



International Lightning Class Association  
World Championship  
CARTAGENA, Colombia  
November 27 - December 2, 2023

## NOTICE OF RACE

International Lightning Class Association (ILCA),  
Clase Lightning Colombia, Club Náutico El Portillo and the  
Federación Colombiana de Vela 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* (<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. Except when RRS 88.2 applies, no national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3. Boats are required to carry portable equipment in accordance with *NOR Addendum ILCA Required Equipment*. (Addendum 2).
- 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 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."
  - 1.5.2. 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 no later than November 27 2023, online at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) and will be available at the Registration Desk 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 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 event is open to boats of the Lightning Class per the Document Governing, Articles Governing All Lightning Class World Championships, Article V, Entries. 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, World Masters Champion at the time entries are due, ILCA World's VP, and ILCA President have a reserved slot. Three (3) additional entries that may be selected by the Executive Committee from Countries not otherwise represented to foster or expand Lightning interest in those Countries. Once the initial selections have been made and if slots are available, the EC may also allocate two slots (2) in the host country's area to expand Lightning Interest in those Countries. These slots can be by invitation outside of the qualification regatta process.

4.2. Each Lightning National Class Association or National Authority shall inform the ILCA class office no later than June 15, 2023 of the number of boats it intends to enter.

4.3. If a Lightning National Class Association or National Authority cannot fill its quota, those available slots will be reallocated to interested countries by July 1, 2023.

4.4. Each Lightning National Class Association or National Authority shall inform the ILCA class office no later than August 15, 2023 of the competitors that will represent their country. Contact detail for the ILCA class office is as follows: International Lightning Class Association (ILCA) Laura Jeffers, Executive Secretary 1528 Big Bass Drive Tarpon Springs, FL 34689 Phone: (727) 942-7969 - E-mail: [office@lightningclass.org](mailto:office@lightningclass.org)

4.5. On-line registration will be available at <http://www.yachtscoring.com>. Completed registration must be returned with the entry fee no later than September 15, 2023.

4.6. Registration will close on October 15, 2023. If competitors are not registered by October 15 2023, they will forfeit their right to participate in the regatta.

4.7. All participants must be ILCA members and are required to check in at registration.

4.8. All participants shall sign a disclaimer of liability of behalf of the Club Naval de Castillogrande, Club Náutico El Portillo, Lightning Fleet #503, the Colombian Sailing Federation, the ILCA, its officers, the protest committee, the race management team and any sponsors of the Regatta

and their members, officers, governors and agents, releasing them from the responsibility of deaths, damages to properties, personal injuries, caused before, during or after the event, understanding they participate under their own responsibility according to RRS Rule 3.

## 5. FEES

5.1 Entry fee of USD \$675 if paid before September 15th, 2023. After this date, a USD \$100 late fee will be added which must be paid before the 15th of October.

5.2 Entry fee includes, awards and prizes, opening ceremony soft drinks, and closing ceremony dinner, and drinks.

5.3 Fees are not refundable.

## 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 eight (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, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

DAY	EVENT	TIME
November 27, Monday	Registration check-in, boat and sail measurement	9:00 am - 6:00 p.m.
	Awards ceremony South American and Worlds Masters Championships	6:30 p.m.
	Worlds welcoming celebration	8:00 p.m.
November 28, Tuesday	Registration check-in, boat and sail measurement	9:00 am - 4:00 p.m.
	Practice race warning signal	1:00 p.m.
	Competitor's meeting	6:00 p.m.
November 29, Wednesday	Warning signal first race of the day	12:00
	Dinner	7:00 p.m.
November 30, Thursday	Warning signal first race of the day	12:00
December 1, Friday	Warning signal first race of the day	12:00
December 2, Saturday	Warning signal first race of the day	12:00
	Awards Banquet at Club Naval	7:00 p.m.

## 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 the 27 and 28 of November unless other arrangements are made with the OA.

## **10. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT**

RRS 50 is not changed.

## **11. VENUE**

Club Naval Santa Cruz de Castillogrande. Carrera 15 Calle 6, Cartagena, Colombia

## **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**

RRS 44 as amended by NOR 1.5.2

## **14. SCORING**

- 14.1. Will be per Appendix A in accordance with the Document Governing.
- 14.2. Three (3) Races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.3. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.
- 14.4. 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 Appendix A.

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

- 15.1. Support and coach vessels 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. The Organizing Authority may, at its discretion, refuse support vessels entry to the venue if they are deemed unsuitable. Generally, open boats less than 7.6 meters in length, having minimal or no superstructure (cabin, coach house, bridge etc.), will be considered suitable.
- 15.4. [DP] Support vessels shall always display the country code(s) of the country/countries on board while on the water. Identification will not be provided by the Organizing Authority.
- 15.5. [DP] [NP] All personnel on board support vessels shall always wear life jackets.
- 15.6. 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 [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.

## 17. BERTHING [DP]

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places 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. PRIZES

22.1. Prizes will be awarded 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

## 23. FURTHER INFORMATION

### **International Lightning Class Association**

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**NOR Addendum 1**

**VENUE AND RACE AREAS**



## NOR Addendum 2

### 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.