



International Lightning Class Association 62nd Lightning Miami Midwinter Regatta

Coconut Grove, Florida, USA
March 24 - 25, 2022

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

International Lightning Class Association &
Coconut Grove Sailing Club, are the organizing authority.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

2. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2. Oral changes to the SI may be given on the water. The RC signal boat shall display flag "L" and announce via megaphone in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). Competitors may also approach the signal boat and verbally receive the change or read it from a whiteboard while flag "L" is displayed.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/23222#_newsroom.
- 3.2. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel **73**.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the CGSC flag hoist.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than sixty (60) minutes" in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 4.3. In the event of an onshore postponement, the RC will communicate to competitors via VHF radio and by using their registered email, notifying competitors to check the on-line notice board.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. The maximum number of races that can be sailed on one day is four (4).
- 5.2. First warning signal will sound at 1100 on Thursday, and at 1030 on Friday.
- 5.3. No warning signal will be made after 1430 on Friday.

6. RACING AREA

The Racing Area will be on Biscayne Bay SE of Brennan Channel, just beyond Middle Ground Shoal and south of Dinner Key Channel.

7. COURSES

- 7.1. The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 7.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course to be sailed, the wind direction and the length to the weather mark on a course board.
- 7.3. At or with the completion of three legs of the course, the course may be shortened.

8. MARKS

- 8.1. The Start and Finish marks, if used, will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 8.2. The following marks of the course are rounding marks: 1, 2, 3S/3P, 4S/4P and will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 8.3. New marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 8.4. If one of the Leeward Gate Marks is missing, boats shall round the one remaining Leeward Mark to port.

9. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE:

- 9.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will:
 - 9.1.1. Lay a new mark (and remove the original mark as soon as practicable); OR
 - 9.1.2. Move the gate; OR
 - 9.1.3. Move the finishing line.
- 9.2. When a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end line boat or the course side a port-end yellow mark.
- 10.2. The race committee signal vessel may deploy a stand-off buoy attached to the stern of the boat or port end line boat. The buoy shall function as an extension of the boat.
- 10.3. The starting sequence shall be as described in RRS 26, except the race committee will make repetitive sounds as an alert approximately 6 minutes before the start (i.e., 1 minute before the first warning signal).
- 10.4. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.5. A boat that does not start within four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee vessel and a staff displaying a blue flag on a nearby support boat or the course side of a yellow inflatable finishing mark.
- 11.2. Flag “A” displayed with no sound, while boats are finishing means “No more racing today”.

12. TIME LIMITS AND TARGETS

- 12.1. Target time per race will be 45 – 60 minutes/race.
- 12.2. The time limit will be 90 minutes for the first boat to sail the course and finish. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35, A 4.1, A5 and 63.1.
- 12.3. Boats failing to finish within the time labeled “Time Limit Expired” after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish/TLE. This changes rules 35, A 4.1, A5 and 63.1.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal boat docks and signals with one sound signal. The race committee will post the docking time on the Official Notice Board as soon as practical after docking.
- 13.2. Hearing request forms for Scoring Inquiries, including potential redress requests relating to a starting penalty, should be initiated by filling out the online Scoring Inquiry form at:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc56x9WKwLpbLRiQE5NOPGtKmntlVJQT_e6-IWplSqVouz5qlQ/viewform. Alternatively, a completed Scoring Inquiry form may be photographed and emailed to ScoringInquiry@cgsc.org. The RC will investigate and respond. If the scoring inquiry turns into a redress request, then the redress time limit will have been satisfied if the Scoring Inquiry form was submitted before the redress time limit expired.
- 13.3. Protests and requests for redress unrelated to a starting penalty should be initiated by filling out the online Protest form at:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzOkZE7vvK_iXfJzTr2txULYBp3CoQjtoE_phz2aVXlvU5IQ/viewform. Additionally, if a diagram is required, it should be photographed and emailed to Protest@cgsc.org. A completed Protest form may be photographed and emailed to Protest@cgsc.org. All Protest hearings will be conducted via Zoom.
- 13.4. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. All Hearings will be held via ZOOM as soon as possible and in the approximate order in which they were filed.
- 13.5. The Race Committee will post a list of boats that have been given starting penalties or other Race Committee actions. If this list is posted prior to the protest time limit, Requests for Redress based on this posting shall be filed no later than thirty (30) minutes after the protest time limit. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 13.6. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

- 13.7. It is each boat's sole responsibility to check the Official Notice Board or its e-mail promptly after the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Should any party fail to appear when called for a hearing, the Protest Committee may proceed in accordance with RRS 63.3(b).
- 13.8. Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.
- 13.9. On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

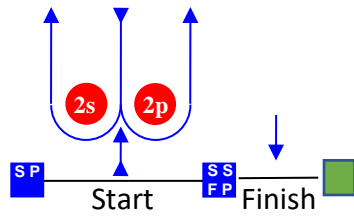
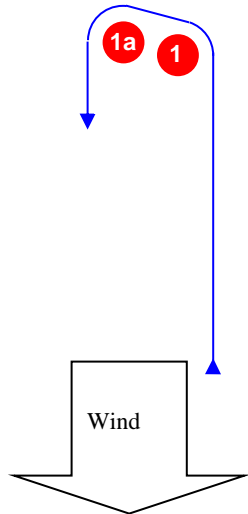
- 14.1. Prior to the first warning signal each day for the first start, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the race committee signal boat, and hail her bow number until acknowledged by the race committee.
- 14.2. [DP] A boat that retires from a race or leaves the course before racing for the day is completed, shall notify the race committee by VHF radio before leaving the course, or at the first reasonable opportunity. Failure to do so may result in a penalty of a boat from the day's racing.
- 14.3. A boat requiring assistance shall signal by waving an extended arm, or communicate on VHF radio on channel 73.

15. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 15.1. [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. Crew substitutes must be a member of the International Lightning Class Association. Requests for substitution will be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Approval will be in writing and posted on the notice board.
- 15.2. [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

Addendum B - Course Diagrams

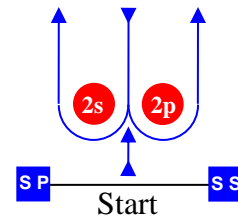
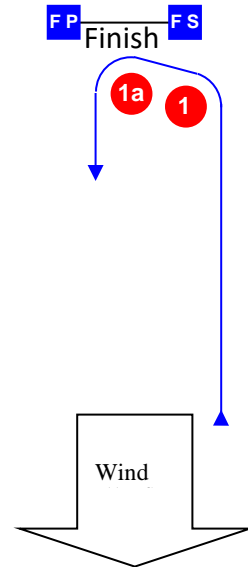
“4”



Course: Leeward finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
“4”	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish

“5”



Course: Windward Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
“5”	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish