

2016 Lightning CAD Championship

OCEAN CITY YACHT CLUB

June 25 & 26, 2016

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The races shall be governed by the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, ILCA Document Governing ILCA Championships, and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 RRS 42.3(c) is changed to say "Except on a beat to windward, when surfing down the leeward side of a wave or planing is possible, a boat's crew may pull the sheet, but not the guy, controlling any sail to initiate surfing or planing, but only once for each wave or gust of wind. When the mainsail is pumped, only the part of the sheet between the crew member handling the sheet and the first block on the boom shall be used."
- 1.3 RRS 44.1 is changed to say "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 a One-Turn Penalty".
- 1.4 VHF radios are allowed for communications with the Race Committee per ILCA By-Laws Article VIII 5. b) 4) A). The RC intends to communicate with competitors and hail OCS boats using VHF Channel 71.

2.0 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 These Sailing Instructions may be modified at the Skipper's Meeting and any such changes shall be considered as having been delivered to each skipper.
- 2.3 The Regatta Notice Board shall be located on the notice board inside the front porch of the clubhouse.

3.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole in front of O.C.Y.C.
- 3.2 Code Flag "AP", Answering Pennant, with two horns means "THE RACE IS POSTPONED - DO NOT LEAVE THE HARBOR AREA". The time of the next Warning Signal will be posted before the lowering of "AP" with one (1) horn.
- 3.3 Code Flag "L" indicates a notice to competitors has been posted on the Regatta Notice Board.
- 3.4 Code Flag "N" over Code Flag "A", with three (3) horns means all races are abandoned for the day.

4.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 Five (5) races are planned. No Warning Signal will be made after 3:00 PM on 6/26/2015.
- 4.2 Further details at the Skipper's Meeting.

5.0 COURSES

- 5.1 All courses will be Windward/Leeward. All courses will either be W4 or W5 and or W6. Course selection will be shown on a white board from the stern of the RC boat. There will be a "gate" at the Leeward Mark and an "offset mark" at the Windward Mark.

6.0 MARKS

- 6.1 The Windward Mark and Leeward "Gate" Marks will be announced at the skippers meeting. The "offset mark" will be announced at the skippers meeting. New marks, as provided for in Section 10, "Change of Course After Start", will be announced at the skippers meeting. In the event that the Windward Mark is changed, there will be no "offset" mark.

7.0 REPORTING AT STARTS

- 7.1 Before starting the first race of the day, each boat is required to sail past the stern of the Race Committee boat on starboard tack and verbally check-in with their sail number and or bow number.
- 7.2 When the Race Committee verbally acknowledges a boat's sail number, the entry has been officially noted.

8.0 STARTING

- 8.1 Races will be started by using RRS Rule 26 with the Warning Signal given five (5) minutes before the Starting Signal.
- 8.2 The Starting Line may be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and one of the yellow marks. The Leeward "Gate" will be set after the Start.
- 8.3 If a Postponement is signaled after the Warning Signal, the next Warning Signal shall be made approximately one (1) minute after lowering the Postponement Signal.

9.0 RECALLS

- 9.1 A boat's recall number shall be its bow number or sail number.
- 9.2 Individual Recalls will be signaled by displaying Code Flag "X" with one (1) horn and hailing the recall number(s) of the offending boat(s). Failure to hear this hail shall not constitute grounds for Redress. The sail numbers of boats that are OCS will also be announced via VHF radio.
- 9.3 A General Recall will be signaled by displaying "First Substitute" with two (2) horns. A new Warning Signal will be made one (1) minute after the lowering of "First Substitute" with one (1) horn.

10.0 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

- 10.1 The Race Committee may shorten or abandon a race in accordance with RRS Rule 32. If an abandoned race is to be restarted, a new Warning Signal will be made one (1) minute after the lowering of Code Flag "N" with one (1) horn. Failure to abandon a race shall not constitute grounds for a Protest or Redress.
- 10.2 The Race Committee may change the direction or length of any leg of the course in accordance with RRS Rule 33.

11.0 FINISHING

- 11.1 The Finish Line will be between the orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the nearby mark of the course.

11.2 A Race Committee boat on station at the Finish Line may be identified by the display of a blue "flag".

12.0 TIME LIMITS

12.1 The leading boat of each class must complete the course in one and a half (1.5) hours. Boats failing to finish within fifteen (15) minutes after the leader will be scored "DNF". This changes RRS Rule 35.

13.0 SCORING

13.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply. A total of five (5) races are planned. One (1) race is required to constitute a series. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.

14.0 PROTESTS

14.1 A boat intending to protest shall do so in strict compliance with the provisions of RRS 61.

14.2 The Race Committee, after docking, will post on the Notice Board the numbers of all boats protesting and being protested.

14.3 Written protests must be filed on an official Protest Form with a Race Committee representative within 30 minutes of the Race Committee boat docking at the conclusion of the days racing. Protest Forms are available in the clubhouse.

14.4 It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the Regatta Notice Board at the conclusion of the days racing. All boats listed as protesting or being protested shall report to the Judges in the club house no later than fifteen (15) minutes from the end of the protest period to determine where and when protests will be heard. Failure to report shall permit the Judges to hear and decide the protest without the testimony or presence of those competitors.

15.0 SAFETY

15.1 A boat that withdraws from a race or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible.

15.2 It is the intent of the Race Committee not to start or continue any race in what it deems as unsafe conditions. The decision, however, whether or not to sail in any race is the responsibility of each individual skipper (Fundamental Rule 4).

15.3 If, in the judgment of the Race Committee, severe weather conditions make it advisable to discontinue a race in progress, the Committee may abandon such race. The Race Committee Boat and/or Patrol Boats will display Code Flag "N" over "H" accompanied by three (3) horns. All boats should then head for the YC or nearest haven. Further signals, if needed, will be made ashore.

Good Luck and Good Sailing !