



U32 Lightning Invitational Regatta

Crystal Beach, Ontario, Canada

August 24 – August 25, 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

International Lightning Class Association & Buffalo Canoe Club & Lightning Fleet 12
are the organizing authorities.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the ILCA Constitution (<http://www.lightningclass.org/constitution>), By-Laws (<http://www.lightningclass.org/bylaws>), Lightning Specifications and the Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships (hereafter referred to as Document Governing) (<http://www.lightningclass.org/docgoverning>).
- 1.2 Appendix T Arbitration applies.
- 1.3 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 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

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available no later than August 19, 2024 online at https://www.lightningclass.org/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=93488&item_id=2190594 and will be available at the Registration Desk during registration and check-in times.
- 2.2 The Official Notice Board will be online, location to be announced in the Sailing Instructions.

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.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Eligibility for boats, skippers and crew shall be in accordance with ILCA By-Laws and shall be in accordance with the Document Governing, which Articles apply in their entirety. Skipper must be a Life, Active or Associate Member of the ILCA. Crew must be Life, Active, Associate or Crew Member of the ILCA. Membership sign-up: https://www.lightningclass.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=93488&module_id=257759
- 4.2 The regatta is open to competitors who are 32 years of age and under, meaning that they do not turn 33 by December 31, 2024.
- 4.3 Competitors may register as a team or as an individual and be placed on a team.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Registration is online at the following link: https://www.lightningclass.org/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=93488&item_id=2190594
- 5.2 The entry fee is \$50 USD per individual if paid before August 1st, 2024. After this date, a \$25 USD late fee will be added. Participants must sign up as individuals and specify if they are attending with a team or are looking to be paired with a team.
- 5.3 A deposit of \$ 250.00 USD in cash (two hundred and fifty US dollars) per loaned/borrowed/chartered boat is required at registration to cover possible damage. Deposit will be returned at the end of the event if there has been no damage or missing parts on the boat loaned.
- 5.4 Registration includes racing, Friday cocktails, Saturday night dinner, post-race snacks and refreshments each day, and awards.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 Crew shall be three, all of whom shall be ILCA members as per ILCA By-Laws and section 4 Eligibility and Entry.
- 6.2 Co-Skippers are allowed for this regatta but must be registered/declared in advance or at registration. This changes Document Governing Article VII.

7 ADVERTISING

- 7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 7.2 As per World Sailing Regulation 20 (the Advertising Code) the International Lightning Class Association restricts competitor advertising to hulls only.

8 SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Schedule of events:

Friday, August 23rd

09:00 Arrival accepted

18:00 Welcome cocktail party; music entertainment & dinner available at Club for purchase

Saturday, August 24th

08:30 Check In & registration opens

09:00 On-shore optional lightning class clinic

10:00 Competitors' Meeting

11:30 First Warning Signal

Sailing debrief and refreshments following racing

18:30 Dinner

Sunday, August 25th

10:30 First Warning Signal

14:00 No Warning Signal after this time

Awards and refreshments following racing

- 8.2** The Race Committee may adjust the racing schedule and racing area to suit weather conditions. The number of races shall be a maximum of eight. One race constitutes a regatta.

9 VENUE & RACING AREA

9.1 Racing Area: Lake Erie, SE of Buffalo Canoe Club

9.2 Launching, hauling, and all boat storage will take place at Buffalo Canoe Club. Boats will be launched and hauled on both days.

10 COURSES

10.1 Courses will be windward/leeward that may include an offset mark and a gate, as described in the sailing instructions.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 RRS 44 as amended by NOR 1.6

12 SCORING

12.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A 4.1 will apply. All scores will count except if at least six (6) races are completed, each boat's worst score will be excluded from her series score.

12.2 One (1) completed race shall constitute a series.

13 SUPPORT VESSELS [DP]

13.1 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) 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 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS [DP]

14.1 Boats available for loan/borrow/charter upon request, subject to availability. Requests can be made during on-line registration. Loaned/Borrowed/Chartered boats will require a cash damage deposit per section 5 Fees.

14.2 Damages or failures in the boats supplied by the Organizing Authority, due to their use and natural wear and tear will not be grounds for redress. This modifies rule RRS 60.1 (b).

15 RISK STATEMENT

15.1 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.

16 Insurance

- 16.1** 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.
- 16.2** Borrowed/loaned/chartered boat insurance is available through the Class Office at no charge. The normal fee is waived for this event.

17 PRIZES

- 17.1** Awards presentation is planned at the Buffalo Canoe Club immediately following racing. Trophies will be awarded to the top 5 teams.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

Organizing Chairperson, Maya Weber U32@lightningclass.org or 716-517-7973
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