

## Higgins Lake Boat Club Regatta

Treasure Island, Higgin's Lake, Roscommon County, MI, USA  
July 30, 2022 - July 31, 2022

### NOTICE OF RACE

International Lightning Class Association &  
The Higgins Lake Boat Club, are the organizing authority.

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, By-Laws, Lightning Specifications* and the *Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships* (**hereafter referred to as Document Governing**). They are available at <https://www.lightningclass.org/docs.ashx?id=328142>
- 1.2. US Sailing Prescriptions apply and are available at: <https://cdn.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/2021-2024-US-Prescriptions-Final.pdf>
- 1.3. Boats are required to carry portable equipment in accordance with *NOR Addendum ILCA Required Equipment*. (attached)
- 1.4. The rules identified below will be changed as noted. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
  - 1.4.1. RRS 42.3(c) is changed to read: "Except on a beat to windward, when surfing (rapidly accelerating down the front of a wave) or planing is possible, the boat's crew may pull the sheet only, (not the guy), in order to initiate surfing or planing, but each sail may be pulled only once for each wave or gust of wind. When the mainsail is pumped, only that part of the sheet between the crew member handling the sheet and the first block on the boom shall be used."
  - 1.4.2. RRS 44 is changed to add the following: "The two turns penalty as provided in RRS Rule 44 will apply with the additional provision that when an infringing yacht has its spinnaker drawing at the time of the infringement, drops it completely (below the gooseneck) while taking her penalty, and resets it immediately and has it drawing after the penalty, the penalty is one turn instead of two."

#### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available during registration and check-in times.

#### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. Use of hand-held VHF radios will be permitted for communication from the Race Committee to competitors on a predetermined channel to be identified in the Sailing Instructions. The Race Committee intends to use VHF radio to identify OCS (On Course Side of the line) boats after starts and otherwise communicate with the fleet on the water. Failure to receive a hail, for a hail to be made, the order of hails made, or receive other communications to the fleet shall not be cause for redress.
- 3.2. Other use of any communication device is prohibited, and such use shall require withdrawal from the race unless determined by the Race Committee to have been for emergency purposes.

#### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. The event is open to all boats of the Lightning Class.

**Please indicate your intent to attend this regatta on the ILCA website.**

4.2. When registering, each competitor may be required to sign a waiver for loss, damage or injury to persons or property incurred in conjunction with the regatta, on the property of the club, or on the water, or during participation in any individual race of the regatta, or from the actions of the ILCA, its officers, the protest committee, the race management team and any sponsors of the Regatta and their members, officers, governors and agents, from liability for such damage or injury.

#### 5. FEES

The entry fee is \$95 USD payable by cash or personal check only. We cannot accept credit cards.

- Awards and Prizes
- Full guest privileges at the club, including all on site dining and bar services.
- Campsites \$10 per night – Please call ahead to reserve a spot
- 3 lunches on Sat & Sun, and Breakfast on Sunday for each registered boat is included in entry fee. Additional meal packages can be purchased for \$10 at Registration.
- Saturday dinner is BYO. (Bring Your Own Dinner) The grills will be hot!

#### 6. CREW LIMITATIONS

Crew shall be three persons.

#### 7. SCHEDULE

The number of races scheduled shall be: Six (6), with one throw out if all six are completed. One completed race may constitute a regatta.

##### Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>

4:00 – 8:00 pm	Launch and Transportation to the Island
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##### Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>

9:00 - 11:30 am	Launch, Transportation to the Island, & Registration
11:30 - 12:30 pm	Lunch
12:30 pm	Competitor's Meeting
1:00 pm	Warning Signal for 1st race of the day
Following races	Refreshments at Clubhouse & Transportation to Mainland
6:00 - 9:00	BYO Cookout with Hourly Transportation to and from Treasure Island
9:00 - 11:00	Transportation to and from Old Point Comfort/Island as needed

##### Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>

8:30 – 9:30	Transportation to the Island
9:00 – 9:30	Breakfast
10:00 am	Warning Signal for 1st race of the day
Last race	No Warning Signal after 1:00 pm
Following races	Lunch
	Awards
	Transportation to and from Old Point Comfort & Haul-out

## **8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION [DP]**

- 8.1. 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.
- 8.2. 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 to make sail number identification possible.
- 8.3. Competitors are advised that the Chief Measurer or a designated representative may make spot measurements and inspection of required equipment on or off the water during the Championship. Boats may be inspected at any time.

## **9. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT**

RRS 50 is not changed.

## **10. VENUE**

Location of the Higgins Lake Boat Club: Treasure Island, Higgins Lake

Launch site: 100 Magnolia Avenue, Roscommon, MI

## **11. COURSES**

Courses will be windward/leeward, triangle or windward/leeward/triangle courses that may include an offset mark and a gate, as described in the sailing instructions and competitor's meeting.

## **12. PENALTY SYSTEM**

RRS 44 as amended by NOR 1.4.2

## **13. SCORING**

Will be per Appendix A in accordance with the Document Governing.

Available at <https://www.lightningclass.org/docs.ashx?id=328142>

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

- a) When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

## **14. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]**

- 14.1. Support and coach boats must register with the OA during the registration hours.
- 14.2. 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) and comply with other requirements as specified in the Sailing Instructions. These requirements begin from the start of the first race of the regatta until the finish of the last race of the regatta. 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 Race Committee. The penalty for failure to comply with any of these requirements may result in disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing support personnel.
- 14.3. Spectator boats shall not communicate with competitors on the water unless the RC requests that they do so for safety reasons.

## 15. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

### **BERTHING [DP]**

Boats shall be moored at the HLBC club house with no restrictions on dry sailing, however the responsibility for proper mooring or dry sailing rests solely with the skipper/person in charge.

## 16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

The organizers plan to allow dry sailing for the event.

## 17. CLEANING OF BOATS

There will be no undue restrictions on cleaning of boats.

## 18. SECTION INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

## 19. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 Decision to Race states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

**Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.** 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.

## 20. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of US\$300,000 per event or the equivalent. A copy of insurance company documents establishing that such coverage is current shall be produced if requested by the OA.

## 21. PRIZES

21.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top five finishers

### **Higgins Lake Boat Club Club – Host club**

Launch site: 100 Magnolia Avenue, Roscommon, MI

Club site: North point of Treasure Island, Higgins Lake

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## NOR Addendum ILCA Required Equipment

### Portable Equipment

#### a. Mandatory

- i) A fluke-type anchor weighing not less than 1.8Kg (4lb) with a line not shorter than 15.24m (50ft). The line shall be a minimum of 9.525mm (3/8 inches) in diameter and shall be made of Nylon or Dacron. This line shall be used only for towing or anchoring. Alternatives may be prescribed in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions.
- ii) Compass.
- iii) Bucket with a minimum capacity of one gallon.
- iv) Throwable life preserver or cushion with an attached whistle.
- v) Paddle
- vi) Other lifesaving equipment as required by government regulations.

#### b. Optional

- i) Electronic Equipment – the following electronic devices are allowed aboard a Lightning in 2022:
  - 1) Battery-powered wrist watches.
  - 2) An electronic digital compass with chronograph (timer and/or clock). The compass must be entirely self-contained with either an internal battery and/or solar power. The compass shall have no external connection and shall neither provide wind or boat speed nor compute correlations between time and distance.
  - 3) Other hand-held navigational devices. Use while racing is not permitted except for emergencies.
  - 4) Hand-held communication devices (cell phones, pagers, radios, etc.) with the following restrictions:
    - a) For this regatta, use is not permitted on the water except for emergencies. This restriction is modified to allow communication from the Race Committee to competitors on a predetermined Marine VHF channel.
    - b) The RC intends to communicate with competitors using a VHF Channel to be announced and will attempt to communicate to OCS boats using the same VHF Channel. Competitors should bring their own VHF radio. Failure or delay in this procedure shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 60.1 (b).
  - 5) Personal medical devices, attached to an individual, required for a person's well-being are allowed if they are medically necessary.
  - 6) In all cases where the use of electronic devices is not permitted, a competitor's use shall require withdrawal from the race unless the Race Committee deems use was for emergency reasons.