



**International Lightning Class
2019 Atlantic Coast Championship
Susquehanna Yacht Club, 1730 Long Level Rd, Wrightsville Pa.
July 13-14, 2019**

1. Rules

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions of US SAILING, the Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships (Class Rules), the Rules Governing the Atlantic Coast Championship, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and any amendments thereto. A Classic Division requires a minimum of five registrants.

1.2 The Atlantic Coast Championship Regatta is organized by the International Lightning Class Association (ILCA) in conjunction with Lightning Fleet 253 and the Susquehanna Yacht Club. This regatta is sanctioned by the International Lightning Class Association (ILCA) in accordance with the ILCA By-Laws

1.3 Modifying RRS 42.3(c), "Except on a beat to windward, when surfing (rapidly accelerating down the front of a wave) or planing is possible, the boat's crew may pull any sail using the sheet only, (not the guy) in order to initiate surfing or planing but each sail may be pulled in only once for each wave or gust of wind. When the mainsail is pumped, only that part of the sheet between the crew member handling the sheet and the first block on the boom shall be used

1.4 RRS 44 is changed to add the following: "The two turns penalty as provided in RRS Rule 44 will apply with the additional provision that 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 one full turn instead of two."

2. Advertising

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 ILCA By-Laws. Eligibility for entry shall be in accordance with Article VI of the Class Rules, which Articles apply in their entirety. The following provisions are included here for emphasis only and are not intended to modify the Class Rules except where so noted. Yachts must display a valid membership decal. Mainsail and spinnaker numbers shall be the same. Safety equipment may be inspected at random in accordance with Article VI of the Class Rules. Skipper must be a Life or Active Member of the ILCA. Crew must be Life, Active, Associate or Crew Members of the ILCA.

4. Registration and Fees

4.1. Registration is online pre-registration only at Regatta Network.

<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/18260>

The entry fee is \$175.00 USD by end of day July 1, 2019 and \$195 after. Deadline to register is noon on Friday, July 12, 2018.
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4.2 Registration includes: continental breakfast for three on both days, dinner for three on Saturday, burgers and hot dogs after races on Sunday and trophies.

4.3 Lunches: Bread, peanut butter and jelly, along with fruit and other snack items, will be available for make-your-own lunches prior to the competitors meeting.

4.4 CHECK-IN: In-person check-in is mandatory before the Competitors' Meeting at the Susquehanna Yacht Club.

4.5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: The sailing instructions will be available during check-in beginning on Friday, July 12th. That document will include course descriptions and/or diagrams.

5. Schedule

Friday July 12th:

Club will be open at 15:00 with Pizza and Drinks at 19:00

Saturday July 13th:

08:00-09:00- Registration/Check in, continental breakfast

10:00-Competitors' Meeting

11:00- First Race

18:00- Dinner

Sunday July 14th:

07:30-09:30- Continental breakfast

10:00- First start Sunday

The Race Committee may adjust the racing schedule to suit weather conditions. The number of races shall be a maximum of five, weather conditions permitting. One race constitutes a regatta. No warning signal shall be made after 15:00 on Sunday July 14. (This changes ACC Rules Governing, Article IV for the 2019 ACC's, per Executive Committee ruling: 2 May 2018.)

6. Trophies

Awards presentation is planned at the Club Pavilion immediately after sailing. Trophies will be awarded to the top five skippers and crews in the Championship Fleet. The Arnold Schwartz Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Championship Fleet winning skipper. Other awards for Masters and Classic Division will be determined by entries.

7. Venue

7.1 Racing area: Races will be sailed on Clarke Lake, formed by the Safe Harbor Dam on the Susquehanna River, and typically has minimal powerboat chop/waves and negligible current. This is the area immediately in front of the SYC clubhouse and is generally not more than a 10-15 minute sail from the launch area. All races should be visible from the Clubhouse and Pavilion areas.

7.2 Launching: There are two separate launching sights at SYC. The dry sail area directly in front of the clubhouse, the area used for our fleet races, has two hoists and plenty of room for boats. There is no vehicle parking in the dry sail area. All vehicles will park at the Clubhouse or Riverside, as mentioned below.

The second area is about 400 yards north (upriver) at our Riverside area. There is a single ramp for boat launching and plenty of dock space for tying up, along with overflow parking; also, shade trees and picnic tables!

8. Courses

Courses will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

9. Scoring

9.1 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A and Article VIII of the ILCA Rules Governing Sanctioned Championships with the exception that all races will be scored and no races will be discarded.

9.2 If included, Masters and Classic Divisions will be scored separately from a common start.

9.4 A maximum of 5 (five) races is scheduled for the Atlantic Coast Championship Regatta.

10. Berthing and Boat Storage

Boats will be hauled and launched each race day.

11. Disclaimer of Liability and Insurance

11.1. 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.

11.2. All participating boats shall be insured with valid third-party insurance sufficient to cover liability for loss, damage or personal injury or death.

12. Electronic Communications

12.1. 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.

12.2. 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.

13 SUPPORT BOATS

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. Individual competitors may not approach, confer with or otherwise use a support boat(s) at any time during the Regatta. The penalty for failing to comply with these requirements may be the disqualification of all yachts associated with the infringing support personnel.

14. Further Information

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Check the “News & Notices” board on Regatta Network for info on local hotels, crew needs or availability, parking and camping, along with registration, at the link below.

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