

Lightning Class
North American Championship
13-19 August 2016

Rochester Yacht Club
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www.regattanetwork.com/event/11560

NOTICE OF RACE

February 25, 2016

1 Rules

1.1 The regatta (NAC) will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS). The prescriptions of US Sailing, including Appendix T Section B and D will apply and will be posted on the official notice board during the regatta.

1.2 The organizing authority (OA) is the ILCA and the Rochester Yacht 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."

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."

1.4.4 In accordance with RRS 70.5(a) decisions of the Protest Committee are final, US Sailing's permission has been granted. If the requirements shown on <http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/rules-and-appeals/new-no-appeals-page> are not met decisions by the protest committee may be appealed.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1. 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. Eligibility for Boats, Skippers and Crew shall be in accordance with Articles V, VI, and XII of the Document Governing. Each US and Canadian entry shall qualify for participation in the NAC by participating in their respective District Championship Regatta.

3.2 All skippers must be ILCA Life, Active, or Associate members in good standing. All crew must be ILCA Members.

3.3 At registration, each competitor (or parent/guardian if under 18) 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 RYC, 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, organizing committee and any sponsors of the Regatta and their members, officers, governors and agents, from liability for such damage or injury.

3.4 Eligible boats may enter the Regatta by completing the registration form and paying the registration fee(s) by midnight on Thursday August 11, 2016. Registration is online at Regatta Network: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/11560>

4. FEES

4.1 Early registration fee: \$525

4.2 Late Registration fee: \$600 after July 17, 2016.

NAC Competitors will receive:

- Continental breakfast each morning
- Sunday Welcome Party
- Beer and snacks after racing every day
- Monday night Dock Party with cocktails and food truck dinner options
- Wednesday dinner at RYC
- 3 tickets to Awards Banquet and entertainment Friday evening
- Launch/Haul on RYC premises
- Onsite car and trailer parking

- Support boat dockage
- \$50 fee to ILCA
- Full guest privileges at RYC, including pool and all on site dining and bar services. RYC guest cards will be available with your credit card.

4.3 Registration subsidies are available from the ILCA Limbaugh Fund. All teams under the age of 31 (to clarify Skippers and crews may not turn 31 during 2016) are eligible for a 50% reimbursement of the early registration fee and all youth teams under the age of 21 (to clarify Skippers and crews may not turn 21 during 2016) are eligible for a 100% reimbursement of the early registration fee. Reimbursement requests must be submitted in writing to the ILCA Class Office before August 13, 2016. Please be sure to include crew names and date of birth.

5 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

5.1 The regatta will consist of a qualifying series and a final series

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Day	Date	Event	Time
Sat	13 Aug	Registration, Check-in and Measurement	1000-1900
Sun	14 Aug	Registration, Check-in and Measurement Practice Racing Competitors Meeting Welcome Party	0900-1400 first warning at 1530 1830 @ Burgee Bar
Mon	15 Aug	Continental Breakfast Competitors Meeting @ RYC Burgee Bar Racing Dock Party with cocktails and food truck dinner options	0730-0830 0830 first warning at 1000 After racing

Tues	16 Aug	Continental Breakfast Competitors Meeting @ RYC Burgee Bar Racing Social event (refreshments served at Burgee Bar) Daily Awards Free night- a la carte menu available at RYC	0730-0830 0830 first warning at 1000 After racing 10 minutes after drop of ōBō flag
Wed	17 Aug	Continental Breakfast Competitors Meeting @ RYC Burgee Bar Racing Social event (refreshments served at Burgee Bar) Daily Awards Dinner: RYC Cookout	0730-0830 0830 first warning at 1000 After Racing 10 minutes after drop of ōBō flag
Thurs	18 Aug	Continental Breakfast Competitors Meeting @ RYC Burgee Bar Racing Social event (refreshments served at Burgee Bar) Daily Awards Free night- a la carte menu available at RYC	0730-0830 0830 first warning at 1000 After Racing 10 minutes after drop of ōBō flag
Fri	19 Aug	Continental Breakfast Competitors Meeting @ RYC Burgee Bar Racing No warning signal after Awards Banquet @ RYC-cocktails Awards Dinner served immediately after	0730-0830 0830 first warning at 1000 1500 1800 1845

7. MEASUREMENT

7.1 Each boat shall hold and produce a valid Measurement Certificate at measurement and must display a current ILCA membership decal. Boats, sails, and equipment may be measured and inspected in accordance with the Lightning Class By-Laws.

7.2 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 so as to make sail number identification possible.

7.3 Competitors are advised that the Chief Measurer or a designated representative may make spot measurements and inspection of required equipment during the Championships.

7.4 Boats that have been measured in connection with their participation in the 2016 Women's, Junior and Master North American Championships at Rochester Yacht Club will have completed the measurement process.

7.5 Boats shall be onsite and presented for measurement no later than 1200 on 14 August 2016. Measurement closes at 1400.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 The sailing instructions will be available no later than 01 August 2016 online at the event web site and will be available at RYC during registration and check-in times.

9. VENUE & THE COURSES

9.1 Courses will be windward/leeward, triangle or windward/leeward/triangle courses that may include an offset mark and a gate, as described in further described in the sailing instructions.

9.2 Attachment A shows the location of the Rochester Yacht Club, and the racing area on Lake Ontario near the mouth of the Genesee River.

10 PENALTY SYSTEMS

10.1 See NoR 1.4.

11 SCORING

11.1 Scoring for the NAC will be in accordance with *Document Governing* Article VIII, this changes RRS Appendix 2.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

12.1 Support and coach boats must register at the race office during the check-in period.

12.2 During racing, support boats shall monitor the Race Committee VHF channel and assist with safety issues when asked by the Race Committee.

12.3 Support boats will comply with additional operating instructions provided during registration in accordance with *Document Governing*.

13. BERTHING

13.1 Boats shall be kept in the designated areas on premise at Rochester Yacht Club.

13.2 Specific berths may be assigned at check-in.

13.3 The OA reserves the right to require boats to remain in the water, further information will be provided at registration/check-in. Be prepared with proper equipment to raft.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

14.1 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.

14.2 Other use of any communication devise is prohibited and such use shall require withdrawal from the race unless determined by the Race Committee to have been for emergency purposes. 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.

15. PRIZES

15.1 Prizes will be awarded to top placing skippers and crews in each of the fleets as follows:

- a) Prizes will be awarded to top placing skippers and crews in all divisions of the Final Series.
- b) Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to the North American Champion, Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up, and 3rd Runner-up.
- c) The Tom Fallon Trophy will be awarded to the last boat to qualify for the Championship Series.
- d) The Swanson Trophy will be awarded to encourage and recognize women competitors in the North American Championship.
- e) The Thomas McDermott Trophy will be awarded to the skipper who improves the most in position in the Qualifying Series from the 2014 North American Championship.
- f) The Thermis Trophy will be awarded to the highest placing skipper who is sailing in the Championship division for the first time.
- g) The Elfman Trophy will be awarded to the highest placing Master skipper in the North American Championship who also skippered in the 2016 North American Master Championship.
- h) A prize will be awarded for the highest placing who will have reached his or her 65th birthday by the end of the calendar year.
- i) A prize will be awarded for the highest placing helmsman who will have reached his or her 75th birthday by the end of the calendar year.

16. QUALIFICATION FOR SUBSEQUENT EVENT

16.1 The NAC will serve as the US Qualifier for the 2017 World Championship to be held at the Salinas YC, Salinas, Ecuador on November 21-25, 2017. US skippers will qualify in order of finish. North American Championship Skippers shall have preference, followed by Presidents' Cup Skippers, and then Governors' Cup Skippers. Should this procedure fail to produce the number of qualifiers to which the Area is entitled, unused slots may be assigned by the EC. The exact number of US slots will be announced according to the Document Governing, but it is anticipated that 18 slots will be available to US Sailors

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

17.1. 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.

18. INSURANCE

18.1 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.

19. RACE OFFICIALS

Protest Committee Chairman: Dr. Richard Sullivan (IJ-USA)

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FURTHER INFORMATION

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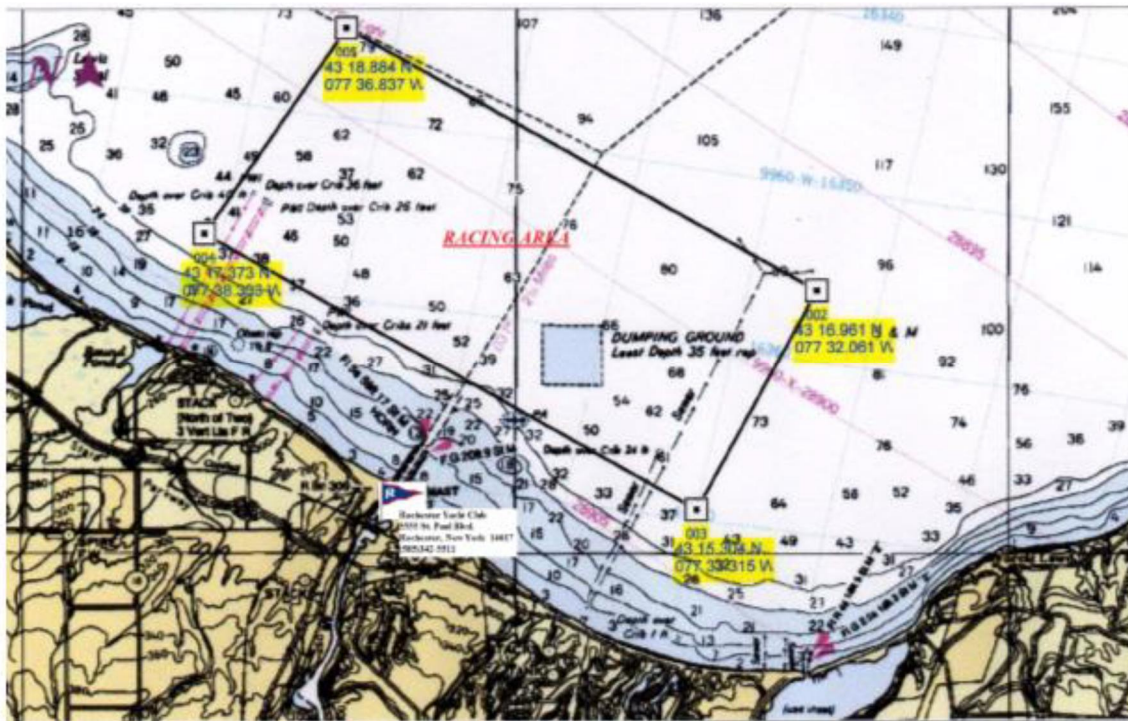
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Attachment A
Racing Area and Location of RYC Clubhouse



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