

2018 Women's/Juniors/Masters

North American Championship

August 2-5, 2018

Pontiac Yacht Club

Orchard Lake Village, MI

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 Pontiac Yacht Club (PYC) 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)*, the International Lightning Class Association By-Laws, the Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships ('Document Governing') and any subsequent changes to these as may be made by the Sailing Instructions as allowed in rule 86.

1.3 The two turns penalty as provided in RRS Rule 44 will apply with the additional provision that when an infringing yacht has its spinnaker drawing at the time of the infringement, drops it completely while taking her penalty, and resets it immediately and has it drawing after the penalty, the penalty is one full turn instead of two. The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions shall include this provision. This changes RRS 44.

1.4 PROPULSION. Modifying rule 42.3(c), "Except on a beat to windward, when surfing (rapidly accelerating down the front of a wave) or planing is possible, the boat's crew may pull any sail using the sheet only, (not the guy) in order to initiate surfing or planing but each sail maybe pulled in only once for each wave or gust of wind. When the mainsail is pumped, only that part of the sheet between the crew member handling the sheet and the first block on the boom shall be used." This Class Rule changes RRS 42, and shall be included in the Notice of Race for informational purposes only.

2 ADVERTISING:

2.1 As provided in the "Document Governing" Article VIII (2) and World Sailing Regulation 20, advertising is restricted to hulls only."

2.2 Boats will be required to display hull numbers supplied by the Organizing Authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The ILCA Junior North American Championship is open to all sailors who have not reached their twenty first (21) birthday on or before 12/31/2018.

3.2 The ILCA Women's North American Championship is open to all female sailors (skipper & crew)

3.3 The ILCA Masters North American Championship is open to all skippers who will have reached their 55th Birthday on or before 12/31/2018. Minimum combined age of skipper & crew is 130 years as of 12/31/2018.

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 online at www.lightningclass.org

3.6 Entries received after 1800 hrs. Friday July 20th will be subject to a \$25.00 late fee.

3.7 All payments are in (USD) dollars.

4 REGISTRATION & FEES

4.1 Registration and measurement will be held from 0900 to 1800 hours on August 2nd.

4.2 Required fees are as follows:

Juniors \$ 130.00 per boat, however Pontiac Yacht Club will sponsor and cover the registration fee for the first 20 Junior teams to register.

Women \$ 185.00 per boat

Masters \$ 185.00 per boat

Entry fees include Continental Breakfast each morning and Social ~~with refreshments with Dinner~~ after each day of racing ~~Friday & Saturday~~. Lunches can be arranged through PYC at registration for race day delivery.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 The planned Regatta is a nine (9) race series for the Women and Juniors and a six (6) race series for the Masters.

6.2	Thursday August 2 nd	0900 – 1800	Measurement & Registration
		1400	Practice races
		1700	Refreshments & Ice Cream Social

	1830	Welcome & Competitors Meeting
	1900	Cookout at Club by Junior Sailing
Friday August 3 rd	1100	First Race of the Day
		Refreshments and Race recap by the top teams after racing
Saturday August 4 th	0900	First Race of the Day
	1900	Dinner at PYC
Sunday August 5 th	0900	First Race of the Day
	1400	Deadline for start of last race
		Awards to follow racing

6.3 The Race Committee will hold no more than two (2) races each day for the Masters. The Race Committee will hold three (3) races each day for the Women and Juniors. The racing schedule for the Women and Juniors may be adjusted at the discretion of the Race Committee to allow for the maximum number of races to be sailed.

6.4 No Warning Signal will be made after 1355 hrs. Sunday, August 5th.

6.5 Awards will be held upon conclusion of Racing and Haul out on Sunday August 5th.

7 MEASUREMENT

7.1 Boats must hold and present a valid Measurement Certificate and must display a current membership decal. Boats, sails and equipment may be measured and inspected in accordance with the Class Rules as prescribed by the Class Measurer.

7.2 Measurement may be available prior to August 2 for boats already on site

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on August 2nd at registration.

9 VENUE

9.1 Racing will be on the waters of Cass Lake.

10 COURSES

10.1 The courses will be windward-leeward.

11 SCORING

11.1 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11.3 One (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 and comply with other requirements as specified in the Sailing Instructions. These requirements begin from the start of the first race until the finish of the last race. 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 Race Committee. The penalty for failure to comply with any of these requirements may result in disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing support personnel. (Reference - Class Rules VIII – racing conditions #15)

13 BOAT STORAGE

13.1 All boats must be at the Regatta site by 1800 hours on August 2nd, and remain there for the duration of the Regatta, except by written permission from the Regatta Organizing Authority.

13.2 A limited number of boat hoists will be available on a first come, first served basis.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

14.1 The use of hand held VHF radios will be permitted for communication from the Race Committee to competitors on a predetermined channel to be identified in the Sailing Instructions. The Race Committee intends to use VHF radio to identify OCS (On Course Side of the line) boats after starts and otherwise communicate with the fleet on the water. Failure to receive a hail, for a hail to be made, the order of hails made, or receive other communications to the fleet shall not be cause for redress.

14.2 Other use of any communication device is prohibited and such use shall require withdrawal

from the race unless determined by the race Committee to have been for emergency purposes.

15 PRIZES

15.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top placing skippers and crews in each of the Women's, Juniors and Masters fleets commensurate with the number of entrants.

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

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 Pontiac 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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www.Pyc54.org/WJM2018 for registration and more information