



2015 Lightning North American Championship  
October 8 – 11, 2015  
Southern Yacht Club & ILCA Fleet 62  
New Orleans, Louisiana



FOUNDED 1849

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. The prescriptions of US Sailing Appendix T Sections B, and C shall apply.
- 1.2. The International Lightning Class Association (ILCA) "[Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships](#)" hereinafter referred to as the "Document Governing" will apply.
- 1.3. The following rule change was adopted at the Governing Board Meeting in March 2014 for the 2015 NAC:

#### ARTICLE XIII- RACING CONDITIONS

##### A. DIVISIONS AND QUALIFYING SERIES

1. **Divisions** – All competitors entitled to enter the North American Championships shall be divided into two Divisions- the Championship Division and the President's Cup Division- based upon the results of a Qualifying Series. However, if the number of competitors in a North American Championship Regatta is sixty-nine (69) or fewer, then the Qualifying Series shall not be sailed, and all competitors shall compete in the Championship Division.
2. **Qualifying Series** – If a Qualifying Series is held, then the competitors shall be divided into a maximum of three equal flights, shall be rotated between these flights, such that each competitor will have an opportunity to sail against as many different competitors as possible.
3. **Qualifying Series Scoring** – Three (3) Qualifying Series races shall be scheduled, to be sailed the first day. If fewer than three (3) races have been completed then the number of races completed shall constitute the Qualifying Series. If there is no Qualifying Series then the competitors shall choose their respective divisions. The EC shall have the right to revise designated divisions. This provision changes RRS A2, and shall be included in the Sailing instructions to be valid.
4. **Right of Appeal** – The right of appeal shall be denied for the Qualifying Series per RRS 70. The Notice of Race and the Sailing instructions shall so inform all competitors. The Executive Committee may waive this requirement if the host venue cannot meet the requirements of RRS 70.
5. **Qualifying Series Scoring** – If a Qualifying Series is held, then the Championship Division shall include the reigning North American Champion and the thirty nine (39) competitors, regardless of country of origin, receiving the lowest number of points in the Qualifying Series and all competitors tied for thirty-ninth (39<sup>th</sup>). Should the reigning NA Champion decide to sail the qualifying series, he or she forfeits automatic inclusion in the Championship Division. The remaining competitors shall comprise the Presidents' Cup Division.

## B. FINAL SERIES SCORING

1. **If the Qualifying Series is Held**- The number of races scheduled in each Division for the Final Series shall be seven (7). Each competitor's final position in the Qualifying Series shall be counted as the result of the first race. If the reigning North American Champion chooses not to sail in the Qualifying Series, his or her average points for the race(s) sailed in the Final Series shall be counted as one (1) race. This provision changes RRS A2, and it shall be included in the Sailing Instructions to be valid. If all scheduled races are sailed, then six (6) races shall be scored. Otherwise all races shall be scored.
2. **If the Qualifying Series is not Held** – The races that would have otherwise been sailed on the Qualifying Series shall be counted towards the Final Series for a possible maximum of eight (8) races. If six (6) or more races are completed, then all but a competitor's worst final shall be scored. Five (5) or fewer races are sailed, then all races shall be scored.

## 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 sailing in their respective District Championship Regatta.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter the Regatta by completing the registration form and paying the registration fee(s) by 1600 on Thursday October 8, 2015. Registration is online at Regatta Network:

[https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_registration\\_form.php?regatta\\_id=9908](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=9908)

<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/9908>

## 4. FEES

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| 4.1. Early Registration Fee:                        | \$235.00 |
| Registration Fee includes 3 banquet dinner tickets. |          |
| 4.2. Late Registration Fee after 09/21/2015         | \$260.00 |
| 4.3. US Sailing Member discount:                    | \$15.00  |
| 4.4. Additional Banquet dinner tickets              | \$35.00  |
| 4.5. Lunches (each):                                | \$6.00   |

## 5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. Thursday, October 8:
  - 0900 - 1600 Registration and Measurement
  - 1400 Practice Race
  - 1730 Welcome and Competitors Meeting
  - 1730 Keg Beer / Snack
- 5.2. Friday, October 9:
  - 09:55 Warning signal, races to follow
  - After racing Keg Beer / Snack

5.3. Sat, October 10:

09:55am Warning signal, races to follow.

After racing refreshments.

1830 Cocktail Hour / Sponsored Rum Table and Banquet Dinner with Sponsor wine

5.4. Sun, October 11:

09:55am Warning signal

No races will be started after 1500

After racing refreshments, hors d'oeuvres

Awards presentation will be as soon as possible after the last race.

The Race Committee may adjust the race schedule to suit weather conditions with proper notice.

## 6. MEASUREMENT

- 6.1. 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.
- 6.2. 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.
- 6.3. Competitors are advised that the Chief Measurer or a designated representative may make spot measurements and inspection of required equipment during the Championships.
- 6.4. Boats measured for the 2015 Pan American Games, 2015 International Masters or World Championships or the 2015 WJM North American Championships need not be re-measured.

## 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1. The sailing instructions will be available at registration and on Regatta Network at:  
<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/9908>

## 8. VENUE

- 8.1. Racing will be on Lake Pontchartrain approximately 1 – 2 miles north of Southern Yacht Club.
- 8.2. Directions to Southern Yacht Club may be found online at [www.southernyachtclub.org](http://www.southernyachtclub.org) under the "Contact" tab.

## 9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. The Courses will be windward-leeward courses or windward-leeward-triangle courses using temporary marks.

## 10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1. The prescriptions of US Sailing Appendix T Sections B and C shall apply.
- 10.2. The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty." This changes Document Governing Article VIII (9).

## 11. SCORING

- 11.1. See Provision 1.3 of this Notice of Race for the approved Amendment to the Racing Conditions regarding scoring.

## **12. SUPPORT BOATS**

- 12.1. Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel shall stay outside the racing area (defined as 100 meters outside the lay lines of the course, including the start area) from the first warning signal of the day until the last boat has finished the last race of each day, unless otherwise designated in the SI's.
- 12.2. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be the disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing support personnel.

## **13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 13.1. There are no Haul-Out Restrictions.

## **14. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS (This changes RRS 41.)**

- 14.1. The use of hand-held VHF radios while racing is permitted, but only for receiving communications from the race committee on a specified channel and in emergencies. The failure to receive such communications shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). Any electronic communication device, including cellular telephones, while racing shall require retirement from the race.

## **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 (2014 to 2015).
  - 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 2015 North American Masters Championship.
  - h) A prize will be awarded for the highest placing Corinthian helmsman 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 Corinthian helmsman who will have reached his or her 75th birthday by the end of the calendar year. A Corinthian sailor is an amateur sailor similar to ISAF Sailor Classification Code Group 1.

## **16. DISCALIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 16.1. 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.

## **17. MEDIA**

- 17.1. By participating in this regatta, a competitor grants to the organizing authority and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make use and show, from time to time, at their

discretion any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the competitor during the period of the competition without compensation.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

### **International Lightning Class Association**

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### **Regatta Website:**

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