



**Clase Lightning
del Ecuador**



2017 South American Championship 2017 International Masters' Championship

November 17 – 20, 2017

International Lightning Class Association (ILCA), the Lightning Fleet 405, Salinas Yacht Club (SYC) & Ecuadorian Sailing Federation (FEVELA)

Salinas, Ecuador

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020, the ILCA Constitution, By-Laws, Lightning Specifications and the Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships (hereafter referred to as Document Governing).

1.2 Except when RRS 88.2 applies, no national prescriptions will apply.

1.3 The following rules below will be changed/will apply.

1.3.1 RRS 42.3(c) is changed to say: "Except on a beat to windward, when surfing down the leeward side of a wave or planning is possible, a boat's crew may pull/pump the sheet, but not the guy, controlling any sail to initiate surfing or planning, 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.

1.3.2 Appendix T applies.

1.4 INFORMING THE RACE COMMITTEE

1.4.1 A boat intending to protest based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee.

1.5 UNDER RULE 87, CLASS RULES ARE CHANGED AS FOLLOWS:

1.5.1 Boats are not required to carry an anchor, but all other equipment in accordance with VI.2 is required.

1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the text written in its original English Document will take precedence.

1.7 RRS 44.1 is changed per SI 14 Penalty System.

1.8 For this event the Rules Governing South American Championship, articles 14 and 16 apply and articles 1-13 and 15 do not apply. Article 14: From the 2008 edition the South American Championship "Open" is declared. Article 16: Non-South American competitors may win the open tournament and receive the trophies assigned for that purpose, and may also obtain the titles of South American Champion, South American vice Champion, Third Place and shall be entitled to receive and engrave their names on the respective Permanent Trophies.



2. ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION

2.1 All boats must display bow numbers. Bow numbers will be provided and installed by the Organizing Authority.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in front of the Marinería office of the Salinas Yacht Club and an exact replica of that information will be posted on an unofficial notice board located at the Lightning boat parking area.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 11h00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20h00 on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official staff located in front of the Marinería office of the Salinas Yacht Club.

5.2 When flag “AP” is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 45 minutes’.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1

Thursday, November 16

10h00 to 18h00 Registration and Measurement

Friday, November 17

09h00 to 18h00 Registration and Measurement

15h00 Practice Race

19h00 Opening Ceremony

Saturday, November 18

11h00 Skippers meeting

13h30 Races 1 & 2

Sunday, November 19

11h00 Skippers meeting

13h30 Races 3 & 4

Monday, November 20

11h00 Skippers meeting

13h30 Races 5 & 6

20h00 Awards ceremony

6.2 No warning signals will be given on November 20, 2017 after 16h30.

6.3 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.

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1 A white flag with the Lightning class logo in red will be used.



8. RACING AREAS

8.1 Racing area will be approximately two (02) nautical miles northeast of the Salinas Yacht Club, Bay of Santa Elena, Ecuador.

9. THE COURSES

9.1 The diagram in Attachment 1 shows the course, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left, which will be Windward – Leeward of four (04) legs – Course LA2, except for the last race of each day which course will be Windward – Leeward of five (05) legs – Course LA3.

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display on a whiteboard (at stern) and communicate via VHF radio channel 23, the approximate compass bearing of the first leg and the course to be sailed.

10. MARKS

10.1 All rounding marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.

10.2 Starting and finishing marks will be Race Committee vessels.

10.3 New marks, as provided in SI 12 will be orange tetrahedrons.

10.4 Mark 1a will be a round orange buoy.

11. THE START

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

11.2 A boat that does not start within five (05) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11.3 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line (OCS) and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her bow numbers on VHF channel 23. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

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 staffs displaying orange flags on finishing marks.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

14.2 Insert a new sentence after the second sentence of RRS 44.1: "When an infringing yacht has its spinnaker drawing at the time of the infringement, drops it completely while taking her penalty, and resets it immediately and has it drawing after the penalty, the penalty is a One-Turn Penalty".

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1 Time limit is 90 minutes. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 45 minutes the race will be abandoned. This changes class rule VIII (3).

15.2 Target time is 60 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).



15.3 Boats failing to finish within fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office, located at Marinería building of the Salinas Yacht Club. 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 arrives to port each day.

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 at the Marinería building, beginning at the time posted.

16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16.5 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 RRS 62.2.

16.6 Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

17. SCORING

17.1 Four (04) races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

17.2 (a) When five (5) or fewer races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores

(b) When six (6) races or more have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 A boat that intends not to participate in a race, shall notify the race committee before the starting signal. Prior to the first warning signal of the first race each day, each boat is required to check in by passing astern of the RC Signal and hailing their sail number and acknowledged by the RC.

18.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18.3 Failure to comply this rule (SI 18) will be penalized with a "DPI" (Discretionary Penalty Imposed) of 1 point without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

19. TRACKING SYSTEM EQUIPMENT

19.1 Competitors shall collect a tracking module from their assigned tracking desk before racing each day. On return to shore competitors shall return the tracking module within the protest time limit to the same place that they received it.

19.2 Failure to comply this rule (SI 19) will be penalized with a "DPI" (Discretionary penalty imposed) of 1 point without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1 On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the race committee or the technical committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Ashore, equipment may be inspected or measured at any time.

21. EVENT ADVERTISING

21.1 Advertising will be according to WS Regulation 20.4.1, restricted to aft 25% of hull only.

21.2 [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.



22. OFFICIAL BOATS

22.1 Official boats will be marked as follow:

- a) Race Committee: white flag with red CR
- b) Jury: black flag with white Jury
- c) Support: white flag with country code
- d) Press and spectators: pink flag

23. SUPPORT BOATS

23.1 Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel may go on the water aboard designated spectator boats strictly to observe the racing. The Organizing Authority intends to supply a limited number of spectator boats. Individual boats are allowed but must be registered with the OA and be required to assist in emergency situations. They 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 receive support, be towed or be coached on the water at any time during the regatta unless such support is available to all competitors and 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

24.1 As per rule RRS 55, a competitor shall not intentionally put trash in the water.

25. RADIO COMMUNICATION

25.1 VHF radios are allowed for communications with the Race Committee (RC) per ILCA By-Laws, Article VIII, 5. b) 4) A. The RC intends to communicate with competitors using VHF Channel 23 and will attempt to communicate OCS boats using VHF Channel 23. Competitors should bring their own VHS radio. Failure or delay in this procedure shall not be ground for redress. This changes rule 60.1 (b).

25.2 Official radio communications will be in English and Spanish.

26. PRIZES

26.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

- Trophy for the ILCA International Masters Champion
- Trophy for the ILCA South American Champion
- Trophies for places 1, 2 & 3 of the South American Championship
- Trophies for places 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 of the International Masters Championship
- Individual Race Winner Flags will be awarded to each Fleet

27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

27.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Fundamental Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority (ILCA, Fleet 405 & SYC) 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.

27.2 Competitors sanctioned by the International Jury as responsible of causing damage to other competitors, besides the penalty received, shall be responsible for paying the costs of the damages.

27.3 Each competitor is responsible for their boat and equipment during the haul out process.



ATTACHMENT 1

