

**INTERNATIONAL LIGHTNING CLASS ASSOCIATION  
2019 CT GOVERNOR'S CUP**



**NIANTIC BAY YACHT CLUB**  
September 7-8, 2019



## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

This regatta is organized by Fleet 85 of the International Lightning Class Association, in conjunction with Niantic Bay Yacht Club, and will be conducted in accordance with the bylaws of the ILCA.

### **2. RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020*, the prescriptions of US Sailing when they apply, and by the Sailing Instructions. If there is a conflict between the Sailing Instructions and any other document governing the event, the Sailing Instructions take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

[GME1]

The Two-Turns turns penalty of RRS 44 shall be changed to a one-turn penalty for all infractions. [GME2]

### **3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

Eligible boats (compliant with ILCA Rules) may enter by any of:

- (a) Registering on YachtScoring
- (b) All Competitors must have completed waivers
- (c) completing registration at Niantic Bay Yacht Club on Saturday Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> before 1000; or
- (d) by mail prior to Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019 to James Gardner, 47 Warsaw St, Deep River CT 06417.

### **4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located in the clubhouse next to the fireplace.

### **5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1100 on Saturday or 0930 on Sunday, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

### **6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club flagpole.

6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, removing it with one sound signal means "the warning signal will be made in the race area no earlier than 45 minutes after removal unless at that time the race is postponed again or abandoned."

## 7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday	0800 -1000	Registration/safety check
Saturday	1030	Competitor's meeting
Saturday	1100	Harbor start
Saturday	1200 noon	Warning – Race 1
		Races will be sailed back-to-back, with no rest for the weary.
	1700	Cocktail Party
	1800	The famous Governor's Cup Dinner
Sunday	0930	Harbor Start
Sunday	1030	Warning, first race of the day
Sunday		No starting sequence will sound after 1500.
		Awards will given as soon as practical after racing.

## 8. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a white flag with the Lightning Class insignia.

## 9. RACING AREA

9.1 The racing area will be in Long Island Sound in and around Niantic Bay.

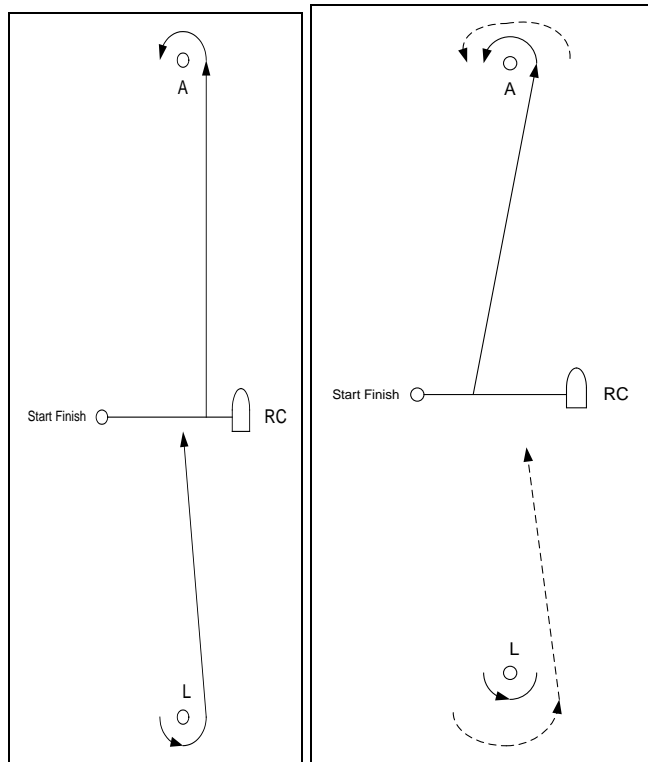
## 10. THE COURSES

10.1 The diagrams below show the courses, the approximate angle between legs and the order in which marks are to be passed. All marks are to be left to PORT.

10.2 The course to be sailed will be posted on the RC, and will indicate:

- (a) a windward mark, either A (yellow) or W (the red bell at White Rock, off Millstone Point),
- (b) L, indicating a leeward mark (a yellow inflatable),
- (c) an optional numeral to indicate a number of laps, and
- (d) X to indicate finish.

Courses ALX and AL2X are shown below. No offset will be used.



## 11. CHECK IN

Prior to the warning signal of the first race of each day in which it intends to compete, each boat shall sail by the race committee signal boat and hail their sail number.

## 12. THE START

12.1 Races will be started using rule 26.

12.2 The race committee will make a series of short sound signals to alert competitors to the upcoming warning signal for each race.

12.3 The starting line will be between a staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the port end starting mark.

## 13. RECALLS

14.1 When an individual recall is signaled, the race committee may attempt to hail the sail number(s) of the boat(s) that are OCS, and boats that have not complied with rule 30.1 via VHF channel 78. Neither the failure of a boat to hear such a hail, nor the timing or order of hails, will be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12.2 When a starting penalty of rule 30 is in use, the race committee **may** hail sail numbers during the minute before the start.

## 14. CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will move the original mark. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg on which the course change has occurred, 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.

## **15. THE FINISH**

- 15.1 The finishing line will be between a staff from which an orange flag is displayed on a race committee boat and the course side of the nearby finishing mark.
- 15.2 Code flag H displayed at the finish means: "No more racing today – return to shore."

## **16. PROPULSION**

Rule 42.3(c) is changed to provide that 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.

## **17. TIME LIMITS**

17.1 **RACE** - A boat starting more than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4.1, and A5. If no boat that has started rounds the windward mark within 45 minutes, the race will be abandoned. The time limit is 120 minutes for the first boat to sail the course. Boats still racing more than 30 minutes after the first boat that sails the course finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

### **17.2 REGATTA**

All regularly scheduled, abandoned, or postponed races not in starting sequence by 1500 on Sunday shall be abandoned, the regatta terminated and scored on the basis of the race or races sailed. A race will be deemed to have started by the deadline if the original start is within the deadline, regardless of subsequent recalls.

## **18. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 18.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests must be delivered there within the protest time limit to be valid.
- 18.2 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks.
- 18.3 Notices will be posted within thirty minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as a witness. Hearings will be held in the approximate order of receipt beginning as soon as practical at the location described in the notice.
- 18.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under rules 61.1(b).
- 18.5 For the purpose of rule 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the organizing authority.
- 18.6 On the last day of the regatta a request for re-opening a hearing shall be delivered:
  - a. Within the protest time limits if the party requesting re-opening was informed of the decision on the previous day.
  - b. No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting re-opening was informed to the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
- 18.7 Breaches of instructions 12, 23.2, and 24 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1.

## **19. SCORING**

19.1 The Series shall be scored using Appendix A Low Point Scoring System except as modified by these sailing instructions.

19.2 Boats scored "OCS", "DNE", "BFD", and "DSQ" will score points equal to two more than the number of boats entered in the series. This changes Appendix A4.2.

19.3 Six races are scheduled, of which one must be completed to constitute a regatta. If five races are completed, each competitor's worst score shall be excluded.

19.4 Any races not started by the time in instruction 18.2 will be abandoned.

## **20. TIES**

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 changes rule A7.

## **21. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

21.1 Each boat shall carry safety equipment conforming to class rules.

21.2 A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area early shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **22. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

22.1 Substitution of skippers and crew shall be permitted.

22.3 Substitution of damaged sails damaged during the series will be permitted in accordance with Article VII Paragraph 3 of the Class rules.

## **23. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions including boat weigh-ins.

## **24. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

The use of hand-held VHF radios while racing is permitted, but only for **receiving** communications from the race committee on channel 78, and in emergencies. The failure to receive such communications shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

Other than VHF radios, use of any electronic communication device, including cellular telephones, is prohibited from the time a competitor leaves the dock until she completes the last race of the day, unless for emergencies.

## **25. PRIZES**

25.1 The Connecticut Governor's Cup perpetual trophy will be awarded to the top finishing boat.

25.2 Regatta trophies will be awarded to the top three boats in the regatta.

**26. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 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.