

**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**INTERNATIONAL LIGHTNING CLASS ASSOCIATION**  
**2015 International Masters Championship**  
**Buffalo Canoe Club    [www.lightningworlds.com](http://www.lightningworlds.com)**  
**Crystal Beach, Ontario, CANADA**  
**July 15-19, 2015**

**1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:**

The 2015 International Masters Championship Regatta is organized by the International Lightning Class Association (ILCA) in conjunction with the Buffalo Canoe Club (BCC), and has been sanctioned in accordance with the By-Laws of the ILCA.

**2. RULES:** The regatta will be governed by:

- 2.1. The 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2. No national prescriptions will apply.
- 2.3. ILCA Constitution, By-Laws and Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships (Document Governing).
- 2.4. This Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and any amendments thereto.
- 2.5. RRS 63.7 will be replaced by: "If there is a conflict between a rule in the notice of race and a rule in the Sailing Instructions, the rule in the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence."
- 2.6. The right of appeal is denied in accordance with RRS 70.5
- 2.7. Radio Communication: VHF radios are allowed for communications with the RC per ILCA By-Laws Article VIII 5. b) 4) A). There shall be no penalty for breaking the ILCA Class Rule forbidding the use of a VHF radio. The Race Committee encourages and requests each boat to carry a VHF radio and monitor the designated VHF channel 72 as described in the Sailing Instructions and approved by the ILCA Executive Committee.
- 2.8. Modifying rule 42.3(c), "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 any sail using the sheet only, (not the guy) in order to initiate surfing or planning but each sail may be 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 42.3(c).
- 2.9. 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.
- 2.10. Appendix A – Scoring A2 is changed per section 11 of this document that states the number of races needed for a drop.
- 2.11. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 2.12. Per ILCA class policy there will be an ILCA Class Representative as a member of the RC who will participate at the regatta on the signal boat.

**3. ADVERTISING:**

- 3.1. Per ISAF Regulation 20 (the Advertising Code) the ILCA restricts advertising to hulls only.
- 3.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the ILCA or BCC, per ISAF Regulation 20.4.1.

**4. ELIGIBILITY:**

- 4.1. Eligibility and qualification for entry shall be in accordance with Articles V and VII of the Document Governing, which Articles apply in their entirety.
- 4.2. The following provisions are included here for emphasis only and are not intended to modify the Document Governing except where so noted.
- 4.3. Boats must hold a valid Measurement Certificate, and must display a valid mast decal and current hull decal. Measurement certificates must be presented at time of measurement.

4.4. All sails shall have Official Royalty Labels. Mainsail and spinnaker numbers shall be the same. Mainsails shall carry national letters. Spinnaker numbers must be of contrasting color to the spinnaker color.

4.5. Boats, sails, spars and equipment will be measured and inspected in accordance with By Laws Article VIII.

4.6. The 2015 International Masters Championship regatta is open to all skippers who have reached their 55<sup>th</sup> birthday by December 31, 2015. Minimum combined age of skipper and crew shall be 130 years as of December 31, 2015. Master skipper must be Life, Active, or Associate members. Crew must be Life, Active, Associate or Crew ILCA members.

## 5. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5.1. A completed entry form accompanied with the entry fee of \$200.00 USD must be received by the ILCA Class Office on or before June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 for the Championship. Entry forms are available online: [www.lightningclass.org](http://www.lightningclass.org) or [www.lightningworlds.com](http://www.lightningworlds.com)

5.2. Entry fee after July 1st is \$250.00 USD.

5.3. No Entries will be accepted after Thursday, July 16, 2015

6. **REGISTRATION:** Registration and measurement will be held from 1000 to 1800 on July 15, 2015, and from 0800 to 1600 on July 16, 2015.

## 7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

15 (Wednesday)	1000-1800	Registration and Measurement – Intl. Masters
16 (Thursday)	0800-1600	Registration and Measurement – Intl. Masters
	1800	Competitor’s Meeting, Welcome Party
17 (Friday)	1000	Race 1 & 2
	1600	Post race refreshments; 1800 Dinner at Anne Allen’s house
18 (Saturday)	1000	Race 3 & 4
	1600	Post race refreshments
19 (Sunday)	1000	Race 5 & 6; Awards after racing

7.1. Six (6) races are scheduled.

7.2. The Race Committee may adjust the racing schedule to suit weather conditions and may run more races than scheduled but not to exceed 6 races in total.

7.3. No warning signal shall be made after 1400 Sunday, July 19, 2015.

8. **BOAT STORAGE:** All yachts must be at the Buffalo Canoe Club and in the water floating by 1700 Thursday, July 16th, and remain there for the duration of the regatta except by written permission from the Principal Race Officer (PRO). Boats will be wet sailed during the entire regatta. Swing moorings will be available with launch service and/or bring your own ground tackle suitable for anchoring near shore. Boats may be cleaned on the beach by careening without use of a trailer or dolly.

## 9. VENUE AND COURSES:

9.1. Races will be sailed on Lake Erie in the vicinity of Point Abino.

9.2. The courses will be Windward/Leeward.

10. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** The sailing instructions will be posted on the official regatta website and will be available during registration beginning on Wednesday, July 15, 2015.

## **11. SCORING:**

- 11.1. Abbreviations for scoring shall be in accordance with RRS.
- 11.2. Appendix A, Low Point System.
- 11.3. Each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races, excluding her worst score if six races are completed. The boat with the lowest total scores wins. This modifies RRS A2.

**12: ALTERNATE PENALTIES:** RRS 44.2, add a boat taking a penalty shall have the spinnaker head below the main-boom gooseneck during all penalties turns. This changes RRS 44.2.

## **13: RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 13.1. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 13.2. The race committee intends to use VHF marine radio channel 72 to broadcast courtesy information to competitors, including OCS hails after starts.
- 13.3. GPS units may not be carried aboard during the regatta. This modifies Article VIII 5 b) 3 of ILCA By-laws.
- 13.4. Failure of the Race Committee to hail, failure of the amplification system or radios, the order of the hail, or failure of a boat to hear a hail shall not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This instruction changes RRS 41 and 62.1.

**14. SUPPORT BOATS:** Individual competitors may not use a support boat at any time during the regatta except as provided by the organizing authority. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be the disqualification of all yachts associated with the infringing support personnel. Spectator boats shall not communicate with competitors on the water unless requested by the RC do to so for safety reasons.

**15. CHARTER BOATS:** Charters will be available. Please contact Tom Allen Jr. [tomallenjr@juno.com](mailto:tomallenjr@juno.com) 716.842.0800 or Steve Cox [stephencox0001@gmail.com](mailto:stephencox0001@gmail.com) 716.842.0800

**16. HOUSING:** Please see regatta website [www.lightningworlds.com](http://www.lightningworlds.com) Member housing/billeting will be available on a limited basis. Additionally, there will be member houses for rent. Please contact Carol Starck [jcstarck@yahoo.com](mailto:jcstarck@yahoo.com) with inquiries. First-come/first-serve. **Please see official regatta website** [www.lightningworlds.com](http://www.lightningworlds.com) for much more housing information. Additionally, below please find very helpful links to local hotels, camp grounds and house rentals:

HOTELS/MOTELS/CAMPGROUNDS:

<http://www.forteriecanada.com/tourism/accommodations.shtml>

The regatta has made special arrangements with the Clarion Hotel. See regatta website.

<http://www.roomstays.com/hotel/208509?gclid=CJvR0dfGs8ACFURgfgodA5UAGq>

Helpful House Rental Google Searches:

[https://www.google.com/search?q=crystal+beach+ontario+rentals&rls=com.microsoft:en-us&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&startIndex=&startPage=1&gws\\_rd=ssl](https://www.google.com/search?q=crystal+beach+ontario+rentals&rls=com.microsoft:en-us&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&startIndex=&startPage=1&gws_rd=ssl)

[https://www.google.com/search?q=crystal+beach+tennis+and+yacht+club+ontario+rentals&rls=com.microsoft:en-us&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&startIndex=&startPage=1&gws\\_rd=ssl](https://www.google.com/search?q=crystal+beach+tennis+and+yacht+club+ontario+rentals&rls=com.microsoft:en-us&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&startIndex=&startPage=1&gws_rd=ssl)

**17. TROPHIES:** Trophies will be awarded to the top five skippers and crews in the International Masters Championship Series. Perpetual Trophies will be awarded as well. Race Winner Flags will be awarded to daily winners.

**18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. Note 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 regatta.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information, please contact the following:

- ILCA VP World Championship: Robert Ruhlman [rruhlman@preformed.com](mailto:rruhlman@preformed.com)
- 2015 ILCA International Masters & World Championships official website: <http://www.lightningworlds.com>
- Housing/Rentals: Carol Starck [jcstarck@yahoo.com](mailto:jcstarck@yahoo.com)
- Lightning Boat Charters: Tom Allen Jr [tomallenjr@juno.com](mailto:tomallenjr@juno.com)
- Buffalo Canoe Club [www.buffalocanoeclub.com](http://www.buffalocanoeclub.com) – [office@buffalocc.on.ca](mailto:office@buffalocc.on.ca)
- ILCA Class Secretary – Laura Jeffers [office@lightningclass.org](mailto:office@lightningclass.org)