



**2015 Lightning Class  
Canadian Open Championship  
Buffalo Canoe Club \*\* June 27- 28, 2015**



**Crystal Beach, Ontario, Canada**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1 RULES**

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

**1.2** The Canadian national prescriptions shall apply. The full texts of these prescriptions are contained in Addendum C.

**1.3** The ILCA Constitution, By-Laws and Class Rules will apply.

**1.4** (a) 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."

(b) RRS 42.3(c) is replaced with: "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." per the Document Governing Article VIII Racing Conditions Numbers 12 PROPULSION.

(c) RRS 44.1 is modified by SI 14.1

**1.5** While racing, boats shall display bow numbers. The organizing authority will supply the numbers and instructions for their use.

**1.6** If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located on the front porch of the Buffalo Canoe Club(BCC) clubhouse.

### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

**4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed at waterside of the BCC clubhouse.

**4.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

## **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

### **5.1** Dates of racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warning Signal</i>	<i>Race(s)</i>
Saturday, June 27	1100	4
Sunday, June 28	1000	2

The Race Committee may adjust the racing schedule to suit weather conditions and may run more races than scheduled on a given day but not to exceed the total number of races scheduled.

**5.2** Six (6) races are scheduled for this event. One (1) races must be completed to constitute the championship.

**5.3** To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

**5.4** On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1400.

## **6 CLASS FLAG**

The Lightning Insignia on a white flag will be the Class Flag.

## **7 RACING AREAS**

Addendum A shows the location of racing areas.

## **8 THE COURSES**

**8.1** The diagrams in Addendum B show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. A windward offset mark will be laid approximately perpendicular to the course axis. The windward offset mark is to be rounded to port (not depicted in the diagrams).

**8.3** The approximate length of the first leg of the course will be .75 to 1.00 nautical miles.

**8.2** No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg, and the course to be sailed.

## **9 MARKS**

**9.1** Marks 1, offset, 4s and 4p will be orange inflatable marks.

**9.3** New marks, as provided in instruction 12.1, will be yellow inflatable marks.

**9.4** The starting marks will be the race committee signal boat at the starboard end of the line, and a race committee boat at the port end of the line. The finishing mark will be an orange inflatable mark.

## **10 NOT USED**

## **11 THE START**

- 11.1** The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.
- 11.2** A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.
- 11.3** If flag U has been displayed, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified and scored UFD without a hearing, but not if the race is restarted or resailed. This changes rule 26.
- 11.4** If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail and/or bow number on VHF channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 11.5** If the RRS 30.3 is in effect and a general recall is signalled, the Race Committee shall display a boat's bow number (not her sail number) if she broke RRS 30.3 before the next warning signal. This changes RRS 30.3.

## **12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **13 THE FINISH**

- 13.1** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1** The two turns penalty is modified with the addition of the provision that when an infringing boat 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 a one turn penalty. This modifies RRS 44.1

## **15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 15.1** Target time for first boat to finish the race will be 50 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 15.2** Time limit shall be 2:30 (two and one-half hours). If no boat completes three legs within 1:30 (one and one-half hours), the race shall be abandoned and, if possible, re-sailed.
- 15.2** Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A TLE score shall be two (2) more point than the number of boats that have finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5, and A11.

## **16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1** Protest forms are available at the protest desk, located on the front porch of the BCC clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks.
- 16.3** Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located in the BCC clubhouse, beginning at the time posted.
- 16.4** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5** Breaches of instructions 1.5, 11.2, 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 16.7** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes rule 66.
- 16.8** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

## **17 SCORING**

- 17.1** The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply, as modified by SI 17.3.
- 17.2** One (1) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3**
- (a) When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - (b) 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.
- 17.4** To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1** Prior to the first warning signal of her first race of each day, each boat is required to check in by passing astern of the Race Committee signal boat on starboard tack and hail her bow number until acknowledged by the Race Committee. Failure to check in shall result in a 20% scoring penalty without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

**18.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible and may do so using VHF channel 72.

**19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

**19.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Executive Committee or in their absence the Organizing Authority. In no case may a Skipper be substituted.

**19.2** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Event Measurement Committee or the Race Committee Chair. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

**20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

**21 EVENT ADVERTISING**

**21.1** Boats may only display advertising as per ISAF Regulation 20 and are restricted to only the hull as per Lightning Class Constitution Article VII 2.

**21.2** The forward part of the hull, 25% of the hull length excluding the bow numbers, of all participating boats in the event, may be used to display advertising provided by the Organizing Committee.

**22 OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official boats will be marked as follows:

Race Committee boats will fly an RC flag

Jury boat will fly a Jury flag

Safety/Patrol boats will fly a bright pink flag

**23 SUPPORT BOATS**

**23.1** 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) from the start of the first race to 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 organizing authority. The penalty for failure to comply with any of these requirements may be disqualification of all yachts associated with the infringing support personnel.

**24 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard official boats.

**25 NOT USED**

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**27 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 27.1** A boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 27.2** The race committee intends to use VHF marine radio channel 72 to broadcast courtesy information to competitors, including OCS hails after starts.
- 27.4** 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.
- 27.5** GPS units may not be carried aboard during the regatta. This modifies Article VIII 5 b) 3 of ILCA By-laws.

**28 PRIZES**

Trophies will be awarded to the top five skippers and crews.

**29 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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

**30 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third -party liability insurance: Proof of insurance shall be provided upon registration.

**31 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

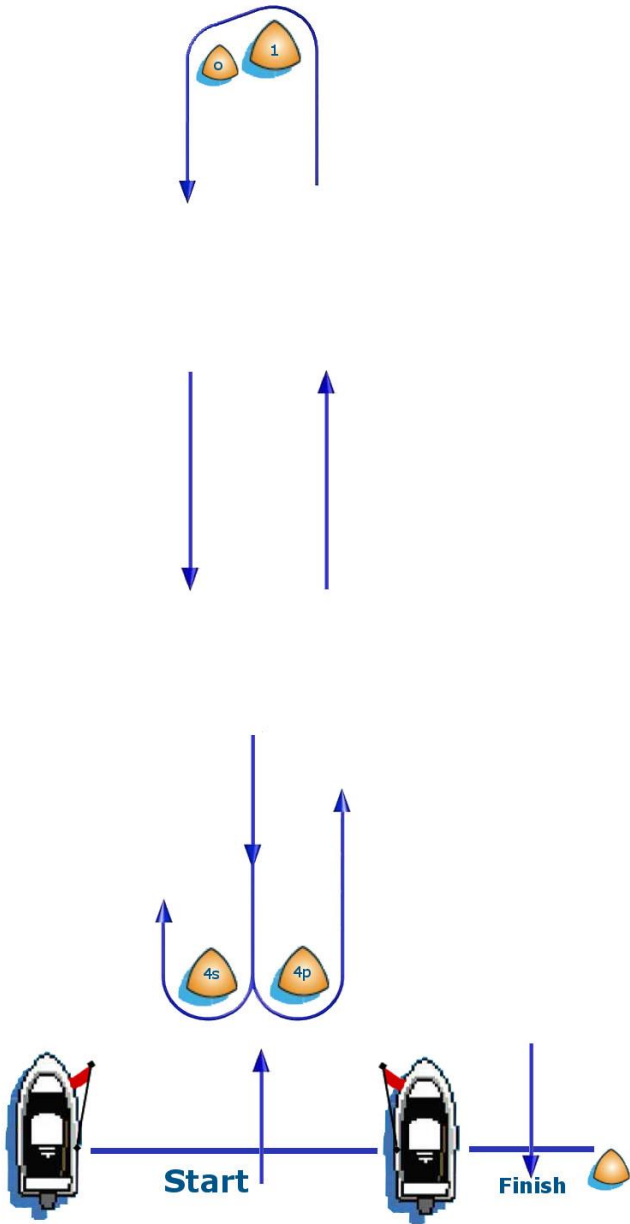
By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

**ADDENDUM A – Racing area**



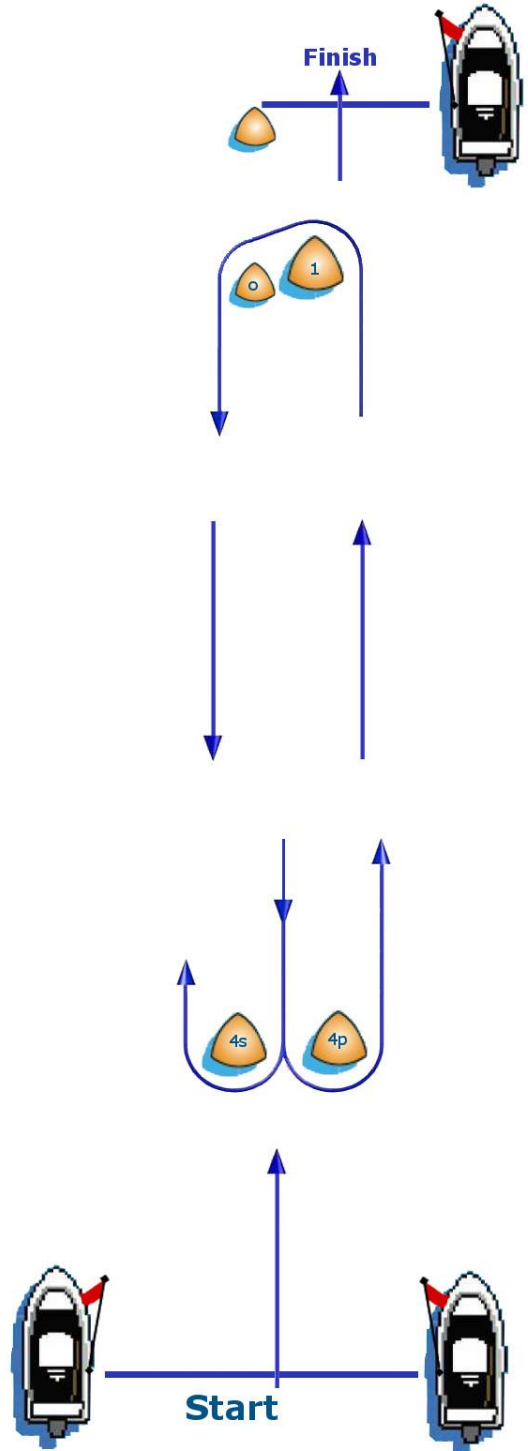
**ADDENDUM B – Courses**

**Course 4**



**Start – 1 – o – 4s or 4p – 1 – o – Finish**

**Course 5**



**Start – 1 – o – 4s or 4p – 1 – o – 4s or 4p – Finish**



## **ADDENDUM C – Full text of Sail Canada Prescriptions**

### **Sail Canada Prescriptions 2013-2016**

Effective 1 January 2013

#### **Rule 46 – Person in Charge**

*Sail Canada prescribes that the designated person in charge, if resident in Canada, shall be a member of a club affiliated with Sail Canada.*

#### **Rule 61.2 – Protest Contents**

*Sail Canada prescribes that no fee shall be charged for delivering a protest or a request for redress.*

#### **Rule 64.3 – Decisions on Protests Concerning Class Rules (insert directly under the title to the rule)**

*Sail Canada prescribes that unless otherwise provided in its class rules, the ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing shall apply to all classes racing in Canada.*

#### **Rule 67 – Damages**

*Sail Canada prescribes that a boat that has been found by a protest committee to have broken a rule and caused damage shall be considered at fault for the purposes of rule 67.*

#### **Rule 70.5(a) – Appeals and Requests to a National Authority**

*Sail Canada so prescribes.*

#### **Rule 88.2 National Prescriptions**

*Sail Canada prescribes that the sailing instructions of national or lesser events shall not change or delete any Sail Canada prescription. For events that have a no appeal protest committee or an international jury, prescriptions to rule 61.2 and 67 shall not be deleted.*

#### **Appendix E8 – Appendix G Changes to Identification on Sails (insert directly under title to the rule)**

*Sail Canada prescribes that this rule applies to Canadian boats in all classes.*

#### **Appendix R – Procedures for Appeals and Requests (insert after the preamble)**

*Sail Canada prescribes that it may delegate an appeal or request for confirmation or correction to an association appeals committee, such as a provincial association appeals committee or a racing association appeals committee. Decisions of an association appeals committee may be further appealed to Sail Canada.*

#### **Appendix R2.1(a) – Submission of Documents**

*Sail Canada prescribes that no later than 15 days after receiving the association appeals committee's written decision, the appellant may send a further appeal and a copy of the association appeals committee's decision to Sail Canada. The appeal shall state why the appellant believes the association appeals committee's decision or its procedures were incorrect.*

#### **Appendix R2.2 – Submission of Documents**

*Sail Canada prescribes that in the case of a further appeal to Sail Canada, this rule shall apply to the appellant as though it was an initial appeal, and to the appealed committee as though it was the protest committee.*

#### **Appendix R3 – Responsibilities of National Authority and Protest Committee**

*Sail Canada prescribes that when an appeal is delegated to an association appeals committee, the responsibilities and actions required of the national authority in this rule, and in rules R4, R5, 71.2 and 71.3, shall be performed by the association appeals committee. When a decision of an association appeals committee is further appealed, Sail Canada shall send to the parties, protest committee and association appeals committee copies of the appeal. No member of the association appeals committee shall take any part in the discussion or decision on the appeal.*

#### **Appendix R4 – Comments and Clarifications**

*Sail Canada prescribes that when a decision of an association appeals committee is further appealed, the parties, protest committee and association appeals committee may make comments on the appeal. Comments on the appeal shall be made no later than 15 days after receiving it from Sail Canada. Sail Canada shall send copies of the comments to the parties, protest committee and association appeals committee as appropriate.*