



**2022 Squam Lake One Day Lightning Regatta
Squam Lake Fleet 332**

1. RULES The organizing authority (OA) is Lightning Fleet 332.

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021 – 2024 Racing Rules of Sailing and the ILCA Constitution, By-Laws, and the Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships (hereafter referred to as Document Governing).

In accordance with RRS 70.5 there is no appeal from an International Jury. If the requirements detailed in RRS 70.5 are not met, decisions by the protest committee may be appealed.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on or around the Squam Lakes Association (SLA) porch. Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1000 on Saturday August 20, 2022.

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be made by a flag displayed from the railing of the SLA porch. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than one (1) hour after AP is lowered.

4. SCHEDULE

A competitors' meeting will be held Saturday at 1100 on the SLA porch. The Warning signal for the first race will be at the times listed below. Races are scheduled as follows except as may be revised where such revisions are posted according to Section 3 or announced at the Competitor's meeting. No race will be started after 1630 on Saturday 8/20/22. A total of 5 races are scheduled. 1 race constitutes a regatta.

August 21 0930 – 1100: Registration
 1100: Competitors Meeting
 1115: Launch boats
 1230: First Start, additional races to follow
 1630: No Races start after
 1800 (possibly earlier): Post-race refreshments on the SLA porch

5. CLASS FLAGS

The following signal flag colors or symbols will be displayed in accordance with RRS 26: Class Flag – Lightning Symbol Class Flag
– Preparatory Signal Flag
– AP Flag

6. CHECK-IN AND BOAT IDENTIFICATION

All competing yachts shall check in at the Race Committee boat prior to the first warning signal. Sail numbers will be used to identify competing yachts. They must sail by on Starboard Tack.

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on Squam Lake.

8. COURSES and MARKS

The course will be a W: WINDWARD-LEEWARD Course with WINDWARD Finish – NO Offset. The marks are orange balls with the exception of the course change ball, which is white. The RC will aim to keep the races around 45 min long with each leg being approximately 1 mile in distance. A W3 will be the default course, depending on wind conditions the RC may choose to run a W2 or W4 instead.

9. STARTING AND FINISHING LINES and STARTING SYSTEMS

The starting and finishing lines will be between a Signal boat staff bearing an orange flag and a mark on the port end. If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at the start and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to make a hail will not be grounds for a request for redress.

10. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

When changing the course after the start in accordance with Rule 33, the race committee will lay a new white mark and will lift the original mark as soon as practical. When an additional change of course takes place and the mark is replaced, it will be replaced with the original mark.

11. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each race will be sixty (60) minutes for the first boat to finish. The Finishing Window is twenty (20) minutes.

The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and subsequently not retiring, penalized or given redress will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12. PENALTIES WHILE RACING - PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT

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."

13. POST-RACE PENALTIES - PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE

After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Post Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred. The Post-Race Penalty shall be (a) 20%, if taken before the protest time limit, or (b)

30%, if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.

14. EXPEDITED HEARINGS - INFORMING THE RACE COMMITTEE

A boat intending to protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee.

15. CHANGES IN HEARING PROCEDURES

This rule applies to all hearings except hearings under rule 69. If the protest committee is able to assemble the parties to a hearing before the protest or redress time limit, it may begin the hearing and may waive the requirements of rule 61.2 or 62.2.

Rule 63.5 is changed to: 'At the beginning of the hearing, if there is no objection, the protest or request is valid and the hearing shall be continued. If an objection is made, the protest committee shall take any evidence . . . [no further change].'

Insert a new sentence after the third sentence of rule 63.6: 'However, the committee may limit the number of witnesses and the time during which parties may present evidence and ask questions.'

The first sentence of rule 65.2 is changed to: 'A party to the hearing is entitled to receive the above information in writing, provided she asks the protest committee for it no later than thirty minutes after being informed of the decision or coming ashore following the last race of the day, whichever is later.'

The third sentence of rule 66 is changed to: 'A party to the hearing may not ask for a reopening.'

Protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee within one (1) hour after the Signal Boat docks. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the Official Notice Board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day in the SLA.

16. SCORING

The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A 4.1 will apply. All scores will count. One (1) completed race shall constitute a series.

17. TROPHIES

Top 3 Finishers, Top Junior skipper

18. COURSE ADJUSTMENTS

The will be Course W (Windward/Leeward with Finish to Windward). A whiteboard on the Signal Boat will show a W followed by the number of windward legs; A W3 will be the default course, depending on wind conditions the RC may choose to run a W2 or W4 instead.

If during the race, the RC deems a course change is necessary, a white course change ball will be dropped and a horn will be used to signal to the competitors.

The Course W diagram in the RRS Appendix S will be followed with two exceptions: gates will not be used, and the windward mark may serve as the finish mark.

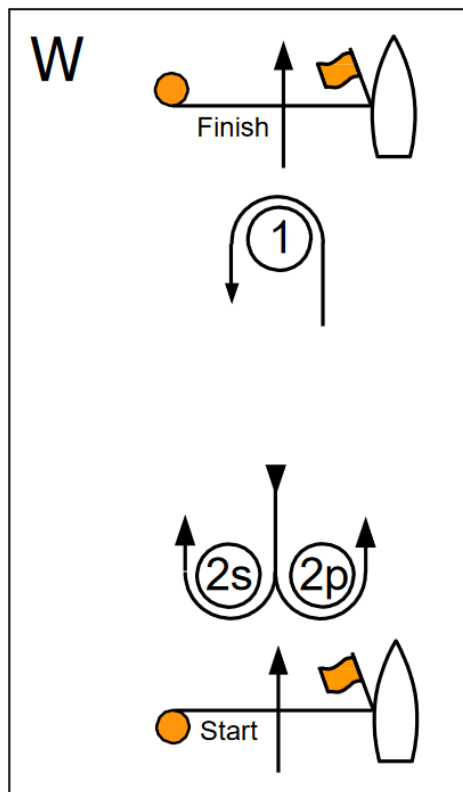


Fig 1. Course W diagram in the RRS Appendix S

Course W – Windward/Leeward, Windward Finish	
<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
W2	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – Finish
W3	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – Finish
W4	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – Finish

Notes:

If the Signal Boat sets the starting line in the middle of the course, the port end of the line will be a pin, which is not a mark of the course. In this configuration this line will be the start/finish line. Competitors may sail through the line during the race.

The Signal Boat may set the starting line at the bottom of the course using the leeward mark as one end of the starting line. In this configuration, the windward mark will serve as one end of the finish line.

The Signal Boat end of the starting and finish line will be a bright orange pole.

A course with a windward mark and an offset mark (Course WA) will not be used, gates will not be used, and the windward mark may serve as the finish mark.

19. INCLEMENT WEATHER

Races will not be started in the event of little to no wind i.e. less than 1 knot.
Races will not be started in the event of immediate thunderstorms.

20. COST AND BOAT REQUIREMENTS

\$45 per boat. No registration fee for a boat with a Junior skipper (born on or after January 1, 2002).

Skipper and crew must be members of ILCA on August 20, 2022.

District Dues: Fleets Dues must be paid up to District or nobody from that fleet can participate.