



# South American Championship 2024

## International Lightning Class Association

Organizing Authority: Salinas Yacht Club (SYC), Ecuadorian Lightning Class Fleet 405 and the Ecuadorian Sailing Federation (FEVELA)

December 11 – 14, 2024

Salinas, Ecuador

# Sailing Instructions

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*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).*

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for breaking that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

## 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 In case of a difference between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.3 [DP] Every boat must have a clearly legible bow number on both sides for identification purposes, which modifies Article V.68.1 of the class rules (Lightning Plans and Specifications).

## 2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09h00 on the day it will take effect. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20h00 on the day before it will take effect.

## 3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) that will be located in front of the Race Office. Official communications will be made on the ONB, with additional and courtesy communications through WhatsApp. The link to join to the courtesy chat is:  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/E9AjUdoEhsS18Mkpe45k4m>
- 3.2 Failure to post notices in the courtesy chat will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 3.3 The race office is located in the first floor of the “Edificio de Marinería” at the Salinas Yacht Club.
- 3.4 The race committee will be using VHF channel 65 to communicate with the fleet as described in Notice of Race 7.3.

**4 CODE OF CONDUCT**

4.1 [DP][NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

**5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole in front of the race office. When flag “AP” is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 60 minutes’ in the RRS race signal “AP”.

**6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

6.1

Day	Description	Time
Wednesday Dec 11	Practice Race First Warning	14h00
Thursday Dec 12	Skippers Meeting	10h00
	First Warning Signal of the Day	13h00
Friday Dec 13	First Warning Signal of the Day	13h00
Saturday Dec 14	First Warning Signal of the Day	13h00

6.2 To alert

boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flags will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

**7 CLASS FLAG**

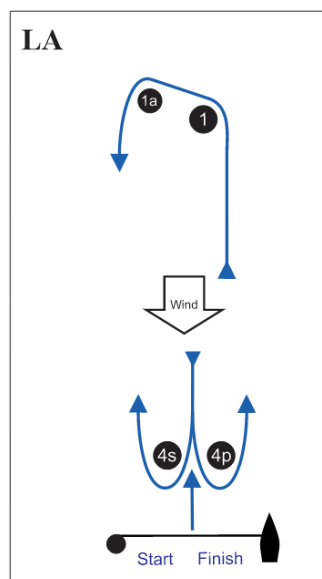
7.1 The class flag will be a white flag with a red Lightning class logo.

**8 RACING AREA**

8.1 The racing area will be the Salinas bay near the Salinas Yacht Club (See rule NoR Addendum #2).

**9 COURSE**

9.1 The diagram below shows the course, 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.



Start-1-1a-4s/4p-1-1a-Finish

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

## 10 MARKS

10.1

Start	Race Committee Vessels
Course Marks (1, 4s, 4p)	Orange Tetrahedrons
Offset Mark 1a	White Tetrahedron
Course Change Marks	Red Tetrahedrons
Finish	Yellow Tetrahedron

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## 12 THE START

12.1 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.

12.2 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## 13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 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.

## 14 THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark at the port end and the course side of the starboard end finishing mark.

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## 16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIME

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Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window	Target time
25 minutes	75 minutes	10 minutes	45 minutes

16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

16.3 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 17 HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 Hearing requests shall be submitted at the race office.

17.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC Signal boat docks or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board (ONB).

17.3 Protest notices will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) within 30 minutes of the end of protest time to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they

are parties to a protest or named as witnesses.

17.4 Protest hearings will be in the second floor of the “Edificio de Marinería” (above the race office).

17.5 An international jury has been appointed.

17.6 The decisions of the International Jury are final as provided in the rule RRS 70.5.

## **18 SCORING**

18.1 See rule NoR 15.

18.2 To request correction of an alleged error in posted results or to schedule a meeting with the race official(s) who made a call, a boat shall complete a scoring inquiry and file it at the race office.

## **19 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

19.1 [DP] [NP] On water prior to the warning signal of her first race of each day boats shall sail past the stern of the Signal Vessel and hail its bow number.

19.2 Wearing a life jacket is mandatory if the wind exceeds 15 knots, in which case the Race Committee will display the Y flag on the signal boat before the warning signal.

19.3 [NP] When flag V over flag H is displayed with one sound signal all boats shall return promptly and directly to the harbor. Further signals ashore. This changes RRS 37

19.4 RRS 37 is changed so that it applies when flag V or flag V over flag H is displayed with one sound.

19.5 [DP][NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **20 [DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

20.1 In the event of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the permission of the Race Committee, except as in SI 20.2. Equipment and crew substitution application forms are available at the race office.

20.2 If the damage occurs less than 2 hours before the first scheduled start on a racing day, and before the start of the last race of the day, provisional verbal permission shall be obtained from the technical committee or race committee before using the equipment in a race and permission shall be requested before the end of the protest time limit at the end of the day in which the substitution takes place. Equipment Substitution application forms are available at the race office.

## **21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

21.1 See Notice of Race 12.

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## **23 OFFICIAL VESSELS**

23.1 Official vessels will be marked as follows:

Race Committee	White Flag with Red ‘CR’
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23.2 Failure of an official vessel to display an identifying flag will not be grounds for redress under RRS 60.1(b).

**24 TRASH DISPOSAL**

24.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

**25 PRIZES**

25.1 See Notice of Race 6.