

The International Lightning Class Association presents the

2009 ILCA North American Championship

August 8-13, 2009

Hosted by

Sodus Bay Yacht Club
Sodus Point, New York

Notice of Race

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta is organized under the authority of the International Lightning Class Association (ILCA), in conjunction with the Sodus Bay Yacht Club, and has been sanctioned in accordance with ILCA bylaws.
- 1.2 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2009-2012* and by *The Rules Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships (Class Rules)*.
- 1.3 The following rules in the RRS (below) will be changed and will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
 - 1.3.1 RRS 42.3(c), to allow certain types of pumping in accordance with the Class Rules
 - 1.3.2 RRS 44.2, to allow a one turns penalty vs. a two turns penalty if the spinnaker is drawing at the time of the infringement and if the spinnaker is subsequently reset, in accordance with the Class Rules.
 - 1.3.3 Appendix A, to allow for different points for boats receiving “letter” scores, in accordance with Class Rule VIII (see section 11 Scoring, below, for details). In addition, changes to points awarded for boats that tie in a race and the next placing boat, and breaking ties for the series, per Class Rule VIII.5.
 - 1.3.4 RRS 60.1(b), 63.1, 63.6 and 66, to permit Protest Arbitration.

- 1.3.5 Class Rule VIII.3, second sentence, will be changed to read: “A boat not finishing within a time limit of 30 minutes after the first finisher sails the course and finishes, will be scored the number of boats that finished within the time limit, plus one (1).”
- 1.3.6 Decisions of the Regatta Protest Committee shall be final, with no right of appeal, per Class Rule VIII.7.
- 1.3.7 There shall be no penalty for breaking the ILCA Class Rule forbidding the use of a VHF radio. The Race Committee encourages and requests each boat to carry a VHF radio and monitor the designated VHF channel(s) as described in the Sailing Instructions. See also Section 14 below.

2 **ADVERTISING**

- 2.1 This Regatta is designated Category C as defined in ISAF Regulation 20, restricted as follows: advertising on hulls only.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the ILCA or the Sodus Bay Yacht Club, per ISAF Regulation 20.3(d).

3 **ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY**

- 3.1 Eligibility for entry shall be in accordance with Articles V, VI, and XII of the Class Rules. Each U.S. and Canadian entry shall qualify for participation in the North American Championship by sailing in their respective District Championship Regatta. The Quota for each district will be as follows:
 - 3.1.1 The quota for the North American Championship will be as determined by the ILCA Executive Committee.
 - 3.1.2 The Central New York District will have its quota doubled.
 - 3.1.3 Each District shall be allocated one additional boat in the North American Championship for every three boats from that District that sailed in the Blue Fleet in the 2008 North American Championship.

- 3.1.4 In addition, members of the ILCA Executive Committee, the Vice President of the North American Championship, the 2008 North American Champion and the 2008 World Champion need not qualify to sail in the 2009 North American Championship. The Executive Committee may permit up to ten (10) skippers from outside North America to compete; one or more skippers not previously qualified through their Districts may, as determined by the Executive Committee, qualify from each of the Women's, Masters' and Juniors' 2009 North American Championship Regatta.
- 3.2 A completed entry form, available at www.lightningnas09.com, along with the entry fee of \$375 USD, must be received or postmarked **on or before July 27th, 2009**.
- 3.3 Late entries will be accepted until 1400 Saturday, August 8th, with an additional late entry penalty of \$50.00 USD.
- 3.4 Entries must be mailed to:
- ILCA Executive Secretary
Jan Davis
7625 South Yampa St.
Centennial, CO 80016 USA

4 **REGISTRATION & FEES**

- 4.1 Registration and measurement will be held from 1200 to 1800 on August 7th, and from 0800 to 1600 on August 8, 2009.
- 4.2 At registration, each competitor will be required to sign a waiver for loss, damage or injury to persons or property incurred in conjunction with the Regatta on the property of Sodus Bay Yacht Club, or on the water, or during participation in any individual race of the regatta, or from the actions of the ILCA, its officers, the protest committee, the race management team and any sponsors of the Regatta and their members, officers, governors and agents, from liability for such damage or injury.

5 **QUALIFYING SERIES & FINAL SERIES**

- 5.1 The Regatta will consist of a Qualifying Series and a Final Series.

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SCHEDULE

6.1 Planned Schedule:

Friday, 8/7/09	1200-1800	Registration & Measurement
Saturday, 8/8/09	0800-1600	Registration & Measurement
	1100	Skippers Meeting
	1300	Warning Signal, Practice Race
	1800	Opening Ceremony
Sunday, 8/9/09	1030	Qualifying Series – Warning Signal, 1 st race of the day
Monday, 8/10/09	1030	Qualifying Series – Warning Signal, 1 st race of the day
Tuesday, 8/11/09	1030	Final Series – (Championship, Presidents’ Cup, Governor’s Cup) – Warning Signal, 1 st race of the day
Wednesday, 8/12/09	1030	Final Series – Warning Signal, 1 st race of the day
Thursday, 8/13/09	1030	Final Series – Warning Signal, 1 st race of the day
	1800	Cocktail Party and Awards Banquet

6.2 No starting sequence will begin after 1400 hrs. Thursday, August 13th.

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MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 Every effort will be made by the Chief Measurer and the Measurement Team to make the measurement and inspection process efficient. Competitors, by understanding the measurement requirements, and by complying with the advice given below, will contribute to the efficiency of that process.
- 7.2 Boats must hold and present a valid Measurement Certificate and must display a current membership decal. Boats, sails, spare sails and equipment will be measured and inspected in accordance with Article VI of the Class Rules.
- 7.3 In particular, competitors are advised that the measurement and inspection process for 2009 may include a check for foam in masts, as specified in Article 54 of the Lightning Plans and Specifications, as follows, “Aluminum masts shall be filled with foam from the spreaders to the top of the mast.”

- 7.4 A maximum of one (1) main, two (2) jibs and two (2) spinnakers will be measured and approved for the Regatta. All sails shall have Official ILCA Royalty Labels. Mainsail and spinnaker numbers shall be the same. All safety gear as specified by the Lightning Class Rules shall be available for inspection by the Measurement Team at the time of measurement. Please have the required gear available and with the boat prior to beginning the measurement process.
- 7.5 Competitors are advised that the Chief Measurer may make spot measurements and inspection of required equipment during the Championship.
- 7.6 Boats which have been measured in connection with their participation in the 2009 Women's/ Junior's/ Master's North American Championship at Sodus Bay Yacht Club, August 4 – 7, will have completed the measurement process for the 2009 North American Championship, subject to the further provisions relating to spot measurements and inspections as specified above.

8 **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 8.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available August 7th at registration.

9 **VENUE**

- 9.1 Racing will be held on Lake Ontario and only under special weather conditions will racing be conducted on the waters of Sodus Bay.

10 **COURSES**

- 10.1 The courses will be windward – leeward, with a 0.75 to 2.0 nm weather leg length, depending upon the weather.

11 **SCORING**

- 11.1 Letter abbreviations for scoring shall be in accordance with RRS Appendix A11, per Class Rules VIII.4(a).

- 11.2 Per Class Rule VIII.4(b), 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 greatest number of boats eligible to start any race of the series (in any flight of the series, when it involves the Qualifying Series of the North American Championship). “RDG” scores points equal to the finishing position award her after a hearing for request for redress.
- 11.3 Per Class Rule VIII.4(c), each boat’s score will be the sum of her scores for all races, excluding her worst score in the Qualifying Series only if 4 races are completed, and excluding her worst score in the Final Series only if 6 races are completed
- 11.4 In the Qualifying Series, a minimum of 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series. In the Final Series, a minimum of 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

12 SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1 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 start area) from the first warning signal of the day until the last boat has finished the last race of each day, unless otherwise designated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 12.2 Individual competitors may not use a support boat(s) at any time during the Regatta except as provided by the Organizing Authority.
- 12.3 The penalty for failing to comply with these requirements may be the disqualification of all yachts associated with the infringing support personnel.

13 BOAT STORAGE

- 13.1 All boats must be at the Regatta site by 1200 hrs on August 8th, and remain there for the duration of the Regatta, except by written permission from the Regatta Organizing Authority.
- 13.2 Skippers will be permitted to drysail their boats daily.

14 **RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 The Sailing Instructions will specify VHF radio channel(s) that will be used by the Race Committee to communicate with competitors.

15 **PRIZES**

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded to top placing skippers and crews in all divisions of the Final Series.
- 15.2 Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to the North American Champion and Runner-Up.
- 15.3 The Tom Fallon Trophy will be awarded to the last boat to qualify for the Championship Series.
- 15.4 The Swanson Trophy will be awarded to the highest scoring woman in the North American Championship.
- 15.5 The Thomas McDermott Trophy will be awarded to the skipper who improves the most in position in the Qualifying Series, (2008 to 2009).
- 15.6 The Thermis Trophy will be awarded to the highest placing skipper who is sailing in the Championship division for the first time.
- 15.7 The Elfman Trophy will be awarded to the highest placing Master skipper in the Championship who also skippered in the 2009 North American Masters' Championship.

16 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 16.1 Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The International Lightning Class Association and the Sodus Bay Yacht Club will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regatta.

17 FURTHUR INFORMATION

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