



International Lightning Class Association
2019 WJM North American Championships
Buffalo Canoe Club, Point Abino, ON
06-10 August 2019



NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Appendix T of the 2017-2020 RRS and the prescriptions of Sail Canada shall apply and will be posted on the official notice board during the regatta.
- 1.2. The organizing authority (OA) is the Buffalo Canoe Club.
- 1.3. The International Lightning Class Association (ILCA) By-Laws and "Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships" hereinafter referred to as the "Document Governing" will apply.
- 1.4. The rules identified below will be changed and will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
 - 1.4.1. 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 Governing Authority.
 - 1.4.2. 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." This Class Rule changes RRS 42 and shall be included in the Notice of Race for informational purposes only.
 - 1.4.3. 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 while taking her penalty, and resets it immediately and has it drawing after the penalty, the penalty is one full turn instead of two."

2. ADVERTISING

Advertising shall be in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 except that it shall be restricted to the hull only in accordance with Article VIII (2) of the Document Governing.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The Women's Championship is open to all female sailors (skipper and crew).
- 3.2. The Junior Championship is open to all eligible skipper and crew who will not reach their twenty first (21st) birthday on or before 12/31/19. Each Junior entrant must submit a signed Junior Medical Emergency Form and Junior Competitors Agreement.
- 3.3. The Masters Championship is open to all eligible skippers who will reach their fifty-fifth (55th) birthday on or before 12/31/19. The minimum combined age of the skipper and crew, as of 12/31/19, is 130 years.
- 3.4. All skippers must be ILCA Life, Active, or Associate members in good standing. All crew must be ILCA Members. Masters' & Juniors' participants must show a photo ID, or proof of age, at registration.
- 3.5. Eligible boats may enter the Regatta by completing the registration form and paying the registration fee by 1800 on Wednesday August 7, 2019. Registration is online at [Yacht Scoring](#).

3.6. At registration, each competitor will 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 BCC, 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. FEES

The entry fee is \$250 USD for Womens & Masters NAs and \$125 for Juniors NAs. A late fee of \$25 USD will also be charged for payments received after July 12, 2019.

Womens and Masters Competitors will receive:

- Thursday – Dinner at BCC
- Friday – Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at Swanson's house
- Bagels, donuts and coffee each morning
- Beer and snacks after racing
- Awards and Prizes
- Full guest privileges at BCC, including all on site dining and bar services.

Juniors will receive:

- Thursday – Dinner at Probst's house
- Friday – Dinner at MacDonald's house
- Bagels, donuts and coffee each morning
- Refreshments and snacks after racing
- Awards and Prizes
- Full guest privileges at BCC, including all on site dining and bar services.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Day	Event	Time
Tuesday, 8/6	WJM Registration, Check-in and Measurement	1400-1700
Wednesday, 8/7	WJM Registration, Check-in and Measurement WJM Practice Race Post-races refreshments	0900-1800 Warning 1400 After practice race
Thursday, 8/8	Bagels, donuts and coffee WJM Competitors Meeting @ BCC East Lawn Races Post-races refreshments; daily awards – East lawn Masters/Womens: Dinner at BCC Juniors: Dinner at Probst's house	0800-0930 0900 First warning 1100 After racing 1800 1800
Friday, 8/9	Bagels, donuts and coffee Races Post-races refreshments; daily awards – East lawn Masters/Womens: Cocktails/horsd'oeuvres at Swanson's Juniors: Dinner at MacDonald's house	0800-0930 First warning 1030 After racing 1800 at Swanson's 1800
Saturday, 8/10	Bagels, donuts and coffee Races No warning signal after Post-races refreshments and Awards - East Lawn	0800-0930 first warning 1030 1400 After racing

Masters will sail no more than two races per day.

6. MEASUREMENT

- 6.1. 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.
- 6.2. 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.
- 6.3. 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.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available no later than August 1, 2019 online at the event web site and will be available at BCC during registration and check-in times.

8. VENUE & THE COURSES

- 8.1. Courses will be windward/leeward, triangle or windward/leeward/triangle courses that may include an offset mark and a gate, as described in the sailing instructions.
- 8.2. Location of BCC & racing area - click: [Location of Buffalo Canoe Club & Racing Area](#)

9. PENALTY SYSTEMS

See NOR 1.4.3.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. The low point system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 10.2. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.
- 10.3. 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.
- 10.4. A maximum of 8 (eight) races is scheduled for the Women's and Junior Divisions and 6 (six) races for the Masters' Division, of which one shall be completed to constitute a series.

11. SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1. Support and coach boats must register with the OA during the registration hours.
- 11.2. Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel shall stay outside the racing 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 (Reference – ILCA Class Rules VIII – racing conditions #15).
- 11.3. Spectator boats shall not communicate with competitors on the water unless requested by the RC do to so for safety reasons.

12. BERTHING

Boats shall be wet-sailed. Swing moorings in the BCC mooring field will be available with launch service. Competitors may also anchor in the shallow water near shore if space is available and if the competitor brings sufficient anchor, chain and line. All boats shall be floating before 1800 hours on Wednesday, August 7. No boat shall be hauled during the regatta without express written permission of the Chief Judge and/or designated Jury Member. Boats may be cleaned on the beach by careening without use of a trailer or dolly.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 13.1. 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.
- 13.2. 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.

14. AWARDS

- 14.1. Prizes will be awarded to top placing skippers and crews in each of the fleets.
- 14.2. Perpetual Trophies will be presented to the North American Champion in the Women's, Juniors' and Masters' fleets.
- 14.3. The highest placing skipper who has reached his or her 65th birthday by Dec. 31, 2019 shall win the Grand Master trophy.
- 14.4. The highest placing skipper who has reached his or her 75th birthday by Dec. 31, 2019 shall win the Great Grand Master trophy

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. 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.

16. 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.

17. RACE OFFICIALS

Race Committee PRO: Todd Fedyszyn

18. QUALIFICATION FOR OTHER LIGHTNING CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 18.1 One or more skippers from the Womens, Juniors and Masters fleets, not previously qualified through their District, may be entitled to enter the 2019 North American Championship Regatta in accordance with Class Rules.
- 18.2 The two US and two Canadian skippers from the Junior division, having the best scores among those born on or after 1/1/00, and who are willing and able to represent the US and Canada, shall be named the US and Canadian entrants for the 2020 Lightning World Youth Championship Regatta. As a clarification, neither the skipper nor crew can turn 21 years old in the year they sail the 2020 World Youth Championship.

19. CHARTER BOATS

Charters may be available. Please contact Tom Allen Jr. tomallenjr@juno.com 716.842.0800

20. HOUSING

Member housing/billeting will be available on a limited basis. Additionally, there may be member houses for rent. Please contact Carol Starck (email jcstarck@yahoo.com or Text 716-876-5577) for details. First-come/first-serve. Additionally, helpful links to local hotels, camp grounds and house rentals:

HOTELS/MOTELS/CAMPGROUNDS:

[Town of Fort Erie - List of Accommodations](#)

Clarion Hotel:

[Clarion Hotel Website](#)

Helpful House Rental Google Searches:

[Vacation Rentals](#)

[Crystal Beach Tennis and Yacht Club Rentals](#)

FURTHER INFORMATION

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[Yacht Scoring](#)

Racing Area and Location of BCC Clubhouse:

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