

2017 Lighting North American Championship
September 21-24, 2017
Carolina Yacht Club & ILCA Fleet 511
Wilmington, North Carolina

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*, The International Lightning Class Association (ILCA) Constitution, By-Laws and, "[Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships](#)" hereinafter referred to as the "Document Governing" will apply.
- 1.2. The prescriptions of Appendix T apply
- 1.3. The following temporary rule changes were adopted by the Governing Board strictly for the 2017 NAC:

Articles Which Apply Specifically to Area Championships

ARTICLE V - ENTRIES

1. Qualifying races shall be held and must be free from discrimination and be open to every active member of the district holding the series. Scoring in such races shall be computed exclusively on the basis of eligible entries belonging to the particular district holding the series.
2. Approved Measurement Certificate must be on file in the ILCA Office for each yacht entered.

Articles Which Apply Specifically to North American Championship

ARTICLE XII - ENTRIES

1. Entry and registration will be open and processed first come first served. There is a limit of 70 entries and these will be assigned in the order that they are received when on-line registration opens June 15th.
2. Each entry must complete the registration process and thereby participate in their district championship. Registrations may be submitted before the date of an individual's district championship to hold their NA slot, but their registration will only be complete when their registration is confirmed on the overall district championship results.
3. The Executive Committee may change these requirements by adding to the number of entry slots available, accepting boats by petition or permitting Skippers from outside North America to compete. Skippers from outside North America will be limited to the first 5 before August 1st. After this date, entry will be based on availability.
4. From the ILCA Junior, Women's and Masters Championships one Skipper per fleet, not previously registered, shall be entitled to register the North American Championship. After August 15th, entry is not guaranteed and will be based on availability.

ARTICLE XIII - RACING CONDITIONS

A. DIVISIONS AND QUALIFYING SERIES

1. Divisions –All competitors entitled to enter the North American Championships shall sail in the Championship Division

2. Qualifying Series – There shall be no qualifying series for the 2017 North American Championship

B. SCORING

1. The Number of races scheduled shall be eight (8). If six (6) races or more are sailed than a competitor's worst race shall be dropped. This provision changed RRS A2.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising shall be in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 except that it shall be restricted to the hull only in accordance with Article VIII (2) of the Document Governing.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. Eligibility for Boats, Skippers and Crew shall be in accordance with the Document Governing. Each US and Canadian entry shall qualify for participation in the NAC by registering in their respective District Championship Regatta.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter the Regatta by completing the registration form and paying the registration fee(s) by 1600 on September 8, 2017. Registration is online at the Carolina Yacht Club website: <http://www.carolinayachtclub.org/> beginning June 15th.

4. FEES

- 4.1. Registration Fee: \$280.00
Registration Fee includes 3 banquet dinner tickets and access to all other social activities for crew and guests
- 4.2. Additional Banquet dinner tickets \$25.00

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. Thursday, September 21:

0830 - 1630 Registration and Measurement
1300 Practice Race
1800 Competitors Meeting, first floor main room.
1830 - 2030 Welcome Social, first floor main room & porches

5.2. Friday, September 22:

1100 Start of Race 1 followed by subsequent races.
After racing refreshments, sound side gazebo.

5.3. Saturday, September 23:

1100 Start of the first race of the day followed by subsequent races
1830 Cocktail Hour cash bar and Banquet Dinner, Main room and dining porch

5.4. Sunday, September 24:

1100 Start of the first race of the day followed by subsequent races
No races will be started after 1500
After racing refreshments, sound side gazebo
Awards presentation as soon as possible after the last race. First floor main room & porches.

- 5.5 The Race Committee may adjust the race schedule to suit weather conditions. The number of races scheduled shall be eight (8). No more than 3 races will be sailed in a day.

6. MEASUREMENTS

- 6.1. 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.
- 6.2. 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 so as to make sail number identification possible.
- 6.3. Competitors are advised that the Chief Measurer or a designated representative may make spot measurements and inspection of required equipment during the Championships.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1. The sailing instructions will be available at registration and on the CYC website at:
<http://www.carolinayachtclub.org/>

8. VENUE

- 8.1. Races will be sailed in the Atlantic Ocean on the East side of the CYC. Access to the racing area is through Masonboro Inlet, a 30 to 45 minute sail.
- 8.2. Directions to Carolina Yacht Club may be found online at:
<http://www.carolinayachtclub.org/> under the club information tab

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. The Courses will be windward-leeward configurations.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1. The prescriptions of Appendix T apply.
- 10.2. The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty." This changes Document Governing Article VIII (9).

11. SCORING

- 11.1. If six (6) races or more are sailed then a competitor's worst race shall be dropped. This provision changes RRS A2.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1. 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) from the first warning signal of the day until the last boat has finished the last race of each day, unless otherwise designated in the SI's.
- 12.2. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be the disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing support personnel.

13. BOAT LAUNCHING / HAULING:

- 13.1. Boats will be hoist launched. There will be regatta volunteers to assist in the launching and hauling of boats.

14. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS (This changes RRS 41.)

- 14.1. The use of hand-held VHF radios while racing is permitted, but only for receiving communications from the race committee on a specified channel and in emergencies. The failure to receive such communications shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). Use of any electronic communication device, including cellular telephones, while racing shall require retirement from the race.

15. PRIZES

15.1. Prizes will be awarded to top placing skippers and crews as follows:

- a) Prizes will be awarded to top 7 placing skippers and crews.
- b) Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to the North American Champion, Runner-up, 2nd Runner-up, and 3rd Runner-up.
- c) The Swanson Trophy will be awarded to encourage and recognize women competitors in the North American Championship.
- d) The Thermis Trophy will be awarded to the highest placing skipper who is sailing in the Championship division for the first time.
- e) The Elfman Trophy will be awarded to the highest placing Master skipper in the North American Championship who also skippered in the 2017 North American Masters Championship.
- f) A prize will be awarded for the highest placing Corinthian helmsman who will have reached his or her 65th birthday by the end of the calendar year.
- g) A prize will be awarded for the highest placing Corinthian helmsman who will have reached his or her 75th birthday by the end of the calendar year. A Corinthian sailor is an amateur sailor similar to ISAF Sailor Classification Code Group 1.

16. DISCALIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. 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.

17. MEDIA

17.1. By participating in this regatta, a competitor grants to the organizing authority and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make use and show, from time to time, at their discretion any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the competitor during the period of the competition without compensation.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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