

Lightning Atlantic Coast Championship

July 24 & 25, 2021



Safe Harbor Wickford Cove Marina

65 Reynolds Street N. Kingstown, RI 02852

PATTERSON + SHERIDAN LLP

International Lightning Class Association & Safe Harbor Wickford Cove Marina are the organizing authority.

NOTICE OF RACE

1 – RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024*, the *ILCA Constitution, By-Laws, Lightning Specifications* and the *Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships (hereafter referred to as Document Governing)* and *Rules Governing the Atlantic Coast Championship*. They are available at <https://www.lightningclass.org/docgoverning> ,
<https://www.lightningclass.org/rulesgovacc> and
https://www.lightningclass.org/content.aspx?page_id=86&club_id=93488
- 1.2. US Sailing Prescriptions apply and are available at: <https://cdn.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/2021-2024-US-Prescriptions-Final.pdf>
- 1.3. Boats are required to carry portable equipment in accordance with NOR Addendum ILCA Required Equipment. (attached)
- 1.4. Appendix T Arbitration applies. [T2, T3 and T4 are deleted]
- 1.5. The rules identified below will be changed as noted. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
 - 1.5.1 RRS 42.3(c) is changed to read: “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.”

1.5.2 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 - SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available online at [Regatta Network](#) no later than Tuesday, July 20th and in hard copy upon check in.

3 - COMMUNICATION

3.1. 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.

3.2. Other use of any communication devices is prohibited, and such use shall require withdrawal from the race unless determined by the Race Committee to have been for emergency purposes.

4 – ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. Eligibility for boats, skippers and crew shall be in accordance with ILCA By-Laws and shall be in accordance with the Document Governing, which Articles apply in their entirety. Skipper must be a Life, Active or Associate Member of the ILCA. Crew must be Life, Active, Associate or Crew Member of the ILCA.

4.2 A Masters Division is open to all skippers who will have reached their 55th birthday on or before 12/31/2021. The minimum combined age of skipper and crew is 130 years as of 12/31/2021.

5 – REGISTRATION AND FEES

5.1. Registration is on-line at [Regatta Network](#)

The entry fee is \$120.00 USD by the end of day July 16, 2021 and \$150 after. Entry fee will be waived for Teams comprised of sailors 30 years of age and under (as of 12/31/21). In order for entry fee to be waived for these teams, please register directly through the Class Office (727) 942-7969.

5.2 Registration includes: Racing, 3 Saturday evening crew dinners, Sat/Sun. post-race refreshment.

6 – ADVERTISING

6.1 Advertising shall be in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20 except that it shall be restricted to the hull only in accordance with Document Governing Article VIII (2). Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

7 – SCHEDULE

Friday July 23rd:

16:00 Arrival Accepted after this time. Regatta Organizers request you do not arrive earlier.

Saturday July 24th:

08:00-10:00 Check-In and Late Registration

10:00 Competitors' Meeting

12:00 Noon First Race

17:00-20:00 Food Truck on site (3 tickets included with registration)

19:00 (or as posted on the Notice Board after sailing) ACC's Meeting

Sunday July 25th:

11:00 First start Sunday

15:00 No Warning Signal After this time

Awards following racing (Safe Harbor Wickford Cove Marina)

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. This changes Rules Governing ACC, Article IV for the 2021 ACC's, per Executive Committee ruling: 6 March 2020.

8 – EQUIPMENT INSPECTION [DP]

8.1. Each boat shall hold and produce a valid Measurement Certificate at measurement and must display a current ILCA membership hull decal. Boats, sails, and equipment may be measured and inspected in accordance with the Lightning Class By-Laws.

8.2. 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 to make sail number identification possible.

8.3. Competitors are advised that the Chief Measurer or a designated representative may make spot measurements and inspection of required equipment during the Championship.

9 - VENUE

9.1 Racing Area: West Passage of Narragansett Bay between Quonset Point and the Jamestown Bridge.

9.2 Launching, Hauling, Boat Storage will take place at the Safe Harbor Wickford Cove Marina, 65 Reynolds Street N. Kingstown, RI 02852. Boats will be launched and hauled both days.

9.3 Wickford Yacht Club will be providing the Race Committee.

10 - COURSES

10.1 Courses will be windward leeward as defined in the Sailing Instructions.

11 - SCORING

11.1 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. This changes RRS Appendix A.

11.2 If included, Masters and Classic Divisions will be scored separately from a common start. A minimum of 3 boats is needed to score a separate division.

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

12 - SUPPORT BOATS

12.1 Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel and vessels shall stay outside the racing area (defined as 100 meters outside the laylines of the course, including the start area) from the first warning signal of the regatta until the last boat has finished the last race of the regatta. 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 failing to comply with these requirements may be the disqualification of all yachts associated with the infringing support personnel.

13 – RISK STATEMENT

13.1 RRS 3 Decision to Race states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. 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.

14 - INSURANCE

14.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of US\$300,000 per event or the equivalent. A copy of insurance company documents establishing that such coverage is current shall be produced if requested by the OA.

15 - PRIZES

15.1 Awards presentation is planned at the Safe Harbor Wickford Cove Marina immediately following racing. The Champion will be awarded the Arnold Schwartz Perpetual Trophy. Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 teams and the top 3 in the Master’s and Classic Division’s as applicable.

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Check the ‘News and Notices’ board on Regatta Network frequently. Changes regarding social gatherings and Covid Restrictions are expected and will be posted on an ongoing basis.

Covid Addendum:

- Organizers of this event will be following all Rhode Island State orders and guidance as well as CDC guidelines.

NOR Addendum ILCA Required Equipment

Portable Equipment

a. Mandatory

- i) A fluke-type anchor weighing not less than 1.8Kg (4lb) with a line not shorter than 15.24m (50ft). The line shall be a minimum of 9.525mm (3/8 inches) in diameter and shall be made of Nylon or Dacron. This line shall be used only for towing or anchoring. Alternatives may be prescribed in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions.
- ii) Compass.
- iii) Bucket with a minimum capacity of one gallon.
- iv) Throwable life preserver or cushion with an attached whistle.
- v) Paddle
- vi) Other lifesaving equipment as required by government regulations.

b. Optional

- i) Electronic Equipment – the following electronic devices are allowed aboard a Lightning in the regatta:
 - 1) Battery-powered wrist watches.
 - 2) An electronic digital compass with chronograph (timer and/or clock). The compass must be entirely self-contained with either an internal battery and/or solar power. The compass shall have no external connection and shall neither provide wind or boat speed nor compute correlations between time and distance.
 - 3) Other hand-held navigational devices. Use while racing is not permitted except for emergencies.
 - 4) Hand-held communication devices (cell phones, pagers, radios, etc.) with the following restrictions:
 - a) For this regatta, use is not permitted on the water except for emergencies. This restriction is modified to allow communication from the Race Committee to competitors on a predetermined Marine VHF channel.
 - b) The RC intends to communicate with competitors using a VHF Channel to be announced and will attempt to communicate to OCS boats using the same VHF Channel. Competitors should bring their own VHF radio. Failure or delay in this procedure shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 60.1 (b).
 - 5) Personal medical devices, attached to an individual, required for a person's well-being are allowed if they are medically necessary.
 - 6) In all cases where the use of electronic devices is not permitted, a competitor's use shall require withdrawal from the race unless the Race Committee deems use was for emergency reasons.