

**2017 Women's/Juniors/Masters
North American Championship
August 1-4, 2017
Metedeconk River Yacht Club
Brick, NJ
Notice of Race**

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.
- 2.2** Boats will be required to display hull numbers supplied by the Organizing Authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1** The ILCA Junior North American Championship is open to all sailors who have not reached their twenty first (21) birthday on or before 12/31/2017.
- 3.2** The ILCA Women's North American Championship is open to all female sailors (skipper & crew)
- 3.3** The ILCA Masters North American Championship is open to all skippers who will have reached their 55th Birthday on or before 12/31/2017. Minimum combined age of skipper & crew is 130 years as of 12/31/2017.
- 3.4** Women, Junior and Master 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.
- 3.5** Eligible boats may enter by using REGATTA NETWORK.
- 3.6** Late entries will be accepted until 1800 hrs. Friday July 21st with an additional late entry fee of \$15.00.
- 3.7** All payments are in (USD) dollars.

4 REGISTRATION & FEES

4.1 Registration and measurement will be held from 0900 to 1800 hours on August 1st.

4.2 Required fees are as follows:

Juniors \$ 130.00 per boat –

Women \$ 185.00 per boat –

Masters \$ 185.00 per boat –

An additional fee of \$5.00 will be charged to any skipper who is not a member of their National Sailing authority.

Entry fees include Continental Breakfast each morning and Social with Dinner after racing Wed, Thurs. Lunches can be arranged through Jersey Mikes Subs the previous evening for morning Race day delivery.

5 QUALIFICATION FOR OTHER LIGHTNING CHAMPIONSHIPS

5.1 One or more skippers in each fleet, from the Women's, Juniors and Masters fleets, not previously qualified through their District, may be entitled to enter the 2017 North American Championship Regatta in accordance with Class Rules.

5.2 The two US Youth skippers from the Junior division, having the best scores among those born on or after 1/1/98, willing and able to represent the US, shall be named the US entrants for the 2018 Lightning World Youth Championship Regatta. As a clarification, neither the skipper nor crew can turn 21 years old in the year they sail the 2018 World Youth Championship. Exact dates and location of the championship Regatta will be announced at a later date, but are expected to be held in Athens, Greece during the June, July, August time period.

5.3 Each fleet will be scored and qualify separately in accordance with section 5.1

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 The planned Regatta is a nine (9) race series for the Women and Juniors and a six (6) race series for the Masters.

6.2 Planned Schedule: Tuesday August 1st 0900 – 1800 Measurement & Registration

1830 Contestants meeting and Welcoming remarks.

Wednesday August 2nd - 1100 First Race of the Day, Tow leaves 0900

Thursday August 3rd- 1100 First Race of the Day, Tow leaves 0900

Friday August 4th – 1100 First Race of the Day, Tow leaves 0900

6.3 The Race Committee will hold no more than two (2) races each day for the Masters. The Race Committee will hold three (3) races each day for the Women and Juniors. The racing schedule for the Women and Juniors 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. Friday, August 4th.

6.7 Awards will be held upon conclusion of Racing and Haul out on Friday August 4th.

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 August 1st 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 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11.3 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 1800 hours on August 1st, 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 device 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 in each of the Women's, Juniors and Masters fleets commensurate with the number of entrants.

15.2 Perpetual Trophies will be presented to the North American Champion in the Women's, Juniors and Masters fleets.

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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