

**2017 Central Atlantic District  
Championship  
June 9 - 11, 2017  
Metedeconk River Yacht Club  
Brick, NJ  
Sailing Instructions**

**1 RULES:**

- 1.1 The Regatta is organized under the authority of the International Lightning Class Association (ILCA) in conjunction with the Metedeconk River Yacht Club (MRYC) and has been sanctioned in accordance with ILCA Bylaws.
- 1.2 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-20 and by the Document Governing all Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships (Class Rules)*.
- 1.3 The following rules in the RRS will be changed and will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions (SI's). The SI's may also change other racing rules.
- 1.4 (a)RRS 42.3(c), to allow certain types of pumping in accordance with Class Rule VIII-12.
- 1.5 (b)RRS 44.2, to allow a one turn penalty vs a two-turn penalty if the spinnaker is drawing at the time of the infringement and if the spinnaker is subsequently reset. (Class rule VIII-9)
- 1.6 The following Class Rules will be changed as follows:
- 1.7 Class Rule VIII, 3, will be modified to add: A boat not finishing within a time limit of 15 minutes after the first boat to sail the course and finish, will be scored the number of boats that finished within the time limit, plus one (1) this changes RRS 35.

**2 ADVERTISING:**

- 2.1 This Regatta is designated Category C as defined in ISAF Regulation 20. As follows: Advertising on hull only.

**3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1 Skippers must be ILCA Life, Active, or Associate members in good standing. Crew must be ILCA Life, Active, Associate, or Crew members in good standing.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by using REGATTA NETWORK.
- 3.3 Late entries will be accepted until 1800 hrs. Friday June 2nd with an additional late entry fee of \$10.00.
- 3.4 All payments are in (USD) dollars.

**4 REGISTRATION & FEES**

- 4.1 Registration and measurement will be held from 0900 to 1800 hours on June 9<sup>th</sup>.
- 4.2 Required fees are as follows:
  - \$ 140.00 per boat – an additional fee of \$5.00 will be charged non USSAILING members.
  - Entry fee includes continental breakfast Sat and Sunday, and Dinner and refreshments Sat.

**5 QUALIFICATION FOR OTHER LIGHTNING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**5.1** Boats qualified through their District, shall be entitled to enter the 2017 North American Championship Regatta in accordance with the Class formula.

## **6 SCHEDULE**

**6.1** The planned Regatta is a five (5) race series.

**6.2** Planned Schedule: Friday June 9<sup>th</sup>. 0900 – 1800 Measurement & Registration

Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>. – Launch Boats – 0830 – Contestants meeting

Tow will leave immediately following meeting

Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>. - 1100 First Race of the Day – Dinner in the evening

Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup>. 1100 First Race of the Day, Tow leaves 0900

**6.3** The Race Committee plans hold no more than three (3) races each day. The racing schedule may be adjusted at the discretion of the Race Committee to allow for the maximum number of races to be sailed.

**6.4** No Warning Signal will be made after 1355 hrs. Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**6.5** Awards will be held upon conclusion of Racing and Haul out on Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **7 MEASUREMENT**

**7.1** Boats must hold and present a valid Measurement Certificate and must display a current membership decal. Boats, sails and equipment may be measured and inspected in accordance with the Class Rules as prescribed by the Class Measurer.

## **8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**8.1** The Sailing Instructions will be available on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at registration.

## **9 VENUE**

**9.1** Racing will be on the Barnegat Bay “Green Island” course, and only under special weather conditions will racing be conducted on the Metedeconk River.

## **10 COURSES**

**10.1** The courses will be windward-leeward.

## **11 SCORING**

**11.1** The low point system of RRS appendix A will apply.

**11.2** One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

## **12 SUPPORT BOATS**

**12.1** Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel shall stay outside the racing area and comply with other requirements as specified in the Sailing Instructions. These requirements begin from the start of the first race until the finish of the last race. Individual competitors may not use support boats at any time during the Regatta unless such support is available to all competitors or is authorized by the Race Committee. The penalty for failure to comply with any of these requirements may result in disqualification

of all boats associated with the infringing support personnel. (Reference - Class Rules VIII – racing conditions #15)

**12.2** Boats should not sail unescorted through the Mantoloking Bridge.

### **13 BOAT STORAGE**

**13.1** All boats must be at the Regatta site by 0800 hours on Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>, and remain there for the duration of the Regatta, except by written permission from the Regatta Organizing Authority.

### **14 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

**14.1** The 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.

### **15 PRIZES**

**15.1** Prizes will be awarded to the top placing skippers and crews.

**15.2** Perpetual Trophies will be presented to the District Champion and Runner-up.

### **16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**16.1** Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. (see RRS 4 Decision to Race). The International Lightning Class Association and the Metedeconk River Yacht 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.

### **17 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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