

2020 CENTRAL NEW YORK
LIGHTNING DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Henderson Harbor YC, July 25, 2020 (v1)

1. RULES AND ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:

Races will be sailed under the management of the Henderson Harbor Yacht Club. The organizing authority is not responsible for any damage or injury either ashore or at sea, either to persons or boats.

Races will be sailed under US Sailing Association "The Racing Rules of Sailing" (RRS), and the Lightning Class rules except as modified by the NOR and these instructions. If there is a conflict between the NOR and these instructions, these instructions will take precedence

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

The official Race Committee Bulletin Board will be located online at <https://hendersonharboryc.com/Districts> , and will be used to advise contestants of changes in the instructions and published starting times, protest meetings and other official information.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Notices will be posted at least two (2) hours prior to the first warning. Changes may also be made verbally on the water, in which case no posting will be made.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

Such signals will be displayed on the Signal Boat if still ashore. There will be a sound when a signal is hoisted, another sound signal when lowered. Code flag "AP" means Race is postponed. The warning shall be no sooner than 30 minutes after the lowering of AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

July 25	1130 Hrs	Skippers Meeting, on the water, Channel 68
	1200 Hrs	1st race "First sound" (Up to 5 races weather permitting) No warnings after 16:30

6. CLASS FLAGS:

The class flag shall be the Lightning Class insignia or a solid white flag.

7. RACE AREA:

Races will be held on Henderson Bay

8. COURSES DESCRIPTIONS:

Course placards will be displayed on the Signal Boat showing the course designator (refer to **#25: COURSE DIAGRAMS** for the alternative choices).

9. MARKS:

Marks will be large orange inflatables

10. THE START:

- A. The starting sequence will be in accordance with Rule 26.
- B. The starting line will be between a yellow or orange flag on the Signal boat and the course side of the starting mark
- C. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal may be scored DNS. This changes Rule A4.1
- D. *Individual Recalls*: Will be signaled by one sound signal and display of code flag "X" in accordance with RRS rule 29.2 modified as follows. The Race Committee will try to notify boats On Course Side (OCS) by hailing their sail numbers. Failure of a boat to hear her call will not be grounds for redress.

11. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START:

Shorten Course: Code Flag "S" and two sound signals from the Signal or Safety Boat means race committee is terminating the race at the next mark. No triangular course will be less than 4 legs and no windward - leeward course will be less than three legs.

12. THE FINISH:

The finish line will be between a yellow or orange flag on either a Signal or Safety Boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM:

The 720 Lightning Class rule is in effect with the following modification. If the spinnaker is drawing at the time of an infringement and if the spinnaker is subsequently reset, there shall be a one-turn penalty instead of a two-turn. (this changes RRS 44.2)

14. TIME LIMITS:

- A. If no boat completes four (4) legs of a triangular course or three (3) legs of a windward -leeward course in 1 hour 30 minutes, the Race will be abandoned. If no boat completes the Race in 2 hours and 20 minutes, the Race will be abandoned.
- B. After fulfilling all penalty obligations under the rules, any boat who continuously attempts to sail the course but fails to finish a Race within twenty (20) minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored TLE, and will receive points equal to the last boat to finish plus two points. This modifies rules 35, and A4.1

15. PROTESTS:

Written forms must be submitted to the Protest Committee chairman within one (1) hour after the RC docks. The RC will hoist a code flag "B" accompanied by a sound signal upon docking and lower the code flag at the end of the one-hour period.

16. SCORING:

- A. The Low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply, there shall be no exclusions.
- B. The regatta is scheduled as a five race series. One completed race will be deemed to constitute a regatta.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS:

All boats are required to check in before the first race each day. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT: Prior written notice is required

19. SAFETY EQUIPMENT CHECKS:

- A. Safety equipment checks can be made at any time by the RC.
- B. All boats participating in the regatta are required to carry an anchor (in accordance with ILCA rules) with 50' of line, a compass, a minimum 1 gallon bucket for bailing, a paddle, wearable life jackets for each person aboard (type 1 or 2 for all crew members twelve or under in accordance with N.Y. state law), and a throwable cushion with a whistle. Each Lightning must be equipped with a centerboard preventer.

20. OFFICIAL BOATS:

Official boats will be the RC boat and other power boats.

21. SUPPORT BOATS:

Support boats are not allowed in the race area during the time the RC leaves the dock until the RC returns to the dock.

22. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS: None

23. RADIO COMMUNICATION:

VHF Radios are encouraged for receiving information on a pre-determined channel (68) from the race committee only. The Skippers meeting will be conducted via radio on the water. Except in an emergency, if a competitor transmits from any radio or has mobile phone communication after the start, they shall retire from the race in progress. If a competitor receives any radio transmission from other than the race committee or receives any radio communication other than from the race committee or mobile phone communication after the start they shall retire from the race in progress.

24. 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 liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

25. COURSES DIAGRAMS:

