



**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**INTERNATIONAL LIGHTNING CLASS ASSOCIATION**  
**Early Bird Regatta**  
**May 20-21, 2017**

**1 Rules**

The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing, ILCA rules and these sailing instructions.*

**2 Notices to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the south wall of the CPYC clubhouse.

**3 Changes to Sailing Instructions**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

**4 Signals Made Ashore**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the CPYC flagpole.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, removing it means either an abandonment signal will follow immediately, or a race signal will be made on the water 60 minutes after removal. This changes race signal AP.

**5 Schedule of Races**

- 5.1 May 20th **1000** Competitors Meeting  
**1030** Harbor gun  
**1130** First warning signal
- May 21st **0900** Harbor gun  
**1000** First warning signal  
**1500** No initial warning signal will be made after 1500
- 5.2 The number of races conducted will be at the discretion of the race committee. Six races are scheduled.

**6 Class Flag**

The class flag will be the Lightning Class flag.

**7 Racing Area**

- 7.1 The racing area will be approximately 2 - 4 miles SE of the Saugatuck River mouth.
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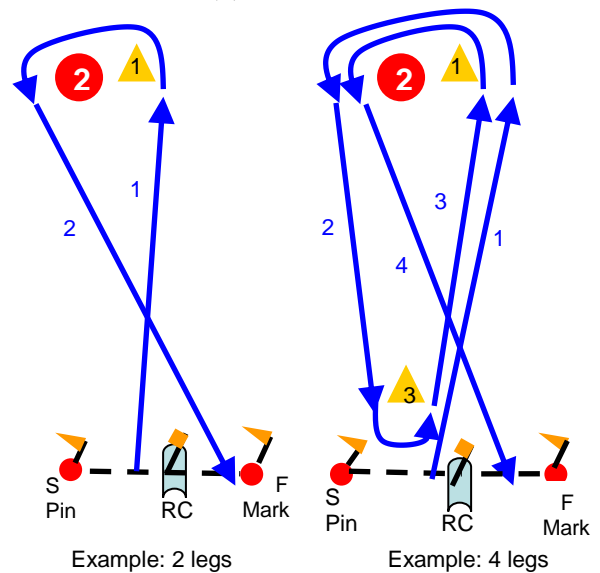
Day	Low Tide	High Tide
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	1:08 PM	7:19 PM
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	2:03 PM	8:13 PM

**8 The Course**

- 8.1 The course for each race will be windward-leeward, with a **specified number of legs**. All turning marks shall be left to port.
- 8.2 The approximate magnetic bearing and distance in nautical miles to the first mark will be displayed from the race committee signal boat prior to the warning signal for each race.
- 8.3 Course example:

<b>2</b>	
<b>7</b>	270° magnetic from starting line to first
<b>0</b>	
<b>2.0</b>	Two miles from starting line to first
<b>4</b>	Four legs (W-L-W-L)

- 8.4 Course diagrams (for 2-leg and 4-leg courses): windward mark (1)



- 8.5 An offset mark (2) will be placed to port of the weather mark. If the weather mark is changed an accompanying offset mark will not be set.
- 8.6 A leeward mark (3) will be set a short distance to windward of the starting line.

**9 Marks**

Windward and leeward turning marks will be orange inflatables. Change marks will be green inflatables. Offset marks will be red hippity-

hops. The start mark will be a pin flying an orange flag and the CPYC burgee. The finishing mark will be a red hippity-hop.

- 9.1 A “keep back” mark may be deployed astern of the race committee signal boat. Such mark shall be treated as part of the signal boat.

## **10 The Start**

- 10.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on the pin boat at the port end.
- 10.3 A boat shall not start a race later than 4 minutes after its starting signal.

## **11 Recalls**

- 11.1 When an individual recall is signaled, the race committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers of the boats that are over early.
- 11.2 When a starting penalty of rule 30 is in effect, the race committee will attempt to hail sail numbers during the minute before the start.
- 11.3 The timing and order of such hails or the failure of a boat to hear the hail will not be grounds for redress.

## **12 The Finish**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

## **13 Time Limit**

- 13.1 The time limit for the first boat in each race is 2 hours.
- 13.2 Boats still racing more than 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

## **14 Protests and Requests for Redress**

- 14.1 In addition to the requirements of rule 61.1(a), a boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the race committee of its intention, including the sail number of the boat(s) being protested, at the earliest time reasonably possible after finishing or withdrawing from the race.
- 14.2 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. The docking time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 14.3 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes after the

protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt in the race office as soon as practical.

- 14.4 Breaches of instruction 16 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Breaches of these rules are subject to a DP if the protest committee so decides.

## **15 Scoring**

- 15.1 Six races are scheduled. If six races are sailed, each competitor may discard her worst score. Otherwise, all races are scored.
- 15.2 One race must be completed to constitute a regatta or championship.
- 15.3 The Low Point System of Appendix A will be used, as modified by Class Rules, Article VIII (4) and (5).

## **16 Safety**

- 16.1 Prior to the warning signal for the first race of each day in which it intends to compete, each boat shall sail by the race committee signal boat and check in by hailing its sail number, and be acknowledged by the race committee.
- 16.2 A boat retiring from a race or leaving the racing area early shall promptly notify the race committee either by hail, on VHF channel 78, or by telephone to the CPYC Club Manager at (203) 226-7411.
- 16.3 Government buoy G”1” (Georges Rock) marks a dangerous rock and reef between CPYC and the racing area. Please consult your chart.