

The International Lightning Class Association presents the

13 2009 ILCA Women's/Juniors'/Masters'

14 North American Championship Regatta

14.1 August 4-7, 2009

14.1.1.1.13.1 Hosted by

14.2 Sodus Bay Yacht Club

14.2.1.1.13.1 Sodus Point, New York

14.2.2 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 for 2009-2012* (RRS), and by *The Rules Governing All Area 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 Class Rule VIII 12.
 - 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 Class Rules.
 - 1.3.3 RRS 60.1(b), 63.1, 63.6, and 66, to permit Protest Arbitration.
 - 1.3.4 Appendix A, to allow for different points for boats receiving "letter" scores, in accordance with Class Rules, Section 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 Rules VIII.5.

- 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 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.

2 ADVERTISING

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

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The ILCA Juniors’ North American Championship is open to all sailors who have not reached their twentieth birthday before 12/31/09.
- 3.2 The ILCA Women’s North American Championship is open to all female sailors (skipper and crew).
- 3.3 The ILCA Masters’ North American Championship is open to all skippers who have or will reach their 55th birthday before 12/31/09. Minimum combined age of skipper and crew is 130 years (as of 12/31/09).
- 3.4 Women, Junior and Master skippers must be ILCA Life, Active or Associate members in good standing. Crew must be ILCA Life, Active, Associate, or Crew members in good standing.
- 3.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing an entry form, available at www.lightningnas09.com, and sending it, along with the required entry fee, postmarked **on or before July 27th, 2009** to:

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- 3.6 Late entries will be accepted until 1400 hrs Tuesday, August 4th, with an additional late entry penalty fee of \$15.00 USD included (see 4.3).

REGISTRATION & FEES

- 4.1 Registration and measurement will be held from 1200 to 1800 hrs on August 4th.
- 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.
- 4.3 Required fees are as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Entry Fee</u>	<u>Late Entry Fee</u>	<u>Non-US</u>
<i>Sailing</i>		<u>After Jul 27</u>	<u>Member Fee</u>
Juniors	\$45	\$15	\$5
Women	\$75	\$15	\$5
Masters	\$130	\$15	\$5

- 4.4 Junior competitors and their parent(s) or guardian(s) will be required to complete and sign a Competitors Agreement regarding drug and alcohol policies, curfew rules and a Medical Consent Form.

5 QUALIFICATION FOR OTHER LIGHTNING REGATTAS

- 5.1 From this 2009 Women's, Juniors' and Masters' Championship, one or more skippers in each fleet, not previously qualified through their District, shall be entitled to enter the 2009 North American Championship Regatta in accordance with the

following formula: one skipper qualifies if the fleet consisted of 1 to 10 boats; two qualify if 11 to 20 boats; three qualify if 21 to 30 boats, etc. (Class Rule XII.3).

- 5.2 The two skippers in the 2009 Juniors' Championship having the two best scores among those born 1/1/1990 or after, willing and able to represent North America in 2010, shall be named entrants for the 2010 Lightning World Youth Championship Regatta.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Planned Schedule:

Tuesday, 08/04/09	800	Registration & Measurement
	1300	Warning Signal, Practice Race
	1800	Opening Ceremony
Wednesday, 08/05/2009	0830	Skippers Meeting
	1030	Warning Signal, 1st race of the day.
Thursday, 08/06/2009	1030	Warning Signal, 1st race of the day.
Friday, 08/07/2009	1030	Warning Signal, 1st race of the day.
	1800	Awards Ceremony

- 6.2 The Race Committee will hold no more than 2 races each day for the Masters. However, it may hold a 3rd race for the Women or a 4th race for the Juniors in order to make up races from an earlier day, or in anticipation of poor weather the following day.

- 6.3 No race shall be started after 1500 hrs. Friday, August 7th.

7 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 Regatta.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on August 4th at registration.

9 VENUE

9.1 Racing will be on the waters of 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 1.25 nm length weather leg, depending on the weather.

11 SCORING

11.1 Letter abbreviations for scoring shall be in accordance with RRS Appendix A11, per Class Rule 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 in 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 awarded her after a hearing for request for redress.

11.3 Per Class Rules VIII.4(c), each boat's score will be the sum of her scores for all races, excluding her worst score only if 6 races are completed. The boat with the lowest total score wins.

11.4 One 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 starting 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 unless such support is available to all competitors or is authorized by the Organizing Authority.

12.3 The penalty for failure to comply with any of these requirements may result in 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 hours on August 4th, 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 COMMUNICATIONS

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 each of the Women's, Juniors' and Masters' divisions.

15.2 Perpetual Trophies will be presented to the North American Champion in the Women's, Juniors', and Masters' divisions.

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 or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17 **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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