

NOTICE OF CIRCUIT

2018 Southwestern Lightning Circuit

Invitation

You are cordially invited to participate in the 2018 Southwestern Lightning Circuit to be held from April 2018 through October 2018. This circuit is intended to promote the development of the Lightning Class in the Texas District, the Southern District, and the Mississippi Valley District.

Rules

This series of regattas will be governed by the Notice of Regatta and the Sailing Instructions for each regatta. The Organizing Committee will resolve all matters not within the jurisdiction of individual juries (e.g. circuit scoring).

Circuit Scoring

Scoring will be high-points, with scores at each Circuit stop as follows: Each skipper will be awarded points for each regatta they enter. Points will be awarded based on the number of boats entered in each regatta. Each skipper will earn points for the number of entrants they beat + 1. (i.e. - if there are 20 boats entered in a regatta, first place will earn 20 points, second place 19 points, .., and last place 1 point). Each skipper will be awarded 1 bonus point for each regatta they enter that is outside their local sailing area, and there will be 5 additional bonus points awarded to skippers that attend all six Circuit stops. No more than 10 total bonus points will be awarded to any skipper. Competitors will score their best five of the six regattas.

Tiebreakers

When there is a tie in series points between two or more skippers, the tie will be broken in favor of the skipper with the most first places in regattas, or, if the tie remains, the most second places, or lower places if necessary. When a tie still remains, it will be broken in favor of the skipper with the best score in the last race in which the tied skippers raced and scored differently.

Entry

There is a one-time, yearly \$25 entry fee for the Circuit to cover the cost of the prizes, and entry forms will be provided at all circuit stops. Please make your checks out to "Clarke Newman," and sent to 600 North Pearl Street, Suite G-204, Dallas, TX 75201. Individual regattas may have entry forms or fees per their NOR's, and they are the skippers responsibility. Skippers participating in at least one scored regatta of the Circuit will qualify to be included in the final overall Circuit standings, but only skippers who pay the entry fee qualify to receive prizes.

Prizes

A perpetual trophy will be awarded to the skipper with the highest total Circuit points. The "Road Warrior" perpetual trophy will be awarded to the skipper that attends the most Circuit stops, and ties will be broken in favor of the skipper with the highest total Circuit points (no one skipper can win both perpetual trophies). Additional prizes will be presented to the top five finishers in the overall Circuit in addition to the individual regatta prizes.

Schedule

Six scheduled regattas comprise the Circuit:

April 7—8, 2018
Texas District Championship—Houston Yacht Club
Shoreacres, TX

May 19—20, 2018
Southern District Championships—Buccaneer Yacht Club
Mobile, AL

May 26—27, 2018
Juby Wynne One Design Regatta—Southern YC
New Orleans, LA

September 15—16, 2017
Cotton Pickin' Regatta—Delta Sailing Association
Hernando, MS

September 29—30, 2018
GYA Championships—Fairhope YC
Fairhope, AL

October 13—14, 2018
Fall DinghyFest Regatta—Rush Creek Yacht Club
Heath, TX

Disclaimer of Liability

The ILCA and any of their respective agents disclaim jointly and severally, any and all liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained as a result of competing in the Circuit or in any way incident thereto. Competitors, as a condition of their participation, shall participate entirely at their own risk as stipulated in RRS Rule 4.

Further Information

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