

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2016 SQUAM LAKE REGATTA (W.J.M.)

Lightning Fleet 332 at  
Squam Lake Association  
Holderness, NH

August 18, 2018

## I – ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Squam Lake Regatta is organized under the authority of Squam Lake Lightning Fleet 332 in conjunction with the Squam Lake Association (SLA) and has been sanctioned in accordance with the ILCA By-Laws.

## II – RULES

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS), the Prescriptions of US Sailing, the current "Rules Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class District Championships" (Class Rules), this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and any amendments thereto. When there are conflicts, the Sailing Instructions prevail.

1.2 RRS are modified to allow for arbitration.

1.3 RRS are modified to require boats to report their intention to protest to the RC boat promptly after finishing.

1.4 The RRS will be changed to conform to the following Lightning Class Rules.

(a) RRS will be changed to allow certain types of pumping.

(b) RRS will be changed to allow a one turn penalty under the following specified conditions: If an infringing boat has its spinnaker drawing at the time of the infringement, she shall have the option of either (1) exonerating herself in accordance with RRS or (2) she shall sail well clear of the other boats as soon after the incident as possible, promptly drop her spinnaker completely, make one complete 360 degree turn, promptly reset her spinnaker and have it drawing immediately after the penalty. When a boat takes the penalty at or near the finish line, she shall return completely to the course side of the line before finishing.

(c) RRS is modified to use the scoring system set forth under ~~Notice of Race (NOR)~~ 9SCORING below.

## III – NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the outside wall of the SLA building on the main porch (second level) and in the great room of the SLA building.

## IV – CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1100 AM.

## VI – SCHEDULE OF RACES

The first warning gun will be at Noon.

## VII – RACING AREA(S)

The racing area will be in the areas of Piper Cove, Diamond Ledge, or Sandwich Bay on Squam Lake.

## VIII – THE COURSES

The courses shall be windward/leeward with an offset mark. The standard configuration will be 2X around, finish to windward, or WOLWOLW.

All marks will be left to port. Gates will not be used.

## IX – MARKS

All marks will be orange or red/orange balls.  
The Race Committee Boat is a 13' Boston Whaler.

## X – THE START

Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal given five minutes before the starting signal. There will be a "heads up" signal approximately one minute prior to the warning signal. The starting line will be between the Lightning Class flag on the Race Committee Boat and an orange or red/orange ball.

Rule 30.1 is in effect for all starts. Rule 30.2, ~~and~~ 30.3, and 30.4 will not be used.

Individual recall will be signaled by display of Code Flag X.

General recall will be signaled by display of the postponement flag and sounding of two horns. The warning signal for the new start will be approximately 1 minute after the postponement flag is dropped.

## XI – SHORTENED COURSE AND/OR CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

Rules 32, 33, and 34 are replaced by these instructions. The race committee will signal either a shortened course or a changed mark position using Code Flag C and signaling boats (with two short blasts) before or as they begin the leg. To shorten the course or 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. The change will be signaled using Code Flag C before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration.

## XII – THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the windward mark and the Race Committee Boat (13' Whaler), unless there is a shortened course.

If the course is shortened, the finishing line may be between a mark and the Race Committee Boat or between a mark and a support boat.

## XV – TIME LIMITS

Time limit for the first boat for each race shall be one (1) hour from the starting gun. If no boat completes the first windward, offset, and leeward leg in forty (40) minutes, the race shall be abandoned and, if possible, resailed.

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes rules 35 and A 4.1.

## XVI – PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee or Regatta Chairman within the protest time limit.

The protest and redress time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee determines a race to be the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.

Notices will be posted within thirty minutes of the protest time limits to inform competitors of hearings which they are parties or named as a witness.

Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rules 61.1(b).

Decisions of the jury will be final.

## XVII – SCORING

1. Scoring - (a) Abbreviations for scoring shall be in accordance with A11.
2. Each boat finishing in a race and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified will be scored points equal to her finishing place, as follows: first boat scores 1 point, second boat scores 2 points, and so on. "DNC", "DNS", "DNF", and "RAF" score points equal to one more, and "OCS", "DNE", "BFD", and "DSQ" score points equal to two more than the number of boats eligible to start in any race of the series. "RDG" scores points equal to the finishing position awarded her after a hearing for request for redress.
3. Each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. If 5 races are completed there will be one drop race.
4. In case a race or races are abandoned, the final scoring shall be based on all the completed races.

## XIX – SAFETY REGULATIONS

Each boat shall carry safety equipment conforming to government regulations class rules, and US Sailing or ISAF rules.

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## XX – REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

There are no restrictions to replacement of crew or equipment. Substitution of competitors will be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. There is no minimum and no maximum number of crew required for the Squam Lakes Regatta.

## XXI – EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

## XXII – OFFICIALS BOATS

Official boats will be the Race Committee Boat (13' Whaler), and other unmarked boats as delegated by the Race Committee.

## XXIII – SUPPORT BOATS

There are no restrictions for support boats for the Squam Lakes Regatta.

#### XXIV – HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

There are no haul-out restrictions. The ramp is used by a wide variety of boats for recreational purposes. Please be courteous to other users with whom we share this facility.

#### XXV – RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

The Race Committee will not issue radio communications related to the race.

#### XXVI – PRIZES

Prizes will be given to skipper and crew of the top 3 boats. As well as top Jr boat, top Female boat and top Masters boat.

#### XXVII – DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.