



INTERNATIONAL LIGHTNING CLASS ASSOCIATION 2018 OHIO & MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Organizing Authority: Ohio Lightning Fleet

Host: Sandusky Sailing Club

June 23-24, 2018

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 RRS 61 is changed to include: "A boat intending to protest shall notify the RC Signal boat of her intention to protest and sail number of the boat she is protesting, after clearing the finish line. She may do this via direct hail to the Signal Boat or by using the VHF radio."

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 The regatta is open to all members of the Lightning Class Association.

2.2 Registration will be available online at: www.YachtScoring.com, or www.sanduskysailingclub.com.

2.3 Registration deadline for the Regatta is June 15, 2018 without penalty.

2.4 ILCA Individual Membership: EVERYONE who competes in a District Championship MUST be an ILCA member (including every crew).

2.5 ILCA Fleet Dues: Every skipper who competes in a District Championship must be affiliated with a Fleet in good standing with the ILCA or must have received permission from the Executive Committee to sail as an "unaffiliated" member. Fleet Dues are \$25.00 (payable to ILCA)

3. ENTRY FEES

3.1 Entry fees, if received & completed on or by June 15, 2018: \$70, US Sailing Members \$60.

3.2 Entry fees, if received & completed on or after June 16: \$80, US Sailing Members \$70.

3.3 BBQ Dinner and party Saturday after sailing \$20/person.

3.4 Entry Fee includes launching, trailer storage, racing, dockage, free beer after racing provided by the Ohio Lightning Fleet.

4. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday, June 22: 1700 - 2100 Skippers' packets available. Bar open and light hors d'oeuvres

Saturday, June 23: 1055 First Warning Signal. Additional races to follow
After racing Regatta Party with dinner and entertainment. Bar will be open.

Sunday, June 24: 0825 First Warning Signal.
Additional races to follow, but no warning signal past 1200.
After racing Awards

5. MEASUREMENT

5.1 Each boat must be certified eligible by the Measurement Committee before it can be entered in any sanctioned Championship. Boat, sails, spars, and equipment must be made available for measurement and inspections before any District Championship; and any or all boats or portions thereof may be ordered remeasured by the Measurement or Executive Committees. A boat or its equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with Class Rules, RRS, or the Sailing Instructions.

5.2 Boats must hold valid Measurement Certificates, including Mast Certifications, and must display valid membership decal and mast decal. Measurement Certificates must be presented at time of Measurement.

5.3 Each boat shall carry a fluke-type anchor weighing at least 4 pounds (1.8 kg) with 50' of line attached for anchoring a Lightning, a compass, a minimum one gallon bucket, a paddle, an approved wearable life preserver for each person on board, a throwable life preserver (cushion), and a whistle, unless modified with the approval of the Measurement Committee. Modifications should be included in the Notice of Race. Each boat must be equipped with a centerboard preventer.

5.4 All sails shall bear an Official Royalty Label as provided for in the ILCA Specifications, and the mainsail and spinnaker number shall be the same.

6. SUBSTITUTION

6.1 There will be no substitution of Skipper.

6.2 Once the District Championship has begun, boat and crew must sail throughout, except in the case of proven accident or illness. Prior to the series, permission may be granted for the use of a specified alternate crew for a specified race or races. Permission for substitution in such cases may be obtained from the District Commodore in writing. Such permission must be denied if unfair advantage is gained thereby or if not absolutely necessary.

6.3 If a sail is damaged substantially during the championship, the sail may be replaced with a sail which may be measured, and which shall be of the same brand, if possible, and with no less use than the damaged sail. Any substitution shall be done with the approval from a member of the District Measurement Committee or by the Race Committee Chairman.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on or before June 22, 2018.

8. VENUE

Racing will take place on the waters of Sandusky Bay, with all launch, recovery, and social events taking place at Sandusky Sailing Club.

9. SCORING

9.1 Scoring shall be in accordance with *Appendix A* - except that there will be 1 throw out if 5 races are sailed. This changes *RRS Appendix A*.

9.2 One race is required to constitute a series.

9.3 For purposes of qualifying competitors for an area championship, the right of appeal shall be denied and the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions shall so state.

9.4 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 yacht is sailing within the racing rules and in a manner consistent with maintaining or bettering her position in the race or series, shall not be deemed team racing tactics. 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 resailed, bar the offender from the resailed and remaining races and recommend his or her suspension from the Association to the Board of Governors.

10. RADIO COMMUNICATION

10.1 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 telephones.

10.2 Competitors are encouraged to have a VHF aboard to hear instructions broadcast to all competitors during the racing and for safety reasons.

11. PRIZES

11.1 1st, 2nd, 3rd place awards for Ohio District, and perpetual trophies will be presented.

11.2 1st, 2nd, 3rd place awards for Michigan District, and perpetual trophies will be presented.

11.3 Fleet racing will take place, but Ohio and Michigan districts will be scored separately.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to race. The Organizing Authority, Race and Protest Committees and Sandusky Sailing Club 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.

13. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

14. CAMPING

Camping is allowed on Club grounds in the south grass lot. There will be a \$20 per tent, per night fee for the duration of the event. Shower facilities will be available inside SSC 24-hours per day. There is no electric hook-ups and RV or large campers are strictly prohibited.

15. Regatta Contacts

Regatta Chairman-

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