



July 23 through July 28, 2018

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The organizing authority for this regatta is the International Lightning Class Association (ILCA) and Mission Bay Yacht Club in accordance with the ILCA By-Laws. This changes the NoR. This regatta is also the country qualifier for the Pan-American Games LIMA 2019, the US qualifier for the 2019 World Championship to be held in Finland in June 2019 and the Pacific Coast Championship.

1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The *Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships* and any *Temporary Amendments* will apply. This changes NoR 1.2.
http://www.lightningclass.org/content.aspx?page_id=86&club_id=93488
 - 1.2.1. Temporary [Amendment to Article XI](#) passed 2016.
 - 1.2.2. Temporary [Amendment to Article XIII](#) passed 2017.
- 1.3. The requirements of the Qualifying System as published by the Pan-American Sailing Federation ([PASAF 2019 Qualifying System Revised 4 March 2018](#)) shall apply for all boats competing to qualify their countries in the Lightning Mixed for the 2019 Pan American Games, Lima, Peru. The 2018 Lightning North American Championship will qualify the top 4 countries (not previously qualified) in the Lightning event. Note that:
 - competitors intending to qualify a country in a LIMA 2019 event designated as MIXED will be required to compete as MIXED in the Qualifying Regatta, and
 - a competitor may qualify a country for the 2019 Pan American Games only when eligible to represent that country under IOC rules, and that the IOC Nationality rules shall apply to all members of the crew.
 - once a competitor has qualified a country in any event, he or she may not thereafter qualify the country in another event.
- 1.4. In all rules governing this regatta;
 - **[DP]** denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury;
 - **[SP]** denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing; and
 - **[NP]** denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the outside south wall of the main MBYC clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1030 on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole on the South porch of the main MBYC clubhouse.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1. Dates of Racing and Number of Races

Tuesday, July 24	Practice race
Wednesday, July 25	3 races scheduled
Thursday, July 26	3 races scheduled
Friday, July 27	2 races scheduled
Saturday, July 28	2 race scheduled

The Race Committee may adjust the race schedule to suit weather conditions. No more than 3 races will be sailed in a day.

- 5.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the practice race will be 1355.
- 5.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day will be 1155.
- 5.4. To alert competitors that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.5. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500 (3pm)
- 5.6. A race will be deemed to have started by the deadline if the original warning is within the deadline, regardless of subsequent restarts.

6. EVENT FORMAT

As described in the NoR.

7. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be a white flag with a red lightning class insignia.

8. RACING AREAS

As described in the NoR.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. The diagrams in Addendum A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

- 9.3. Number placards on the race committee signal vessel will identify the courses and heading to the windward mark

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Marks 1, 1a, 2s, 2p will be Orange tetrahedrons.
10.2. New Marks will be large yellow shapes.

11. THE START

- 11.1. The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags. One end shall and both ends may be located on race committee vessels.
11.2. A boat that does not start within FIVE minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5
11.3. As a courtesy, the Race Committee will notify recalled boats by hailing her sail number over the designated VHF channel. (see SI 24.2) Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between staffs displaying orange flags. One end shall and both ends may be located on race committee vessels

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. 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. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty." This changes Article VIII Paragraph 2 of the Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships. Written permission of the class association for this change will be displayed on the official notice board.
14.2. Appendix P "Special Procedures for RRS 42" will apply as changed by 14.3.
14.3. RRS P2.2 and P2.3 will not apply. Delete the word "first" in RRS P2.1 so that it will apply to all penalties.

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1. The target time for first boat to finish the race will be 45-60 minutes.
15.2. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
15.3. Time limit shall be 2:30 (two and one-half hours). If no boat completes three legs, not counting the leg from mark 1 to mark 1a, within 1:30 (one and one-half hours), the race shall be abandoned and, if possible, re-sailed.
15.4. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A TLE score shall be two (2) more points than the number of boats that have finished within the time limit. This changes the Document Governing VIII Racing Conditions Numbers 3 and RRS 35, A4, A5, and A11.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. Protest forms are available at the MBYC office. Protest and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

- 16.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal vessel docks at MBYC.
- 16.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Fleet Room of the Bodrero Building at MBYC beginning at the time posted.
- 16.4. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5. On the last day of the regatta a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This change is RRS 62.2.
- 16.6. Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. As described in the NoR and changed below.
- 17.2. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series. This changes NoR 10.1

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. Each boat shall carry safety equipment conforming to government regulations class rules, and US Sailing or World Sailing rules. [DP]
- 18.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as reasonably possible or notify the MBYC office when they return ashore. [DP]

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1. Substitution of crew will not be allowed without approval of the District Officers or Organizing Authority. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP]
- 19.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment, except safety equipment, will not be allowed unless in accordance with the Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships and approved by the technical committee or race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP]

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

On the water, the boat can be instructed by a member of the race committee or the technical committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Ashore, equipment may be inspected and any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

21. EVENT ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. Per World Sailing Regulation 20 (the Advertising Code), the International Lightning Class Association restricts advertising to hulls only. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

22. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as follows:





23. SUPPORT BOATS

As described in the NoR.

24. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 24.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]
- 24.2. The Race Committee will use VHF channel 71 for communication.
- 24.3. The Race Committee will use the VHF radios to make competitors aware of its intentions, the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, On Course Side (OCS), postponements, and other information regarding the racing. Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.1(a).

25. PRIZES

- 25.1. As described in the NoR.
The Pacific Coast Championship trophy will be awarded to the highest placing boat from the Pacific Coast, which includes the Districts of California and Pacific Northwest.

26. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

- 26.1. 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 material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.
- 26.2. All participating boats shall be insured with valid third-party insurance sufficient to cover liability for loss, damage or personal injury or death.

Addendum A - COURSE DIAGRAM

COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD	
Signal:	Mark Rounding Order:
3	Start-1-1a-2s/p-Finish-2
4	Start-1-1a-2s/p-1-1a-Finish-1
5	Start-1-1a-2s/p-1-1a-2s/p-Finish-2
6	Start-1-1a-2s/p-1-1a-2s/p-1-1a-Finish-1

