

2007 Lightning Women's, Juniors', and Masters' North American Championships

August 15-18

International Lightning Class Association
Hosted by the Potomac River Sailing Association & Lightning Fleet 50
Leesylvania State Park, Virginia

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta is organized under the authority of the International Lightning Class Association and has been sanctioned in accordance with their bylaws.
- 1.2 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, which include the Rules Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships (Class Rules).
- 1.3 Racing rules 42.3(c), 44.2, 60.1(b), 63.1, 63.6, 66, A4.2, and A7 will be changed. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions.
 - 1.3.1 Rule 42.3 (c) shall be altered to allow certain types of pumping in accordance with Class Rule VIII 12.
 - 1.3.2 Rule 44.2 will be amended to one tack and one gybe, as opposed to two tacks and two gybes, if the spinnaker is drawing at the time of the infringement and if the spinnaker is subsequently reset, in accordance with Class Rule VIII 9.
- 13.3 RRS 60.1(b), 63.1, 63.6, and 66 will be changed to permit Protest Arbitration.
- 13.4 A4.2 will be changed to increase the points for boats receiving certain "letter" scores and A7 will be changed to reduce the points for boats tied at the finish line in accordance with Class Rules VIII 4(b) and VIII 5(a).
- 1.4 Class Rule VIII (3) will be changed as follows. The second sentence will read "A boat not finishing with a time limit of 30 minutes after the first finisher sails the course and finishes will be score the number of boats that finished within the time limit plus 1."
- 1.5 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.4. (Class Rule VIII 7)

2 ADVERTISING

Class Rule VIII 2: This Regatta is designated Category C in accordance with Appendix 1, regulation 20, restricted as follows: Advertising on hull only.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The ILCA Junior North American Championship is open to all sailors who have not reached their twentieth birthday before 12/31/07.
- 3.2 The ILCA Women North American Championship is open to all female sailors.
- 3.3 The ILCA Masters North American Championship is open to all skippers who have reached their 55th Birthday by 12/31/07. Minimum combined age of skipper and crew is 130 years (as of 12/31/07).
- 3.4 Women, Junior and Master skippers must be ILCA Life, Active or Associate members. Crew must be ILCA Life, Active, Associate, or Crew members.
- 3.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing an entry form, available at www.lightningclass.net/fleet50/WJM, and sending it with the required fees on or before July 25th, 2007 to:

**Executive Secretary, ILCA
7625 South Yampa Street
Centennial, CO 80016**

- 3.6 Late entries will be accepted until 1800 Wednesday, August 15th with a late entry fee.

4 FEES

Required fees are as follows:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Entry Fee</i>	<i>Late Entry Fee After Jul 25</i>	<i>Non-US Sailing Member Fee</i>
Juniors	\$45	\$15	\$5
Women	\$75	\$15	\$5
Masters	\$130	\$15	\$5

5 QUALIFICATION FOR OTHER LIGHTNING REGATTAS

- 5.1 From this Junior, Women's and Masters Championships one or more skippers, not previously qualified through their District, shall be entitled to enter the North American Championship Regatta in accordance with the following formula: one skipper qualifies if the fleet consisted of 1 to 10 boats; two qualify if 11 to 20 boats; three qualify if 21 to 30 boats, etc. (Class Rule XII.3)
- 5.2 The two competitors in the Juniors Championship having the two best scores among those born 1/1/1989 or after, willing, and able to represent North America, shall be named their entrant for the Lightning World Youth Championship. (Class Rule V.2.2 for World Championships)

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 At registration each competitor will be required to sign a waiver for loss, damage or injury to persons or property incurred in conjunction with the regatta or on the property of Leesylvania State Park, ILCA, Lightning Fleet 50, Potomac River Sailing Association, any sponsors of the Regatta and their members, officers, governors and agents and any sponsors from liability for any such damage or injury.
- 6.2 Junior competitors and their PARENTS OR GUARDIAN will be required to complete and sign a Competitors Agreement regarding drug and alcohol policies and curfew for free housing, and a Medical Consent Form.

6.3 Planned Schedule

Wednesday, August 15	1200-1900	Measurement
	1300-2000	Registration
Thursday, August 16	0900	Competitors Meeting
	1100	Warning signal 1st race of the day
		Masters Races (2)
		Women's Races (2)
		Juniors Races (3)
Friday, August 17	1100	Warning signal 1st race of the day
		Masters Races (2)
		Women's Races (2)
		Juniors Races (3)
Saturday, August 18	1100	Warning signal 1st race of the day
		Masters races (2)
		Women's Races (2)
		Juniors Race (3)
		Awards at the Pavillion following racing

The race committee may hold no more than 2 races each day for the Masters. However, it may hold a 3rd race for the Women or a 4th race for the Juniors in order to make up races from an earlier day or in anticipation of poor weather the following day.

- 6.4 No starting sequence will begin after 1430 Saturday, August 18.

7 MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 Boats must hold and present a valid Measurement Certificate, and must display a 2007 membership decal. Boats, sails, spars and equipment will be measured and inspected in accordance with Article VI of the Class Rules. A maximum of one (1) main, two (2) jibs and two (2) spinnakers will be measured and approved for the regatta. All sails shall have Official Royalty Labels. Mainsail and spinnaker numbers shall be the same.

7.2 Boats that are properly measured at the Dixie District Championship Regatta may be exempt from measurement at the Women's, Juniors', and Masters' Championship.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on August 15 at registration.

9 VENUE

Racing will be on the Potomac River east of Leesylvania State Park.

10 COURSES

The courses will be windward-leeward with 0.75 to 1.0 nm weather legs lengths depending on the wind and current.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that when an infringing boat has its spinnaker drawing at the time of the infringement, drops it below the gooseneck while taking her penalty and resets it and has it drawing after the penalty, the penalty is one tack and one gybe instead of two. (Class Rule VIII 9)

11.2 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.4

12 SCORING

12.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.2 If fewer than 6 races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2. If 6 races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. (Class Rule VIII 4(c))

12.3 OCS, DNE, BFD, and DSQ score points equal to two more than the greatest number of yachts eligible to start in any race of the series. This changes RRS A4.2. (Class Rule VIII 4(b))

12.4 Boats that tie in a single race shall score points equal to the best position involved. The position(s) immediately after shall remain vacant (if two yachts tie for first place, both are scored 1 point, and the next yacht to finish scores 3 points). This changes RRS A7. (Class Rule VIII 5(a))

13 SUPPORT BOATS

13.1 Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel shall stay outside the racing area (defined as 100 meters outside the laylines of the course including the starting area) from the first warning signal of the day until the last boat has finished the last race of each day, unless otherwise instructed by the Race Committee.

13.2 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 Organizing Authority.

- 13.3 The penalty for failure to comply with any of these may result in disqualification of all yachts associated with the infringing support personnel

14 PRIZES

- 14.1 Trophies will be awarded to the top finishers, skipper and crew, in each fleet. The number of trophies awarded will depend on the number of boats registered, but will be at least 3 per fleet.
- 14.2 Perpetual Trophies will be presented to the North American Champion in the Women's, Juniors', and Masters Classes.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The International Lightning Class Association, Lightning Fleet 50 and Potomac River Sailing Association 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.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

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