

2022 Lightning North American Championship



Sayville Yacht Club
Blue Point, NY
September 14 – 18, 2022



Regatta Website: www.Yacht Scoring.com

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the International Lightning Class Association and The Sayville Yacht Club (SYC).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the ILCA Constitution, By-Laws, Lightning Specifications and the Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships (hereafter referred to as the Document Governing). They are available at *Document Governing*.
- 1.2 Appendix T Arbitration applies (T2, T3, T4 are deleted).
- 1.3 Except for the prescriptions to RRS 63.1, 63.2 and Appendix R, The US Sailing Prescriptions to the RRS will apply and are available at: *US Sailing Prescriptions*. A copy will also be posted on the Official Notice Board with the prescriptions above redacted.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix P: Special Procedures for Rule 42 applies.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at www.yachtscoreing.com. A notice board may also be located near the stairs in the SYC main clubhouse as a convenience. In the event of differences in the content of these two notice boards, the content of official Yacht Scoring notice board will prevail.
- 2.2 Any questions regarding the sailing instructions shall be submitted in writing to the RC PRO. The question(s) and any answers will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 The Race Committee (RC) may make and announce urgent changes to the SI on the water.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the SYC flag pole.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1

DAY	EVENT	TIME
Wednesday, 9/14	Registration, Check-in and Measurement (hull, safety check)	1000-1700
	Sail Measurement	1000-1630
Thursday, 9/15	Registration, Check-in and Measurement (all)	0900-1700
	Practice Race	1430
Friday, 9/16	Competitors' Meeting	0900
	Races	First warning 1100
	Welcome BBQ Reception	1830
Saturday, 9/17	Races	First Warning 1000
	Dinner and Entertainment	1830
Sunday, 9/18	Races	First Warning 1000
	No warning signal after	1400
	Refreshments, Final Awards	1530

5.2 A total of eight (8) races are scheduled.

6 CLASS FLAG

The class flag for the Championship Division will be a white flag with a red bolt.

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the Great South Bay, in the vicinity of Blue Point, NY.

8 COURSES

Diagrams in Addendum A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. A windward offset mark will be laid approximately perpendicular to the course axis. The windward offset mark is to be rounded to port.

9 MARKS

9.1

Mark	Original	New Mark
1	Orange Cylinder	Yellow Tetrahedron
1A (offset)	Orange ball	(None)
2 (or Gate 2S/2P)	Orange Cylinder(s)	Yellow Tetrahedron
Finish (if laid)	Yellow Cylinder	NA

9.2 Mark 2 may be replaced by Gate 2S/2P in larger fleets. In the event that a gate mark (2S/2P) is missing, boats shall round the remaining gate mark to port.

9.3 In the event that Mark 1 is moved during a race, there will be no Offset Mark 1A for the remainder of that race.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 10.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC Signals Boat will display the course to be sailed and the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.
- 10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signals Boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port-end Pin Boat.
- 10.4 Individual recalls and boats disqualified under RRS 30.3 and 30.4 may be broadcast on VHF channel 72 using sail number or bow number. This is in addition to and changes RRS 29.1 and 30.3 and 30.4. Failure of the RC to make a broadcast, the order of the broadcast or the timeliness of the broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 41, 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).
- 10.5 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 10.6 In the next-to last sentence of RRS 30.4, replace "sail number" with "sail number or bow number". This changes RRS 30.4.
- 10.7 At least five minutes prior to the warning signal of a race, the RC will hoist its orange starting line flags with a sound signal.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. In the case of a subsequent change where a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC Signals boat at the port end of the line and the course side of a yellow inflatable cylinder marking the starboard end of the line (port and starboard meaning as viewed heading downwind).
- 12.2 Flag "A" (Alpha) displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means "no more racing today".

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

The first paragraph of RRS 44.1 is changed to add the following sentence: "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 immediately and has it drawing after the penalty, the penalty is a One-Turn Penalty". This changes RRS 44.1.

14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The race time limit will be 90 minutes for the first boat to sail the course and finish. If no boat sails the course and finishes within this time limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 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 Document Governing VIII Racing Conditions Numbers 3 and RRS 35, A4, A5, and A10.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 An International Jury (IJ) has been appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N. Decisions of the IJ will be final as provided by RRS 70.5.
- 15.2 Protest forms are available at the bulletin board near the stairway to the Jury Room in the SYC main building. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC Signal Boat has docked.
- 15.4 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 protest room, located on the second floor of the main SYC clubhouse, beginning at the time posted.
- 15.5 Notices of protests by the RC, Protest Committee (PC) or Technical Committee (TC) will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.6 Breaches of SI 17, 20, or 23 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the PC so decides.
- 15.7 A member or members of the jury may attend by electronic means.

16 SCORING AND EVENT FORMAT

- 16.1 The event format will be as described in NOR Section 8.1 as applicable for 70 boats or fewer.
- 16.2 If the number of completed races is five (5) or less all will be scored; if six (6) or more races are completed competitor's worst score will be dropped. This changes RRS A2.
- 16.3 Addendum B will describe event scoring and format as per Document Governing All Sanctioned events, Articles VIII and XIII.
- 16.4 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring inquiry form available from the Protest Committee.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Prior to the warning signal of her first race of each day, each boat is required to check in by passing astern of the RC Signals Boat on starboard tack and hail her sail or bow number until acknowledged by the RC.
- 17.2 Boats that retire from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.
- 17.3 Boats that will not start the next race shall notify the RC as soon as possible, and should check in again with the RC Signals Boat before resuming racing.
- 17.4 Boats that leave the racing area between races shall notify the RC as soon as possible, and should check in again with the RC Signals Boat when they return to the racing area.
- 17.5 Boats not leaving shore for any of the day's racing shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Executive Committee or in their absence the RC. In no case may a skipper be substituted.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the TC. Requests for substitution shall be made to the TC at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the TC or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 19.2 In accordance with RRS G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of the Class Rules.

20 BOW NUMBERS / EVENT IDENTIFICATION STICKERS

- 20.1 Boats may only display advertising as per ISAF Regulation 20 and are restricted to only the hull as per Lightning Class Constitution Article VII 2.
- 20.2 Boats shall display bow numbers during the event as provided by the OA. They shall be attached to both sides of the boat's hull at all times while racing. Bow numbers shall be attached and conform to the guidelines supplied by the OA. It is the responsibility of the crew to ensure the numbers and stickers remain on the boat and obtain replacements as necessary.

21 COMPETITOR SUPPORT BOATS

- 21.1 Competitor Support and Coach boats must register at the Registration Desk during the check-in period.
- 21.2 During racing, Competitor Support and Coach boats shall monitor the RC VHF channel 72 and assist with safety issues when asked by the RC.
- 21.3 Competitor Support and Coach boats must comply with additional operating instructions provided during registration in accordance with *Document Governing*.
- 21.4 COMPETITOR SUPPORT BOATS: Team leaders, coaches, and other competitor 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 OA. The penalty for failure to comply with any of these requirements may be disqualification of all yachts associated with the infringing support personnel.

22 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 22.1 RC boats will be identified by a blue flag with the letters "RC"
- 22.2 RC Support boats will be identified by a flag marked "Official".
- 22.3 Judge boats will be identified by a flag marked "Judge" or the letter "J".

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 23.1 Use of handheld VHF radios will be permitted only for communication from the RC to competitors on channel 72.
- 23.2 Other use of any communication device by a competitor is prohibited, and such use shall require competitor's withdrawal from the race unless such use is determined by the RC to have been for emergency purposes.

24 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as per NOR 24.

25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

RRS 3 Decision to race states: 'The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. The Organizing Authority, the Sayville Yacht Club, its employees and volunteers supporting this regatta 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.

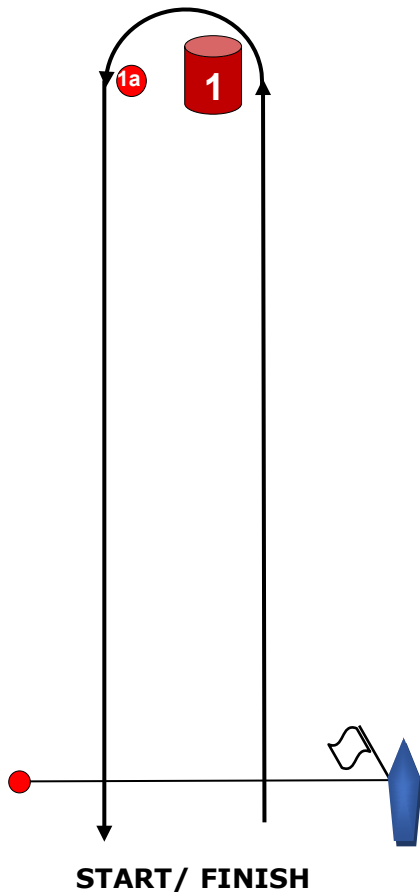
26 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of US\$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

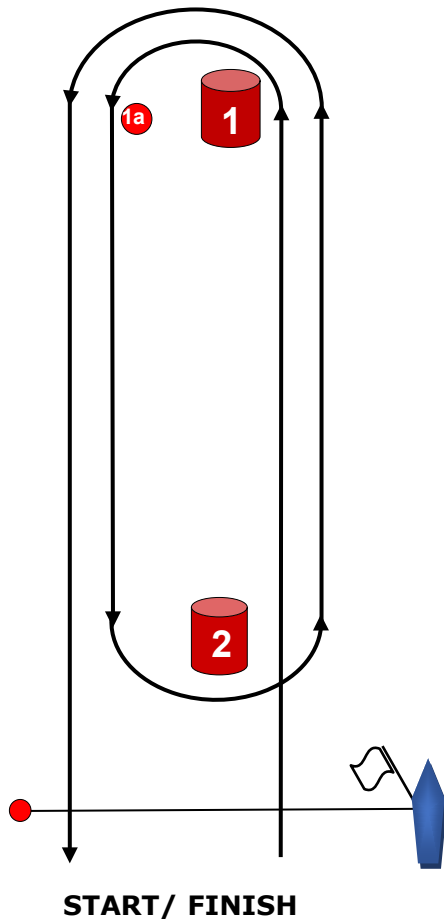
ADDENDUM A:

Course Diagrams

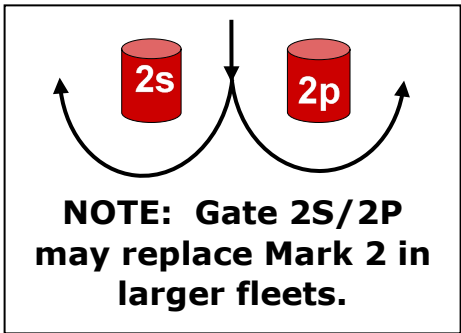
W1
Windward/Leeward
Once Around
Start, 1, 1a, Finish



W2
Windward/Leeward
Twice Around
Start, 1, 1a, 2 (or Gate 2S/2P),
1, 1a, Finish



NOTE: For both courses,
see SI 10 and SI 12 for
descriptions of actual
start line and finish
marks.



Addendum B
Scoring and Event Format
(as applicable for fleets of 70 boats or fewer)

- B1 **Scoring** shall be per RRS Appendix A, as modified below.
- B2 **Division and Qualifying Series** (per NOR 8.1: applicable for fleets of 70 boats or fewer)
1. **Divisions** - All competitors entitled to enter the North American Championships shall compete in the Championship Division.
 2. **Qualifying Series** - there will be no Qualifying Series for the North American Championship.
 3. **Scoring** - the number of races scheduled shall be 8. If the number of completed races is five or less, all will be scored; if six or more races are completed, a competitor's worst race will be dropped. This changes RRS A2, and it shall be included in the Sailing Instructions to be valid (Note - see SI 16).