

2019 Lightning Youth Invitational

August 3-4, 2019

Hosted by the Buffalo Canoe Club and Lightning Fleet 12
Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- a) The regatta is open to boats of the International Lightning Class. One person turning 21 years or older in the current calendar year may be on the crew, but may not steer except in emergency situations.
- b) Eligibility for entry shall be in accordance with Articles V, VI, and XII of the Rules Governing document.
- c) Eligible boats may enter by completing the registration form available at the BCC on Saturday, August 3 at 9:30am.

2. RULES

- a) The Regatta is organized under the authority of the Buffalo Canoe Club
- b) The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-20 and by the Document Governing all Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships (Class Rules).
- c) The following rules in the RRS will be changed and will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions (SI's). The SI's may also change other racing rules.
 - RRS 42.3(c), to allow certain types of pumping in accordance with Class Rule VIII-12.
 - RRS 44.2, to allow a one turn penalty vs a two-turn penalty if the spinnaker is drawing at the time of the infringement and if the spinnaker is subsequently reset. (Class rule VIII-9)
 - The following Class Rules will be changed as follows: Class Rule VIII, 3, will be modified to add: A boat not finishing within a time limit of 15 minutes after the first boat to sail the course and finish, will be scored the number of boats that finished within the time limit, plus one (1) this changes RRS 35..

3. FEES

- a) Required Entry Fee: \$ 20 USD or \$30 CDN per team. Cash is preferred.
Included in this fee is a cookout for all sailors. Time and place to be announced.

4. SCHEDULE

- a) Registration: Saturday August 3 9:30-10am
- b) Competitors Meeting: Saturday August 3 10:08 am
- c) Warning signal for the first race Saturday, August 3 is 11:30am.

- d) The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race Sunday August 4 is 10:30 am
- e) Seven (7) races are scheduled. No lunches provided. Competitors should bring their own lunch/snacks/water on board daily.
- f) No race may start after 2:00pm Sunday August 4.

5 MEASUREMENTS

- a) All safety gear as specified by the Lightning Class Rules shall be available for inspection by Regatta Committee at any time. Please have all required safety gear available and with the boat prior to beginning of the regatta.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration.

7. VENUE

- a) The racing area will be approximately 1 nautical mile ESE of the BCC.

8. THE COURSES

- a) The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

US Sailing Prescription Appendix T, Sections B and D will apply.

10. SCORING

10.1 The low point system of RRS appendix A will apply.

10.2 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10.3 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

11. Safety

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.

A Coast Guard-approved PFD must be worn and fully secured at all times while afloat, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. Whistles permanently attached to the PFDs are recommended. Failure to wear a proper lifejacket will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes rule 40 and the Part 4 Preamble.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside the racing area (defined as 100 meters outside the laylines of the course including the starting area) from the first warning signal until the last boat has finished each race. Coaching of all competitors is encouraged between races. Coaching during the race from the BCC Junior Lightning Coach is permitted and will be available to all competitors.

13. BERTHING

Boats will be driesailed and shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the driesail area. Boats will be launched and hauled by ramp. Competitors should be prepared to have their trailers submerged in fresh water.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- a) Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- b) VHF radios are allowed for communications with the Race Committee (RC) per ILCA By-Laws, Article VIII, 5. b) 4) A. The RC intends to communicate with competitors using a VHF channel announced at the Competitor's Meeting and intends to hail OCS boats using VHF.

15. 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 deaths sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

16. MEDIA

By participating in this regatta, a competitor grants to the organizing authority and its sponsor the right in perpetuity to make use and show, from time to time, at their discretion any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

See Regatta Chairperson Debbie Probst (dkprobst@gmail.com) for additional information.

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