



INTERNATIONAL LIGHTNING CLASS ASSOCIATION 2018 OHIO & MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Organizing Authority: Ohio & Michigan Lightning Districts

Host: Sandusky Sailing Club

June 23-24, 2018

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (“RRS”) and the rules governing all Lightning Class District Championships, except as modified by these Sailing Instructions and any notices.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located near the bar at the Sandusky Sailing Club patio.

2.2. Notices will attempt to be posted on the *Regatta Network* website.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole.

4.2. When flag AP is lowered ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 1 hour’ in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Saturday June 23

0800-0930 Registration and check-in

0930 Skippers Meeting

1055 First Warning Signal. Additional races to follow.

Sunday June 24

0825 First Warning Signal. Additional races to follow.

5.1. On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1200.

6. Class Flag

The class flag for the Lightnings will be a large purple flag.

7. RACING AREA

Racing will take place on the waters of Sandusky Bay north and west of the entrance to the Sandusky Sailing Club.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. The diagram in Attachment A shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2. There may be an offset mark at the windward mark. All marks will be left to port, except when there is a gate boats shall sail between gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.
- 8.3. No later than the warning signal the race committee signal vessel will display a placard signifying the course to be sailed.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. The rounding marks will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 9.2. The offset mark, if used, will be an orange ball.
- 9.3. The starting and finishing marks will be a yellow cylinder.

10. THE START

- 10.1. Races will be started using RRS 26. The warning signal may be preceded by a “wake-up” signal which will consist of a series of short horns one minute before the warning signal.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between an orange flag displayed on the committee boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.3. A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.4. Any boat identified as OCS at her starting signal will attempt to be broadcast on VHF channel 71 by the race committee. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finish line) to a new position.

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and the course side of the finish mark.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. When a boat has its spinnaker drawing and may have broken one or more rules of RRS Part 2, she may take a One-Turn Penalty as modified: she shall drop her spinnaker completely, with the head below the gooseneck, while taking her penalty. This changes rule 44.1.
- 13.2. In all other cases than the one listed in SI 13.1, a vessel shall take the typical Two-Turns Penalty.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. Protest forms are available at the registration table in the clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

- 14.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC Signal Boat dock time, which will be posted on the official notice board. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 14.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limits to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 14.4. RRS 61 is changed to include: "A boat intending to protest shall notify the RC Signal Boat of her intention to protest and the sail number of the boat she is protesting, after clearing the finish line of the race in which the infraction occurred. She may do this via direct hail to the RC Signal Boat or by using the VHF channel 71."

15. SCORING

- 15.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. Each boat shall carry safety equipment conforming to government regulations, class rules, and US Sailing or ISAF rules.
- 16.2. Prior to the warning signal of the first race of each day, each boat is required to check in with the RC boat sailing on starboard tack and hailing her sail number.
- 16.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the District Governor.
- 17.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment, except safety equipment, will not be allowed unless authorized by a member of the District Measurement Committee or by the Race Committee Chairperson.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 18.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall neither make or receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones and other forms of electronic communication.
- 18.2. Competitors are encouraged to have a VHF radio on board to hear instructions broadcast to all competitors during the race and for safety reasons. The Race Committee will communicate on channel 71.

19. PRIZES

- 19.1. Prizes will be given to the first through third finishers in the Ohio District. The Ohio District perpetual trophy will also be presented.
- 19.2. Prizes will be given to the first through fifth finishers in the Michigan District. The Michigan District perpetual trophy will also be presented.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

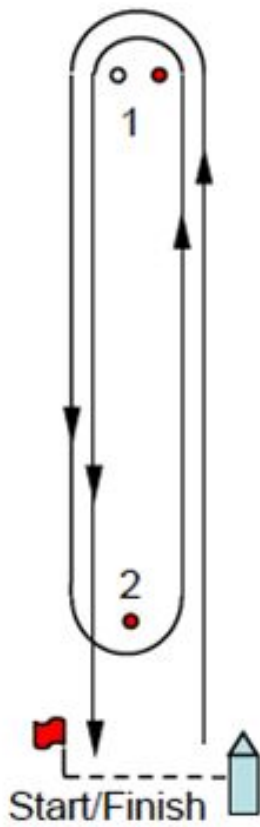
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, Race Committee, Protest Committee and Sandusky Sailing Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

21. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

Attachment A: Course Diagrams

Course 2: Start-1-2-1-Finish



Course 3: Start-1-2-1-2-Finish

