



**International Lightning Class Association**  
**World Championship**  
Carolina Yacht Club  
Wrightsville Beach, NC, USA  
May 16-21, 2022

### NOTICE OF RACE

April 14, 2022 Appended NOR 1.1 and added 4.10 **Executive Committee modification to the Document Governing and suspension of Articles Governing All Lightning Class World Championships, Article V. Entries, Section 3.3**

May 15, 2022 Added NOR 24 **COUNTRY QUALIFICATION FOR 2023 PAN AMERICAN GAMES**

International Lightning Class Association, Cape Fear Fleet 511, and the Carolina Yacht Club, are the organizing authority.

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).

## 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the *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>. **Executive Committee modifications to the Document Governing apply and are available at <https://lightningclass.org/docs.ashx?id=980607>.**
- 1.2. US Sailing Prescriptions apply and are available at: <https://cdn.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/2021-2024-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 planing is possible, the boat's crew may pull the sheet only, (not the guy), in order to initiate surfing or planing, 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 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 no later than May 16, 2022 online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14816> and will be available at the registration desk in the 1853 room during registration and check-in times.

## **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, and such use shall require withdrawal from the race unless determined by the Race Committee to have been for emergency purposes.
- 3.3. The official Notice Board for competitors will be located online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14816>

## **4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1. The regatta is open to boats of the Lightning class as described in the Document Governing. Every nation with organized Lightning activity (at least one Active Lightning Fleet) is entitled to two entries. The host nation is entitled to two additional entries. The defending and past World Champions, current World Youth Champion, International Masters Champion at the time entries are due, ILCA World's VP, and ILCA President have reserved slots.
- 4.2. The ILCA Executive Committee may award three additional slots to countries not otherwise represented to foster or expand Lightning interest in those areas.
- 4.3. If slots remain open, the ILCA Executive Committee may award 2 additional slots to the host country's area to further develop Lightning sailing. These slots will be by invitation outside of the qualification regatta process.
- 4.4. Each Lightning National Class Association or National Authority shall inform the ILCA class office no later than February 1, 2022 of the number of boats it intends to enter.
- 4.5. If a Lightning National Class Association or National Authority cannot fill its quota, those available slots will be reallocated to interested countries by February 15, 2022

- 4.6. Each Lightning National Class Association or National Authority shall inform the ILCA class office no later than March 1, 2022 of the competitors that will represent their country.
- 4.7. All skippers must be ILCA Life, Active or Associate members in good standing. Crew must be ILCA members in good standing.
- 4.8. Eligible boats may enter the Regatta by completing the registration form and paying the registration fee online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14816> Registration Closes May 1, 2022.
- 4.9. When registering, each competitor may 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 the club, 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.
- 4.10. Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships, Articles Governing All Lightning Class World Championships, Article V. Entries, Section 3.3 The Class Office when filing slots shall not create a situation where one Country has more than 50% of the entered boats (the "50% rule"), for the 2022 Lightning World Championship is suspended by Executive Committee Action April 4, 2022 <https://lightningclass.org/docs.ashx?id=980607>

## 5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is \$650 USD. Fee includes:
  - Entry for skipper and crew to all regatta social activities scheduled
  - Awards and Prizes
  - Full guest privileges at the club including parking, beach access, and access to all of the club's facilities.
  - A guest card allowing charges to the competitors credit card will be issued. This card shall be used for all CYC purchases, dining and bar services.
- 5.2. A late fee of \$100 USD will be charged for payments received after April 1, 2022.

## 6. CREW LIMITATIONS

Crew shall be three, all of whom shall be ILCA members as per ILCA By-Laws.

## 7. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. As per World Sailing Regulation 20 (the Advertising Code) the International Lightning Class Association restricts competitor advertising to hulls only.

## 8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1. The number of races scheduled shall be 8.
- 8.2. The Race Committee will hold no more than two (2) races each day, provided however that a maximum of three (3) races may be sailed if determined necessary by the Race Committee given weather conditions to achieve an 8 - race series.
- 8.3. No Warning Signal will be made after 3:00pm Saturday, May 21st.

## 8.4 Schedule of Events

Day	Event	Time
May 16, Monday	Boat and sail measurement, Sound side Gazebo and Second floor main room for sails	9am- 5pm
	Registration check-in, 1853 Room	1pm- 5pm
	Masters awards, Worlds Opening Ceremonies; and dinner at CYC.	5:30 pm
May 17, Tuesday	Boat and sail measurement, Sound side Gazebo and Second floor main room for sails	9am – 3 pm
	Registration check-in, 1853 Room	9am- 12 noon
	Practice race	1pm warning
	Competitor's meeting, CYC Ballroom	5 pm
May 18, Wednesday	Warning signal first race of the day	12:00 noon
	Dinner at CYC	6:30 pm
May 19, Thursday	Warning signal first race of the day	12:00 noon
May 20, Friday	Warning signal first race of the day	12:00 noon
May 21, Saturday	Warning signal first race of the day	12:00 noon
	Awards Banquet at CYC	6:30 pm

## 9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION [DP]

- 9.1. 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.
- 9.2. 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.
- 9.3. 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.
- 9.4. Boats shall be available for measurement on May 16 & 17 unless other arrangements are made with the OA.

## 10. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

RRS 50 is not changed.

## 11. VENUE

- 11.1. Location of Carolina Yacht Club: 401 South Lumina Avenue, Wrightsville Beach, NC
- 11.2. Racing will be held in the Atlantic Ocean.

## 12. COURSES

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

## 13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 RRS 44 as amended by NOR 1.5.3
- 13.2 Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

## **14. SCORING**

- 14.1. The low point system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 14.2. When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 14.3. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 14.4. One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

- 15.1. Support and coach boats must register with the OA during the registration hours.
- 15.2. 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.
- 15.3. Spectator boats shall not communicate with competitors on the water unless the RC requests that they do so for safety reasons.

## **16. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS**

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.

## **17. BERTHING [DP]**

Boats shall be kept in the boats space selected by the competitor, or as assigned by the OA, at the beginning of the regatta while they are in the boat park.

## **18. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

The organizers plan to allow dry sailing for the event.

## **19. CLEANING OF BOATS**

There will be no undue restrictions on cleaning of boats.

## **20. SECTION INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK**

## **21. 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.

## 22. 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.

## 23. PRIZES

23.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

- Perpetual trophy for the ILCA World Champion
- Audrey Matteson Trophy to the highest placing Woman
- Smither Trophy to the highest placing first time skipper in the World Championship
- Youth Award to the youngest competitor
- Trophies for places 1 – 10
- Flags to winners of each race

## 24. COUNTRY QUALIFICATION FOR 2023 PAN AMERICAN GAMES

24.1 For purposes of country qualification for the 2023 Pan American Games, the Qualifying System and Regatta Schedule, Sailing - 2023 Pan American Games, Santiago, Chile (Qualifying System), shall apply. See <http://panamsailing.org>

24.2 All events designated as qualifiers for the Pan American Games shall conform with the formats specified for those events in the Section of Maximum Quota Per Event of the Qualifying System. For this World Championship this means one (1) country will Qualify from this regatta.

24.3 Competitors intending to qualify a country in a SANTIAGO 2023 event for the Lightning which has been designated as MIXED in the Section of Maximum Quota Per Event will be required to compete as MIXED in the Qualifying Regatta. In the Mixed Dinghy (regional) – Lightning event, MIXED is defined as 2 women and 1 man.

24.4 A competitor may qualify a country for the 2023 Pan American Games only when eligible to represent that country under IOC and Panam Sports and World Sailing rules and shall provide their valid World Sailing ID number to the organizer.

## 25. FURTHER INFORMATION

### **International Lightning Class Association**

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Housing and Charter information will be posted on the yachtscoring web site:

<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14816>

## NOR 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 2022:
  - 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.