

2017 Ohio District Championship
Edgewater Yacht Club
6700 Memorial Shoreway, Cleveland, Ohio
June 10-11, 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 – ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

This regatta is organized by the Ohio District of the International Lightning Class Association, in conjunction with Edgewater Yacht Club, and has been sanctioned in accordance with the bylaws of the ILCA.

2 – RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (“RRS”) and the Rules Governing All Lightning Class District Championships, except as modified by the sailing instructions and notices.
- 2.2 RRS 61 is changed to include: “A boat intending to protest shall notify the RC Signal Boat of her intention to protest and the sail number of the boat she is protesting, after clearing the finish line. She may do this via direct hail to the RC Signal Boat or by using the VHF radio.”
- 2.3 RRS 60.1(a) is changed to read “Boats failing to display required advertising or bow numbers may not be protested by another boat.”
- 2.4 These sailing instructions also change the following rules: RRS 35, 42.3, 44.2, 61.3, 62.2, 66 and Appendix A, as indicated below.
- 2.5 Prior to the preparatory signal of the first race of each day, each boat is required to check in with the RC Signal Boat on starboard, hailing her sail or bow number until acknowledged.

3 – NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located near the grill at the Edgewater Yacht Club patio.

4 – CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will

take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

5 – SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole just north of the clubhouse.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 45 minutes” in race signal AP.

6 – SCHEDULE OF RACES

Saturday June 10 1055 First Warning Signal. Additional races to follow.

Sunday June 11 0955 First Warning Signal. Additional raced to follow.

- 6.1 On the last scheduled day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1400.
- 6.2 A total of seven races are scheduled. One race is required to be completed in order to constitute a series.

7 – RACING AREA

- 7.1 Racing will take place on the open waters of Lake Erie north of the entrance to the Edgewater Basin.
- 7.2 On Sunday, June 11, Edgewater Yacht Club Drop Mark Course Sunday Series participants may be racing on the same race course as the Lightning District Championship participants (first warning scheduled for 1225).

8 – THE COURSES

- 8.1 The courses will be windward-leeward courses as shown on the attached course diagrams. There may be an offset mark at the windward mark. All marks will be left to port, except when there is a gate, boats shall sail between gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal the RC Signal Boat will display the approximate compass bearing from the RC Signal Boat to mark 1.

9 – MARKS

- 9.1 The windward mark and the leeward mark or gate marks will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 9.2 The offset mark, if any, will be a red ball.
- 9.3 The start mark will be a yellow cylinder.
- 9.4 The finish mark will be an orange cylinder.

10 – THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal given five minutes

before the starting signal. The warning signal may be preceded by a “wake-up” signal which will consist of a series of short horns one minute before the warning signal.

- 10.2 The starting line will be between the mast on the RC Signal Boat with the orange flag and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rule A4.1

11 – CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

- 11.1 To change the position of the next mark, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration.
- 11.2 A weather change mark will be a yellow tetrahedron. If there is a subsequent change of the weather mark in the same race, the first change mark will be replaced with the original mark, which will be an orange tetrahedron.

12 – THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between the mast on the RC Signal Boat with the blue flag and the course side of the finish mark.
- 12.2 When the course is shortened at a gate, an RC boat near the gate will display flag S. Boats shall finish by sailing through the gate from the direction of the previous mark. The finishing line will be between the gate marks. This changes Race Signal S.

13 – PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 The penalties are as described in rules 44.1, 44.2 and 44.4, except if penalty occurs 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 and has it drawing after the penalty, the penalty is one turn of 360 degrees instead of two, This modifies rule 44.2.
- 13.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the judges’ table in the main clubhouse within the protest time limit.
- 13.3 As provided in rule 67, the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken rule 42.
- 13.4 The act of deliberately sacrificing one’s own chances of position in a series, thereby materially affecting the position of other competitors, is prohibited and shall be grounds for disqualification. Covering or luffing, providing the boat is sailing within the RRS and in a manner consistent with maintaining or bettering her position in the race or series, shall not be as breaking this rule. In flagrant

cases affecting the point score of the leaders the Race Committee shall have the power, with or without protest, to order the race re-sailed, bar the offender from the re-sailed and remaining races, and recommend his or her suspension from the Association to the Board of Governors.

14 – PROPULSION

On a free leg of the course, when surfing (rapid accelerating down the leeward side of a wave) or planing is possible, the boat's crew may, in order to initiate surfing or planing, pump the sheet, but not the guy controlling any sail, but 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 modifies RRS 42.3(b).

15 – TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The time limit for a race shall be three and one-half (3-1/2) hours. If no boat completes three out of four legs of a windward-leeward course within two hours and ten minutes, the race shall be abandoned and, if possible, re-sailed. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes rules 35 and A 4.1.
- 15.2 All regularly scheduled, abandoned, or postponed races not started by 1400 on Sunday, June 11, 2017, shall be abandoned, the regatta terminated and scored on the basis of the race or races sailed.
- 15.3 A race will be deemed to have started by the deadline if the original start is within the deadline, regardless of any recall and subsequent start of that race.

16 – PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the judges' table in the main clubhouse. Protests must be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 The protest and redress time limit is 60 minutes after the RC Signal Boat dock time, which will be posted on the official notice board. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted within thirty minutes after the protest time limits to inform competitors of hearings which they are parties or named as a witness.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5 A list of boats that have acknowledged breaking RRS 42 or have been disqualified by the protest committee will be posted before the protest time limits.
- 16.6 For the purpose of RRS 64.3(b) the "authority responsible" is the measurer appointed by the organizing authority.
- 16.7 On the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limits if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day, but no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed to the decision on that day. This

changes RRS 66.

16.8 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.4

16.9 For purposes of qualifying competitors for an area championship, the right of appeal shall be denied.

17 – SCORING

17.1 Abbreviations for scoring shall be in accordance with RRS A11.

17.2 Each boat finishing in a race and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified will be scored points equal to her finishing place, as follows: first boat scores 1 point, second boat scores 2 points, and so on. "DNC", "DNS", "DNF", and "RAF" score points equal to one more, and "OCS", "DNE", "BFD", and "DSQ" score points equal to two more, than the number of boats eligible to start in any race of the series. "RDG" scores points equal to the finishing position awarded her after a hearing for request for redress.

17.3 Each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races, except that there will be one throw out if more than 5 races are sailed. This changes RRS Appendix A.

18 – TIES

18.1 Boats which tie in a single race shall score points equal to the best position involved. The position(s) immediately after shall remain vacant (if two boats tie for first place, both are scored 1 point, and the next boat to finish scores 3 points). This paragraph modifies RRS A7.

18.8 When there is a tie on total points between two or more boats at the end of a series, the tie will be broken in favor of the boat or boats with the most first places, and, when a tie remains, the most second places, and so on. When a tie still remains, it shall be broken in favor of the boat which beats the other(s) in the last untied race of the series. All races, including those possibly excluded as a throw-out in calculating total scores, shall be considered for the purpose of breaking ties. This paragraph modifies RRS A8.2.

19 – SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 Each boat shall carry safety equipment conforming to government regulations, class rules, and US Sailing or ISAF rules.

19.2 Prior to the preparatory signal of the first race of each day, each boat is required to check in with the RC boat on starboard, tack giving her sail or bow number, and to receive a clear signal of acknowledgment.

19.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee by VHF radio as soon as possible.

20 – REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the District Commodore.

20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment, except safety equipment, will not be allowed unless approved by a member of the District Measurement Committee or by the Race Committee Chairperson.

21 – 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, the boat can be instructed by the Race Committee or the Measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

22 – OFFICIALS BOATS

Official boats will fly a blue RC flag.

23 – SUPPORT BOATS

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 unless otherwise designated in the Sailing Instructions. 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 boats associated with the infringing support personnel.

24 – HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall be allowed to be hauled out during the regatta.

25 – RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones and other forms of electronic communication. Competitors are encouraged to have a VHF radio on board to hear instructions broadcast to all competitors during the racing and for safety reasons. The Race Committee will communicate on Channel 71.

26 – PRIZES

Prizes will be given to the first through third finishers. The OHIO District perpetual trophy will also be presented.

27 – DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, Race Committee, Protest Committee and Edgewater Yacht Club will not accept any liability for property damage or personal or bodily injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during,

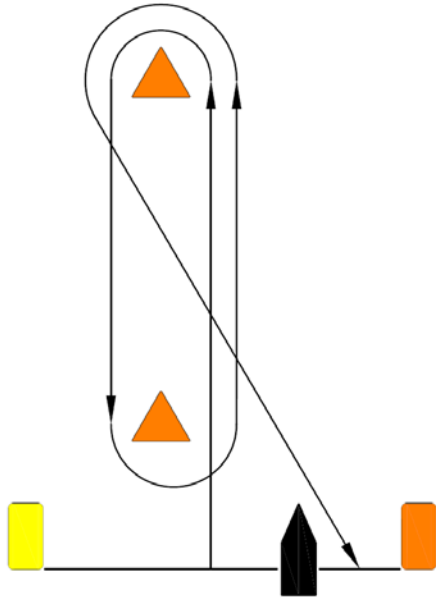
or after the regatta.

28 – INSURANCE

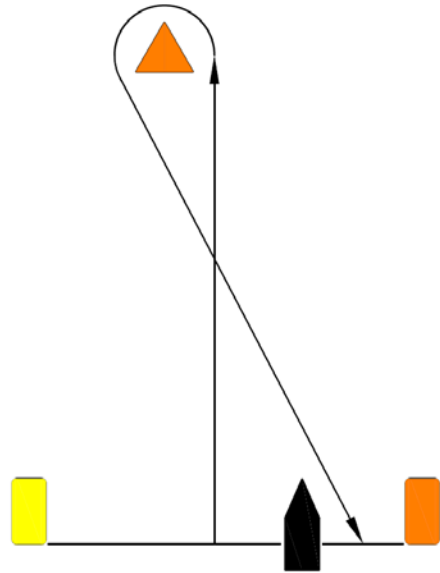
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage limit of \$300,000 per incident, or the equivalent.

COURSE DIAGRAMS

COURSE "A"



COURSE "C"



COURSE "B"

