



## **NJ State Junior Lightning Championship**

**Ocean City Yacht Club**

**August 24, 2018**

### **Sailing instructions**

#### **1. Rules and Eligibility**

- 1.1. The current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, ILCA Document Governing ILCA Championships, the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions shall be in effect.
- 1.2. In case of conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions shall govern.
- 1.3. Competitors may not reach their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday by December 31, 2018 and must sail in a New Jersey fleet or reside in the State of New Jersey.
- 1.4. All competitors must have completed registration for the regatta.
- 1.5. RRS 42.3(c) is changed to say "Except on a beat to windward, when surfing down the leeward side of a wave or planning is possible, a boat's crew may pull the sheet, but not the guy, controlling any sail to initiate surfing or planning, but only once for each wave or gust of wind. When the mainsail is pumped, only the part of the sheet between the crew member handling the sheet and the first block on the boom shall be used."
- 1.6. Use of hand held VHF radios will not be permitted for this event.

#### **2. Notices Ashore**

- 2.1. Shall be posted on the regatta notice board located in the Ocean City Yacht Club

#### **3. Changes to the Sailing instructions**

- 3.1. Any changes to the Sailing instructions will be posted before 1045 on August 24.

#### **4. Signals Made Ashore**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will displayed on the OCYC flag pole.
- 4.2. When "AP" is displayed ashore, "1" minute is replaced with "not less than 30 Minutes" in the RRS Signals "AP"
- 4.3. When Code flag "L" is displayed ashore, important messages or notices for competitors have been posted.

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## 5. Schedule

5.1. Friday, August 24, 2018

9:30 – 10:30 AM - Registration & Breakfast (Juice/Coffee/Bagels, etc.)

10:30 AM - Competitor's Meeting

11:00 AM - Warning Signal, First Race- Up to five (5) races may be sailed  
- No race will be started after 3:30 PM.

4:30 PM (approx) - Soda/Snacks at Haul-out

5:00 PM (approx) - Awards Ceremony

\*\*Please note that lunches will be provided and will be served on the water.

## 6. Class Flag

6.1. The class flag will be a white flag with Lightning Class Insignia

## 7. Racing Area

7.1. Races shall be held in Great Egg Harbor Bay. The exact location will be selected based on conditions and announced at the Competitors meeting.

## 8. Marks

8.1. Marks shall be yellow cylinders.

8.2 Change Course marks shall be a orange cylinder

## 9. Courses

9.1. Course Diagrams are follow the last section below.

9.2. Courses shall be posted on a course board on the Signal Boat prior to the warning signal of each race.

9.3. Courses shall be Windward /Leeward designated as: "W#" where # equals the number of legs to be sailed. For example a "W4" would be a windward mark 1, a leeward mark 3. Course would be Start 1, 3, 1, (marks to port), Finish downwind.

## 10. The Start and Finish

10.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat and a nearby mark (red ball). The Starting line will be located approximately 75 yards below the leeward mark.

10.2. Prior to the first race each boat shall sail by the RC Signal Boat and hail her numbers until acknowledged by the RC.

10.3. The start sequence shall comply with RRS 26.

10.4. Before beginning of the start of a race, as a courtesy, the RC shall make repeated horn signals.

10.5. As a courtesy the race committee will attempt to identify OCS boats and hail their hail numbers on the race course. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification, and the timing and order of such hail, shall not be cause for redress, this changes Rule 62.1.

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**10.6** The finish line for even numbered courses will be the same as the starting line taking Signal boat to port. The Finish line for odd numbered legs will be approximately 50 yards above the Weather mark between an orange flag and a nearby finish mark (red ball) taking the orange flag to Starboard.

## **11. Penalties**

11.1. RRS Appendix V, Sections V1 and V2 shall be in effect.

## **12. Time Limits**

**12.1.** If a yacht does not reach Mark 1 within one hour minutes from her start signal or, the first boat does not finish within 90 minutes of her start signal, the race shall be abandoned. If a yacht finishes a race within the time limit, subsequent boats in her fleet, still racing, which do not finish within 15 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored TLE.

**12.2.** If a yacht is delaying the completion of a race, the RC may assign an appropriate finish position for that race. This changes RRS 35 & A3.

## **13. Protests and Requests for Redress**

**13.1.** Protest forms and penalty acknowledgement forms are available at the Official notices bulletin board. Protest filing time shall be 30 minutes after the Signal Boat posted docking time.

**13.2.** A boat intending to protest is requested to notify and receive acknowledgment from the RC **Finish Boat** after finishing and clearing the line, giving the name and number of the boat being protested.

**13.3.** Notices will be posted as soon as possible, but not later than 10 minutes after the protest time limit

## **14. Scoring**

**14.1.** The Low point scoring System RRS Appendix A shall be used.

**14.2.** No throw outs are permitted. This changes RRS A2.1.

**14.3.** 5 races are scheduled. One race shall constitute a Regatta.

## **15. Safety**

**15.1.** All boats are required to carry all safety equipment as required by Class, national, state and local regulations.

**15.2.** A boat that retires from a race or leaves the course area before racing for the day has ended, shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

## **17. Awards**

**17.1.** Awards will be made at OCYC after completion of racing.

**17.2.** Awards will be made for 1<sup>t</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place

**17.3** The winning team will be presented with the NJ State Junior Lightning Championship perpetual trophy.

Diagrams of Course Examples Follow:

