



INDIANAPOLIS SAILING CLUB

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

2017 BURL HARMON MEMORIAL INDIANA OPEN REGATTA



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Pursuant to US Sailing Racing Rule #88

1. **RULES.** These races will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the US Prescriptions and these Instructions. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall govern. This modifies RRS 63.7.

- 1.1 Item 5 modifies Racing Signals – AP flag
- 1.2 Item 12 modifies RRS A4
- 1.3 Item 14 modifies RRS 33
- 1.4 Item 16 modifies RRS 32.2
- 1.5 Item 17 modifies RRS 35, A4.2 and A5.
- 1.6 Item 18.1 adds to RRS 61.1(a)
- 1.7 Item 19.1 modifies RRS A2
- 1.8 Item 20 modifies RRS 44.2

2. **ENTRIES.** The regatta is open to all International Lightning Class sailboats whose skipper is an active or associate member of ILCA. Eligible sailboats may be entered by completion of a registration form and paying the appropriate fees.

3. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS.** Notices to competitors will be posted inside the Indianapolis Sailing Club ("ISC") Clubhouse on the Lightning Fleet bulletin board.

4. **CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted prior to the harbor signal for the day it is to take effect.

5. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE.** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast of the Race Committee Boat (hereafter "RC Boat"), which will be located in the ISC harbor at her mooring. When flag AP is displayed with two sound signals (one sound signal when lowered) means "The race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered" (this modifies the US Sailing meaning of AP in this situation only).

6. **SCHEDULE OF RACES.** The schedule of races is as follows:

Saturday, May 6, 2017

Competitors' Meeting: 12:00 noon

Harbor Signal: to follow Competitors' Meeting

Warning Signal of First Race: 12:55 PM (Multiple races will be started, conditions permitting)

Sunday, May 7, 2017

Harbor Signal: 8:15 AM

Warning Signal of Next Race: 9:00 AM (Multiple races will be started, conditions permitting; no race will start after 11:30 AM Sunday)

The official boat on station at the finish line of a race shall display code flag "A" if NO additional races will follow that day.

All times published and posted as Eastern DST.

As many races as possible given weather conditions will be sailed in this event. Completion of a single race will constitute a regatta.

All regularly scheduled races which are abandoned or postponed and not started by 11:30 AM on Sunday shall be abandoned and the regatta shall be scored on the basis of the race or races sailed. A race shall be deemed started by the deadline if the original start is within the deadline, regardless of subsequent recalls.

7. **RACING AREA.** The racing area will be ISC's racing area on Geist Reservoir.

8. **MARKS.** The race course will be set utilizing orange and yellow colored spheres and tetrahedrons set within the racing area. Orange colored spheres and tetrahedrons are used only as turning buoys or gates. Yellow colored spheres and tetrahedrons are used only as an end of a starting line or finish line.

9. **THE COURSE.** The course for each race will be posted on the sides of the RC Boat at or prior to the warning signal for that race. The course will be posted using Course Symbols. Course Symbols to be used will be: white letters "W/L" shall mean that a windward-leeward course will be sailed; a white "W" shall mean that leg will be to windward; a triangle shape on a white background shall mean that a triangular course will be sailed, with the first and last leg upwind. All finishes shall be upwind at an official boat, unless the race is shortened. See SI 16. If the W/L and W symbols are displayed on a red background and/or a red triangle shape is displayed, all marks will be rounded on the port side; if the W/L and W are displayed on a green background and/or a green triangle shape is displayed, all marks will be rounded on the starboard side. If course symbols are displayed by themselves, the course shall be sailed once around only; a black number on a white background following the course symbol indicates the number of complete laps to be sailed around that course. If both symbols are displayed, the course shall be sailed in the order as posted. For example, if W/L is followed by a triangle, the course shall be a windward-leeward followed by a triangle course, finishing upwind.

10. **HARBOR SIGNAL.** The harbor signal is indicated by the RC with one sound signal, indicating that the RC has left its mooring for the racecourse. Each boat and skipper is requested to check-in on the water after the RC Boat has anchored following the harbor signal. Boats are requested to sail past the stern of the RC Boat and hail their sail numbers.

11. **ON STATION SIGNAL.** When the RC Boat displays code flag L, the RC is indicating that it is in position to begin the starting sequence. Code flag L, or, in the event of a restart or postponement, the AP, first substitute, or N flag, will be lowered with four sound signals one minute prior to the beginning of the starting sequence.

12. **THE START.** Signals will be made in accordance with RRS 26. The starting line will be between a yellow buoy adjacent to the RC Boat and the mast that displays the RC flag on that RC Boat. Any boat not starting within 5 minutes of her starting signal shall be scored DNS. This instruction modifies RRS A4.

13. **RECALLS.** Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The RC may attempt to hail the sail numbers of boats that are on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal. Failure to hear a hail shall not be grounds for redress.

14. **CHANGING OF THE COURSE AFTER THE START.** The RC may change the course by displaying code flag "C" with repetitive sound signals. The RC will attempt to notify all boats of any change of the course by hail or signage from an official boat. This instruction modifies RRS 33.

15. **THE FINISH.** The finish line will be between a yellow buoy adjacent to an RC Boat and the mast which displays a blue flag on that RC Boat.

16. **SHORTENING COURSE.** The RC may shorten the course by displaying code flag "S" with two sound signals. The RC will attempt to notify all boats of any shortening of the course by hail or signage from an official boat. Any shortening of the originally posted course will be made as the leading boat passes the mark beginning the new last leg of the course. Code flag "S" will be flown from a support boat at the mark beginning the new last leg. The new finish line shall be between a yellow buoy adjacent to an RC boat and the mast on that RC boat, which displays a blue flag or shape and code flag "S." This instruction modifies RRS 32.2.

17. **TIME LIMIT.** Any race in which no boat rounds the first mark of the course within 40 minutes of the start will be abandoned. Any race in which no boat finishes within 2 hours of her starting signal will be abandoned. At the option of the P.R.O. after 30 minutes following the finish of the first boat to finish in a race, boats which have not finished or retired may be finished in place on the water. If the race committee is unable to accurately judge the relative position between two or more boats, such boats for which the relative position cannot be determined will be given the same score. A support boat will notify each boat which is finished in place. This modifies RRS 35, A4.2 and A5.

18. **PROTESTS.**

18.1 Competitors intending to protest about an incident that occurred in the racing area shall notify the RC Finish Boat, after finishing and while still in the immediate area of the RC Finish Boat, of their intent to protest, including the sail number of the boat(s) being protested.

18.2 Protests shall be written on forms available from the RC boat, or inside the ISC Clubhouse, located at or near the Official Club bulletin board just inside the front door. Protests must be filed with the P.R.O. within 45 minutes of the sound signal given by the Race Committee upon its return to the dock. The P.R.O. will be in the vicinity of the RC boat during this time period unless it is raining, in which case the P.R.O. will be in the Clubhouse to receive protests.

18.3 The protest committee will hear protests in the approximate order as they were received by the P.R.O. as soon as possible that same day. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the end of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

19. SCORING. The Low Point System as described in RRS Appendix A4.1 will be used. All races which are abandoned or postponed and not started by 11:30 AM on Sunday shall be abandoned, and the regatta shall be scored on the basis of the race or races sailed. A race shall be deemed started by the deadline if the original start is within the deadline, regardless of subsequent recalls.

19.1 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, this changes RRS A2.

19.2 When at least six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score, except as provided in RRS 89.3(b).

20. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES: The two turn penalty consisting of two tacks and two jibes provided in RRS 44.2 will apply, except that if the offending boat has her spinnaker flying at the time of the incident, and thereafter lowers the head of the spinnaker below the gooseneck and then does the penalty turns and re-sets the spinnaker and has it drawing, then only one turn consisting of one tack and one jibe shall be required.

21. SHALLOW WATER MARKERS. The series of shallow water marker buoys along the shores of the island indicate shallow water. For the purposes of RRS 18.5, the line formed between each shallow water buoy is a continuing obstruction. These shallow water buoys are not rounding buoys. A boat may sail inside of the line formed by the shallow water buoys, but does so at its own risk and must sail a course such that its track does not pass between any shallow water buoy and the island.

22. SAILING BEHIND THE ISLAND. While racing, no boat shall sail down the channel formed by the southern shore of the reservoir and the southern shore of the island.

23. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

24. SAFETY REGULATIONS. A boat that retires from a race or elects not to start a race after having checked in shall attempt to notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

25. EQUIPMENT CHECKS. A boat and its safety equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules.

26. HAUL OUTS. Boats shall be allowed to haul out during the regatta.

27. PRIZES. Trophies for skipper and crew shall be awarded for the first three places and the permanent trophy shall be engraved with the winning skipper's name.

28. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: 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 property damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.