

Bow Lake Ed Hinds Memorial One Day Lightning Flash Regatta Sailing Instructions

Strafford, NH, USA 15 September, 2018

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I – ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

This regatta is organized by Fleet 493, International Lightning Class Association, in conjunction with Bow Lake Sailing and the Bow Lake Yacht Club, and has been sanctioned in accordance with the bylaws of the ILCA.

II – RULES

The regatta will be governed by the following rules, except as modified by the sailing instructions and notices: The 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, and The Rules Governing All Lightning Class District Championships.

III – NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be provided at the Water Street Boat Ramp.

IV – CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be provided verbally at or before the skippers meeting.

V – SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Boat Ramp, Water Street or from a committee or crash boat near the Boat Ramp. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP.

VI – SCHEDULE OF RACES

Saturday 15 September 2018

0900 - 1000 Registration at Grange Hall

1100 Skippers meeting on Water Street near Boat Ramp

1100 Harbor Start

1200 Start Race One, more races to follow

1600 No race sequence begins after 1600

1700+ Drinks, Appetizers and Dinner at the Bow Lake Yacht Club, Fire Road 8, Ned's House, after racing

There are no limits to the number of races. All races will be scored. One race will constitute a Regatta. The Race Committee may adjust the racing schedule to suit weather conditions.

VII – RACING AREA(S)

Racing area will be an approximately 1 mile diameter circle in the middle of the main area of Bow Lake. See provided chart.

VIII – THE COURSES

All races will be Windward-Leeward once around, starting and finishing in the middle of the windward leg. Start – Windward – Leeward – Finish at Starting line. All marks will be left to port. The race committee will **not** display the compass bearing from the Race Committee Boat to the first mark. There will be no offset mark and no leeward gate.

IX – MARKS

Marks will be yellow, orange or red inflatables.

X – THE START

Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal given five minutes before the starting signal. A "heads up" signal prior to the warning signal will generally be given. Failure to provide this signal or for it to be at a particular time, will not be grounds for protest or redress. The starting line will be between the mast on the Race Committee Boat and the starting mark. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rule A4.1

XI – CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

None

XII – THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the mast on the Race Committee boat and the start/finish mark.

XIII – PENALTY SYSTEM

The penalties are as described in rules 44.1, 44.2 and 44.4, except if penalty occurs 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 and has it drawing after the penalty, the penalty is one turn of 360 degrees instead of two, This modifies rule 44.2.

A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31.2 or 44.1 shall inform the race committee.

As provided in rule 67, the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken rule 42.

XIV – PROPULSION

"Modifying rule 42.3(b), on a free leg of the course, when surfing (rapid accelerating down the leeward side of a wave) or planing is possible, the boat's crew may, in order to initiate surfing or planing, pump the sheet, but not the guy controlling any sail, but 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."

XV – TIME LIMITS

1) RACE – Time limit shall be one and one-half (1-1/2) hours. If no boat completes the race within that time, the race shall be abandoned and, if possible, resailed. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes rules 35 and A 4.1.

2) REGATTA - All regularly scheduled, abandoned, or postponed races whose sequence is not started by 1600 on Saturday 15 September, 2018 shall be abandoned, the regatta terminated and scored on the basis of the race or races sailed. A race will be deemed to have started by the deadline if the original start is within the deadline, regardless of subsequent recalls.

XVI – PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protest forms will be available at the Water Street Boat Ramp. Completed protest forms must be delivered to the yacht club within the protest time limit. The protest and redress time limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee Boat docks after 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 at the yacht club 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). For the purpose of rule 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the organizing authority.

On the last day of the regatta to request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

- 1) Within the protest time limits if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - 2) No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision. This changes rule 66.
- Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in rule 70.4

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.
4. The total races comprising the championship must be started or abandoned by the date and time set forth in paragraph VI. In case a race or races are abandoned, the final scoring shall be based on all the completed races.

XVIII – TIES

1) Boats which tie in a single race shall score points equal to the best position involved. The position(s) immediately after shall remain vacant (if two boats tie for first place, both are scored 1 point, and the next boat to finish scores 3 points). This paragraph modifies rule A7.

2) When there is a tie on total points between two or more boats at the end of a series, the tie will be broken in favor of the boat or boats with the most first places, and, when a tie remains, the most second places, and so on. When a tie still remains, it shall be broken in favor of the boat which beats the other(s) in the last untied race of the series. All races, including those possibly excluded in calculating total scores in accordance with paragraph 16c shall be considered for the purpose of breaking ties. This paragraph modifies A8.2.

XXIX – 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

Substitution of competitors will be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment, except safety equipment, will be allowed.

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 for inspection.

XXII – OFFICIALS BOATS

Officials boats will fly a Race Committee flag or the Bow Lake Yacht Club burgee (yellow with a black loon in the middle)

XXIII – SUPPORT BOATS

SUPPORT BOATS: 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) from the start of the first race to the finish of the last race of the regatta unless otherwise designated in the Sailing Instructions. 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 organizing authority. The penalty for failure to comply with any of these requirements may be disqualification of all yachts associated with the infringing support personnel.

XXIV – HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

None.

XXV – RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

No radio communications are allowed. This restriction also applies to mobile phones and other forms of electronic communication. The race committee does not intend to communicate with competitors via radio.

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. 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.

XXVI – PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows: Skipper and crew of first three finishers for the Ed Hinds Memorial regatta.

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.

XXVIII – INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured.

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