



## International Lightning Class Association 64th Lightning Midwinter Regatta

Coconut Grove, Florida, USA  
March 20 - 23, 2024

### NOTICE OF RACE

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 regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the *ILCA Constitution* [www.lightningclass.org/constitution](http://www.lightningclass.org/constitution), *By-Laws* [www.lightningclass.org/bylaws](http://www.lightningclass.org/bylaws), *Lightning Specifications* and the *Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships* [www.lightningclass.org/docgoverning](http://www.lightningclass.org/docgoverning) (hereafter referred to as **Document Governing**).
- 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. Appendix T Arbitration applies.
- 1.4. The rules identified below will be changed as noted. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
  - 1.4.1. 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 the sheet only, (not the guy), in order to initiate surfing or planing, but each sail may be pulled 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."
  - 1.4.2. 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 (below the gooseneck) while taking her penalty, and resets it immediately and has it drawing after the penalty, the penalty is one turn instead of two."
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between languages, the text written in its original English Document will take precedence.

## **2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available no later than March 19, 2024 online at [https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26994#\\_docs](https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26994#_docs) and will be available at CGSC during registration and check-in times.

## **3. COMMUNICATION**

3.1. Use of hand-held VHF radios will be permitted for communication from the Race Committee to competitors on channel 73. 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 device 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. The event is open to all boats of the Lightning Class.

4.2. Eligible boats may enter the Regatta by completing the registration form and paying the registration fee online at [https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26994#\\_registration](https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26994#_registration).

4.3. When registering, each competitor may be required to sign a waiver for loss, damage or injury to persons or property incurred in conjunction with the regatta, on the property of the club, or on the water, or during participation in any individual race of the regatta, or from the actions of the ILCA, its officers, the protest committee, the race management team and any sponsors of the Regatta and their members, officers, governors and agents, from liability for such damage or injury.

## **5. FEES**

5.1. The entry fee is \$275.00 USD. A late fee of \$50.00 USD will be charged for payments received after February 29, 2024. \$15.00 of the fee per boat will be paid to the ILCA.

5.1.1. Awards and Prizes.

5.1.2. Competitors Social Gatherings on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

5.1.3. Full guest privileges at the club, including all on site dining and bar services.

5.2. Refund Policy

5.2.1. 100% refund (less \$20 processing fee) if the regatta is canceled due to State, County or City guidelines.

5.2.2. All other refunds are by request emailed to [racecommitte@cgsc.org](mailto:racecommitte@cgsc.org).

## **6. CREW LIMITATIONS**

Crew shall be three, all of whom shall be ILCA members as per ILCA By-Laws.

## **7. ADVERTISING**

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. As per World Sailing Regulation 20 (the Advertising Code) the International Lightning Class Association restricts competitor advertising to hulls only.

## 8. SCHEDULE

Day	Event	Time
<b>Wed., Mar. 20th</b>	Equipment Arrival/Staging at Regatta Park	0900-1700
	Competitors Check-In at CGSC	1700-1800
	Competitors Meeting at CGSC	1800
	Outdoor Gathering with Appetizers at CGSC	1800
<b>Thurs., Mar. 21st</b>	First Warning Signal	1100
<b>Fri., Mar. 22nd</b>	First Warning Signal	1000
	Outdoor Dinner at CGSC	~1700
<b>Sat., Mar. 23rd</b>	First Warning Signal	1000
	No Warning Signal after	1400
	Awards with Keg at CGSC	after racing

The Race Committee may adjust the racing schedule and racing area to suit weather conditions. The maximum numbers of races in a day shall not exceed 3.

## 9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION [DP]

- 9.1. 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.
- 9.2. 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.

## 10. VENUE

- 10.1. **CGSC is located at 2990 South Bayshore Drive, Miami, FL 33133**, which is at the south end of South Bayshore Drive in Coconut Grove, approximately four miles south of downtown Miami.
- 10.2. **Regatta Park is located at 3500 Pan American Dr, Miami, FL 33133**, approximately ¼ of a mile prior to CGSC. All boats will be stored at Regatta Park.
- 10.3. The racing area will be on Biscayne Bay, southeast of CGSC.

## 11. COURSES

Course will be windward/leeward that may include an offset mark and a gate, as described in the sailing instructions.

## 12. SCORING

- 12.1. The number of races scheduled shall be 7.
- 12.2. 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.3. If the number of completed races is five or less, all will be scored; if six races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.
- 12.4. Should conditions make it impossible to complete the scheduled number of races, the regatta will be terminated and the results based on the races completed and scored.

## 13. PRIZES

- 13.1. Prizes will be awarded as follows to the skipper and crew for the top five places.

#### 14. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 14.1. Support and coach boats must register with the OA during the registration hours.
- 14.2. 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) and comply with other requirements as specified in the Sailing Instructions. These requirements begin from the start of the first race of the regatta until the finish of 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 failure to comply with any of these requirements may result in disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing support personnel.
- 14.3. Spectator boats shall not communicate with competitors on the water unless the RC requests that they do so for safety reasons.

#### 15. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

#### 16. BERTHING [DP]

- 16.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in Regatta Park.
- 16.2. There will be no haul-out restrictions.

#### 17. RISK STATEMENT

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.

#### 18. INSURANCE

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.

This ends the Notice of Race.

#### FURTHER INFORMATION

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**ACCOMODATIONS**

Nearby hotel information is provided below.

The Ritz Carlton	3300 SW 27th Ave	305-644-4680	Two blocks away
The Mutiny Hotel	2951 S Bayshore Dr.	866-539-0036	Across street
Arya Hotel (old Sonesta)	2889 McFarlane Rd.	866-539-0036	One block away
Mayfair Hotel & Spa	3000 Florida Ave.	305 441-0000	Walking distance
Doubletree Hotel	2649 S. Bayshore Dr.	305-858-2500	Walking distance
Residence Inn	2835 Tigertail Ave.	305-285-9303	Walking distance
Hampton Inn	2800 SW 28 <sup>th</sup> Terrace	305-448-2800	1.5 miles
Holiday Inn	1350 S. Dixie Hwy.	305-667-5611	2.5 miles