



International Lightning Class Association 64th Lightning Midwinter Regatta

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

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS **Posted March 19, 2024**

International Lightning Class Association &
Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC), are the Organizing Authority (OA).

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, By-Laws www.lightningclass.org/bylaws, *Lightning Specifications* and the *Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships* www.lightningclass.org/docgoverning, the Notice of Race, and these SIs.
- 1.2. US Sailing Prescriptions apply and are available at: <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2021-2024-US-Prescriptions-Final.pdf>

2. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SI) 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 Race Committee (RC) signal vessel shall display flag "L" and announce the change via VHF radio in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). Competitors may also approach the signal vessel 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/26994#_newsroom.

3.2. On the water, the RC 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. First warning signal will be at 1100 on Thursday, and at 1000 on Friday and Saturday.
- 5.2. No warning signal will be made after 1400 on Saturday.

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. Please see SI Addendum A, posted separately.

7. COURSES

- 7.1. The diagrams in Addendum 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 RC signal vessel will display the course to be sailed, the wind direction and the length to the weather mark on a digital 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 mark will either be a Pin vessel or a yellow tetrahedron.
- 8.2. The leeward Finish mark will be a green tetrahedron. The windward Finish mark, if used, will be a yellow tetrahedron.
- 8.3. The following marks of the course are rounding marks: 1, 1A, 2S/P. 1A will be an orange cylinder and the others will be orange tetrahedrons..
- 8.4. New marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 8.5. 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 RC 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.
- 9.3. If the Windward Mark is changed, the offset mark will not be used.

10. THE START

- 10.1. All races shall be started in accordance with RRS 26.

- 10.2. To alert competitors of a start sequence, the RC will make repetitive sounds approximately 1 minute prior to the warning signal
- 10.3. 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 vessel or the course side a port-end yellow mark.
- 10.4. The RC signal vessel may deploy a stand-off buoy attached to the stern of the boat or port end line vessel. The buoy shall function as an extension of the vessel.
- 10.5. 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 RC will attempt to hail her sail or bow number on the VHF radio. Failure to hail her sail or bow 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).*
- 10.6. A boat that does not start within four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. *This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.*

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. The leeward finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a RC vessel and a staff displaying a blue flag on a nearby RC vessel or the course side of a green tetrahedron.
- 11.2. The windward finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a nearby RC vessel and the course side of a yellow tetrahedron.
- 11.3. 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 50 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 Time Limit Expired (TLE). *This changes rules 35, A 4.1, A5 and 63.1.*

13. SCORING

- 13.1 The number of races scheduled shall be seven (7).
- 13.2 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.3. If six (6) 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.*
- 13.4. Should conditions make it impossible to complete the scheduled number of races, the event will be terminated and the results based on the races completed and scored.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal vessel docks and signals with one sound signal. The RC will post the docking time on the Official Notice Board as soon as practical after docking.
- 14.2. 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-IWplSqVouz5qIQ/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.

- 14.3. 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_iXfJzfTr2txULYBp3CoQjtoEphz2aVXlvU5IQ/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.
- 14.4. 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. The RC will post a list of boats that have been given starting penalties or other RC 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.*
- 14.5. Notices of protests by the RC or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.6. 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).
- 14.7. Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.
- 14.8. 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 RRS 62.2.*

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

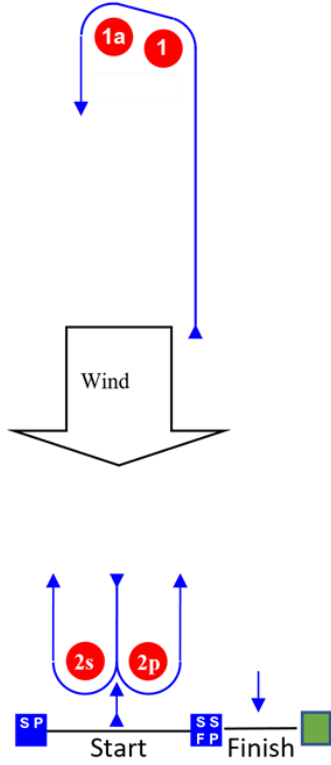
- 15.1. Prior to the first warning signal each day for the first start, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the RC signal vessel, and hail her bow number until acknowledged.
- 15.2. [DP] A boat that retires from a race or leaves the course before racing for the day is completed, shall notify the RC 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.
- 15.3. A boat requiring assistance shall signal by waving an extended arm, or communicate on VHF radio on channel 73.

16. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 16.1. [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Principal Race Officer. 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.
- 16.2. [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Principal Race Officer. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

Addendum B - Course Diagrams

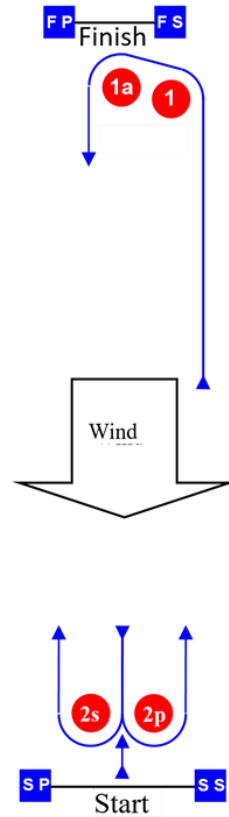
“4”



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