



International Lightning Class Association  
**2021 WJM North American Championship**  
Pymatuning Yacht Club, Jamestown, PA  
August 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
[www.pyc-wjm.com](http://www.pyc-wjm.com)

## **NOTICE OF RACE** (rev. 2/6/21)

### **1. RULES:**

- 1.1** The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Pymatuning Yacht Club (PYC). The Regatta is organized under the authority of the International Lightning Class Association (ILCA) and has been sanctioned in accordance with ILCA Bylaws.
- 1.2** The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2021-2024)*, the International Lightning Class Association By-Laws, the Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships (Document Governing) and any subsequent changes to these as may be made by the Sailing Instructions as allowed in rule 86.
- 1.3** 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. This changes RRS 44.
- 1.4** Propulsion, Modifying RRS 42.3(c), “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 any sail using the sheet only (not the guy) in order to initiate surfing or planing but each sail maybe pulled in 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.

### **2. ADVERTISING:**

- 2.1** Advertising shall be in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20 except that it shall be restricted to the hull only in accordance with Document Governing Article VIII (2).
- 2.2** Boats will be required to display hull numbers supplied by the Organizing Authority.

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

- 3.1** 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 12/31/2021. Each Junior entrant must submit a signed Junior Medical Emergency Form and Junior Competitor’s Agreement.
- 3.2** The ILCA Women’s North American Championship is open to all female sailors (skipper and crew).

- 3.3 The ILCA Masters North American Championship is open to all skippers who will have reached their 55th birthday on or before 12/31/2021. The minimum combined age of skipper and crew is 130 years as of 12/31/2021.
- 3.4 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 registration.
- 3.5 Eligible boats may enter the Regatta beginning March 1, 2021 at 10 AM EST by completing the registration form and paying the registration fee online at Yacht Scoring <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=11793>
- 3.6 At 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 PYC 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. REGISTRATION & FEES

- 4.1 Registration and measurement will be held from 0900 to 1800 hours on August 4th. Registration will be limited to no more than seventy (70) boats in total to ensure the best experience for those attending.
- 4.2 Required fees are as follows:
  - Juniors \$150.00 per boat
  - Women \$250.00 per boat
  - Masters \$250.00 per boatEntry fees include bagels and coffee each morning, post-race refreshments after each day of racing, Wednesday Welcome dinner and Saturday Dinner for each three-person team. Additional refreshment tickets and dinner tickets can be purchased at registration. Lunches and Thursday and Friday dinner are charged separately and can be purchased at Registration.
- 4.3 A **Late Fee of \$75** will be charged for payments received after **July 6, 2021**. Given our 70 boat limitation and relatively isolated location for caterers, it's important we have a solid head count by that date.

#### 5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The planned Regatta is a nine (9) race series for the Women and Juniors and a six (6) race series for the Masters.
- 5.2 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. 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.
- 5.3 No Warning Signal will be made after 1500 hrs. Saturday, August 7th.

**5.4** Awards will be held Saturday August 7<sup>th</sup>.

**5.5 Schedule of Events** (subject to change). Daily adjustment may be made by the PRO based on weather conditions.

<b>Day</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
Wednesday, 8/4	WJM Registration, Check-in and Measurement WJM Practice Race Opening Ceremony on PYC lawn with Post-Race refreshments Welcome Dinner compliments of PYC (Taco Bar)	0900-1800 Warning 1500 1800  1830
Thursday, 8/5	Bagels and coffee Competitors Meeting under the tent Races Daily Awards under the tent Post-Race Refreshments Dinner at PYC	0730-0930 0930 First Start 1100 After Racing After Racing 1900
Friday, 8/6	Bagels and coffee Races Daily Awards under the tent Post-Race Refreshments Dinner at PYC	0730-0930 First Start 1000 After Racing After Racing 1900
Saturday, 8/7	Bagels and coffee Races No warning signal after Post-races refreshments Dinner at PYC (included in Registration fee) Awards	0730-0930 First Start 1000 1500 After racing 1830

## **6. MEASUREMENT**

**6.1** Each boat shall hold and present a valid Measurement Certificate at Measurement and must display a current ILCA hull decal. Boats, sails and equipment may be measured and inspected in accordance with the Lightning Class By-Laws.

**6.2** All sails shall have the 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** Measurement may be available prior to August 4 for boats already on site.

## **7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**7.1** The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than July 30 online at the event site [www.pyc-wjm.com](http://www.pyc-wjm.com), and will be available at PYC during Registration.

## **8. VENUE & COURSES**

**8.1** The Regatta will be held at:  
Pymatuning Yacht Club  
5228 Bush Road  
Jamestown, PA 16134  
(724) 932-3780

**8.2** Racing will be on Pymatuning Lake.

**8.3** 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.

## **9. SCORING**

**9.1** The low point system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

**9.2** When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.

**9.3** 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.

**9.4** A maximum of nine (9) races is scheduled for the Women's and Junior's Divisions and six (6) races for the Master's Division. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

## **10. SUPPORT BOATS**

**10.1** There is a 20 horsepower limit for all boats on Pymatuning Lake, strictly enforced. Support personnel are strongly discouraged from bringing support boats. Anyone wishing to bring a support boat must receive prior approval from the Committee Chair, Mark & Rescue Boats (John Werley - [lightningwjm.2021@gmail.com](mailto:lightningwjm.2021@gmail.com)). Any support boats that are approved will be wet-sailed for the entire event. Some spectator boats may be available to observe racing.

**10.2** Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel shall stay outside the racing area and comply with other requirements as specified in the Sailing Instructions. These requirements begin from the start of the first race until the finish of the last race. 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 – Document Governing VIII – racing conditions #15).

**10.3** Spectator or support boats shall not communicate with competitors on the water unless requested by the RC to do so or for safety reasons.

## **11. BOAT STORAGE**

**11.1** All boats must be at the Regatta site by 1800 hours on August 4, and remain there for the duration of the Regatta, except by written permission from the Regatta Organizing Authority.

**11.2** Two boat hoists will be available on a first come first served basis. Ramping of boats will not be available at PYC; ramps are available at State Park ramps within a ¼-1 mile.

## **12. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 12.1** The 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.
- 12.2** 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.

## **13. AWARDS**

- 13.1** 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.
- 13.2** Perpetual Trophies will be presented to the North American Champion in the Women's, Junior's and Master's fleets.
- 13.3** The highest-placing Masters skipper who has reached his or her 65<sup>th</sup> birthday by Dec. 31, 2021 shall win the Grand Master Trophy.
- 13.4** The highest-placing Masters skipper who has reached his or her 75<sup>th</sup> birthday by Dec. 31, 2021 shall win the Great Grand Master Trophy.

## **14. QUALIFICATION FOR OTHER LIGHTNING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 14.1** 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 2021 North American Championship Regatta in accordance with the Document Governing.

## **15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 15.1** Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk (see RRS 3 Decision to Race). The International Lightning Class Association and Pymatuning Yacht Club 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.

## **16. INSURANCE**

- 16.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$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.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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