergencies, the use of any watch application, or function, which allows a competitor to gain any advantage by determining a competitor's position relative to a starting line or other competitors on the racecourse, marking waypoints, tracking wind shifts, receiving or sending SMS or email communications, or otherwise locating GPS coordinates shall be grounds for disqualification from a race or races.
  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. While on the water, only the current magnetic bearing compass function and timer function may be used.
  3. Hand-held communication devices (cell phones, pagers, radios, etc.) with the following restrictions:
    - a. For all sanctioned and non-sanctioned regattas, use of such devices is not permitted while racing except for emergencies. This restriction does not apply to VHF radio communication to or from the Race Committee and from competitors on a predetermined channel.
  4. Photographic equipment shall be limited to self-contained cameras, including cameras built into cellular telephones:
    - a. Such cameras may record still images or video images with or without audio.
    - b. Data that is recorded onto the camera storage media or uploaded to cloud in real time may only be reviewed on shore after racing.

- c. Competitors who use recording devices while sailing Lightnings are encouraged to upload photos and videos to the ILCA social media sites and to their own sites, tagging the ILCA.
  - d. Ownership of such images or audio shall be retained by the respective ILCA Members.
5. Personal medical devices, attached to an individual, required for a person's well-being are allowed if they are medically necessary.
  6. A portable music/radio entertainment system may be used while on the water.
  7. The prescriptions in this Section notwithstanding, a competitor may collect data in real time to be used while not on the water.
  8. In all cases where the use of electronic devices is not permitted, a competitor's use of an electronic device in a manner proscribed in this Section shall require the competitor's withdrawal from the race unless the Race Committee deems that the use was for emergency reasons.