

QUALIFYING REGATTA FOR THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO THE 2019 PAN AMERICAN GAMES
(PAG) FOR THE LIGHTNING CLASS

BCC September 7-9, 2018

Registration and Measurement September 6, 2018

NOTICE OF RACE

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

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the NoR or SI means that neither a boat nor a competitor may protest or seek redress for a breach of that rule and if the Race Committee or Technical Committee protests under that rule then the penalty may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- b. The Organizing Authority is The International Lightning Class Association, 1528 Big Bass Dr., Tarpon Springs, FL 34689, United States of America in conjunction with the Buffalo Canoe Club, 4475 Erie Rd, Ridgeway, ON L0S 1N0, Canada
- c. National prescriptions of both US Sailing and Sail Canada will apply. If there is a conflict in the prescriptions then the Sail Canada version will take precedence. Canadian Prescriptions are available at https://www.sailing.ca/files/RRS_2017_2020_Sail_Canada_Prescription_Final_EN.pdf
- d. Lightning documents titled as follows shall apply;
 - i. Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships
 - ii. International Lightning Class Association Constitution
 - iii. International Lightning Class Association By-Laws
 - iv. Lightning Plans and Specifications
- e. Racing rule(s) will be changed as follows:
 1. PROPULSION. Modifying rule 42.3(c), "Except on a beat to windward, when surfing (rapidly accelerating down the front of a wave) or planning is possible, the boat's crew may pull any sail using the sheet only, (not the guy) in order to initiate surfing or planning but each sail may be pulled in 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 42.3(c).
- f. The sailing instructions may also change other rules.
- g. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

- h. The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located at the BCC front porch.
- i. This is a protected competition for the Lightning class (per US Sailing Regulation 12.03). The expedited appeal process is available for this class (see Appendix R, Procedures for Appeals and Requests, rule R8, Expedited Appeals). Details and various amendments of the Rules are included in this and are found in Appendix 1 of this NOR.

2. ADVERTISING

- a. Boat advertising will be restricted as per Lightning Class Documents. [DP]
- b. 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. [DP]

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- a. The regatta is open to all boats of the Lightning class with the following restrictions;
 - i. Participants must be a national of the US at the time of nomination (and adhere to the latest version of the PASAF Qualifying document which currently says the names of athletes must be submitted by US Sailing to PASAF no later than June 30, 2019).
 - ii. Participants must hold a valid US passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the PAGs to be eligible to be nominated to the team.
 - iii. Athletes must be class members to sail in the PAG Trials.
 - iv. Prior to nomination, athletes must also be members of US Sailing and sign the latest Code of Conduct (US Sailing and SafeSport).
 - v. Athletes must be 15 years old in 2019 (the year of the PAGs).
 - vi. Athletes must meet the Pan Am Games eligibility requirements.
 - vii. Athletes must qualify as a mixed team for mixed events.
 - viii. PAG Trials will be treated as "Protected Competitions" under US Sailing Regulation 12.03. Note that entry must be "equitable for all potential entrants."
 - ix. The skipper and crew that sail this regatta and who qualify for the PAGs must stay together as a crew to be eligible unless permitted by US Sailing to change in very specific situations. The guidelines for such a change can be found at; <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/SAI-2019-PAG-Athlete-Selection-Procedures.pdf>
- b. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry forms at www.lightningclass.org and pay the required registration fee by August 15, 2018.

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- c. Late entries will be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority.

4. CLASSIFICATION

- a. Intentionally Blank

5. FEES

- a. Required fees are as follows:
 - i. \$250 US dollars regatta entry fee.

6. SCHEDULE

- a. Registration:
 - i. Thursday September 6, 2018
- b. From 2pm To 7pm (by appointment Friday 7am to 8am)
- c. Equipment inspection and event measurement:
 - i. Thursday September 6 2018
 - ii. From 2pm To 7pm (no measurement after Thursday)
 - iii. Some measuring may be performed at earlier, major regattas or by appointment subject to Technical Committee approval.
- d. Dates of racing: September 7-9, 2018

7. Number of races:

- a. The maximum number of races to be sailed is 8.
- b. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 10:00 AM.
- c. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 3:00 PM unless less than 3 races have been completed.

8. MEASUREMENT

- a. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate. [DP]
- b. In addition, any equipment may be inspected or measured at any time by the Technical Committee:
- c. A boat shall comply with RRS 78.1 at the start of the first race to the end of the regatta. [DP]

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. The sailing instructions will be available after midnight on September 5, 2018.

10. VENUE

- a. The regatta will be held at the Buffalo Canoe Club, 4475 Erie Rd, Ridgeway, ON L0S 1N0, Canada
- b. The racing area will be in or near Abino Bay on Lake Erie.

11. THE COURSES

- a. The courses to be sailed will be as per Lightning Class Documents (windward/leeward or triangle or combination of these).

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

As per RRS.

13. SCORING

- a. The scoring system will be Appendix A as modified below;
- b. 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- c. When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- d. When from 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

- a. Support boats shall be marked with clear identification satisfactory to the OA. [DP]

15. BERTHING

- a. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park. [DP]

16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- a. None

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- a. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]
- b. The Race Committee will use VHF radio to communicate with the fleet on the water at the sole discretion of the RC. [NP]

18. PRIZES

- a. To be announced.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- a. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4,
- b. 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.

20. INSURANCE

- a. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 300,000 US dollars incident or the equivalent. [DP]

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

- a. For further information please contact Laura Jeffers, The International Lightning Class Association, 1528 Big Bass Dr, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689, United States of America. Phone 727-942-7969 or email office@lightningclass.org

APPENDIX 1

PROCEDURES FOR PROTECTED COMPETITIONS

1.1 US Sailing Regulation 12.03, Protected Competitions, will be in effect for this event. The following rules and procedures will apply:

- a) The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2, and 63.4 shall apply to a Protected Competition, except that the words "when practicable" in the first sentence of the prescription to rule 63.4 are deleted.
- b) Protest committees shall include 20% "sailor-athlete" representation. "Sailor-athlete" has the meaning of "athlete" set forth in USOC Bylaw, Section 8.8.2 (the 10-year rule) or Level A or B Sailor-Athlete as defined by US Sailing Sailor Athlete Council (SAC) Bylaws 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 (except that the US Sailing member class referred to in SAC Bylaw 3.3.2.3 shall be an international class recognized by World Sailing at the time of the sailor-athlete's qualification).
- c) The right of appeal will not be denied under rule 70.5 (a), (b), or (c), but an expedited appeal process may be used that balances the needs of the competitor for certainty with respect to berths in future competitions and sufficient time to prepare the arguments and evidence for the appeal.
- d) Any boat that is a party to a redress hearing may be represented by up to two individuals. This changes rule 63.3(a).
- e) If a hearing is scheduled after the event is concluded and after the sailors and officials have left the venue, it will be scheduled as soon as possible, and in a place and manner chosen with deference to the competitor's preferences or circumstances; and parties to the hearing have the right to be present telephonically or via video feed as appropriate, provided all participants can hear and speak to each other.

1.2 The following rule changes shall be made:

- a) Rule 65.2 is changed as follows: "seven days" is changed to "24 hours"; and "promptly" is changed to "within 24 hours".
- b) Rule 66 is deleted and replaced by:

Rule 66 REOPENING A HEARING

i. The protest committee may reopen a hearing when it decides that it may have made a significant error, or when significant new evidence becomes available within a reasonable time. However, if an appeal of its decision has been sent to the national authority, the hearing shall not be reopened unless the national authority requires reopening under rule R5.4 or decides the appeal cannot be considered.

ii. A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 24 hours after being informed of the decision. On the last scheduled day of racing the request shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting *party* was informed of the decision on the previous day; and (b) no later than 30 minutes after the *party* was informed of the decision on that day

iii. When a hearing is reopened, a majority of the members of the protest committee shall, if possible, be members of the original protest committee.

c) Rule 70.2 is deleted.

1.3 EXPEDITED APPEALS PROCEDURE

The expedited appeals system in rule R8, Expedited Appeals, will be used.

(the OA can either insert the following link to the expedited appeals system)

<http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/rules-and-appeals/expedited-appeals/>

or insert the complete system in the NoR and SI's with the following language:

R8 EXPEDITED APPEALS

These provisions may be used as an expedited appeals process for US Sailing Protected Competition, as defined in US Sailing Regulation 12.03 and permitted by Regulation 12.03, Section B, Procedures for Protected Competitions.

APPELLANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

R8.1 An appeal of a protest committee's decision or its procedures shall be sent by e-mail to the US Sailing Race Administration Director (director) at raceadmin@ussailing.org, with a copy to the protest committee chairman.

R8.2 The appeal shall be sent no later than 24 hours after the protest time limit on the last day of the event, or 24 hours after receiving the written decision being appealed or the protest committee's decision not to reopen a hearing, whichever is latest.

R8.3 The appeal shall include: a) the grounds for the appeal; i.e., why the appellant believes the protest committee's decision or its procedures were incorrect; and b) the names and e-mail addresses of the parties to the hearing and the chairman of the protest committee.

R8.4 US Sailing charges a fee of \$25 for an appeal by a member of US Sailing or another national authority, and \$75 for all others. The fee must be paid before the appeal will be considered, and can be paid by credit card online: http://bit.ly/appeal_fee. The fee can also be paid by contacting the director.

US SAILING RACE ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

R8.5 Upon receipt of the appeal, the director will as soon as reasonably possible

a) forward the appeal to the US Sailing Appeals Committee,

b) send a written acknowledgement of the appeal via email, and

c) send a copy of the appeal via email to the parties to the hearing and the protest committee chairman unless satisfied that they already have received it.

In the acknowledgement letter, the director will inform the parties and protest committee chairman of the name and contact information of the chairman of the appeals committee.

PROTEST COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

R8.6 The protest committee shall e-mail to the chairman of the appeals committee as soon as reasonably possible the following documents and information:

- (a) a copy of the decision being appealed;
- (b) the written protest(s) or request(s) for redress;
- (c) a diagram if relevant, prepared or endorsed by the protest committee, that conforms to rule R2.2(c);
- (d) the notice of race, sailing instructions, any other documents governing the event, and any changes to them, unless previously sent to the appeals committee chairman; and
- (e) any other relevant documents.

R8.7 The protest committee shall, within the deadline set by the appeals committee, supply any additional documents, facts or other information when requested to do so by the appeals committee. If directed to do so by the appeals committee, the protest committee shall at the first reasonable opportunity conduct a hearing of the protest or request for redress, or reopen the hearing of the protest or request for redress. The appeals committee may direct the protest committee to conduct a hearing to consider redress for the appellant or other party to the hearing.

COMMENTS

R8.8 The parties to the hearing and the protest committee may make comments on the appeal or on any of the documents listed in rule R8.6 and R8.7. Comments shall be sent by e-mail to the appeals committee, with copies to the parties to the hearing and the protest committee chairman. The comment period for the appeal and each document is 72 hours from the time the appeals committee sends the appeal or document unless the appeals committee sets a different deadline.

APPEALS COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

R8.9 The appeals committee shall send by e-mail to all parties to the hearing, and to the protest committee, copies of all relevant documents and comments it has received, except those supplied by that party or committee.

R8.10 The appeals committee shall accept the protest committee's finding of facts except when it decides they are inadequate. In that case it shall require the protest committee to provide additional facts or other information, or to reopen the hearing and report any new finding of facts, and the protest committee shall do so at the first reasonable opportunity.