

**2018 Women's/Juniors/Masters
North American Championship
August 2-5, 2018
Pontiac Yacht Club
Orchard Lake Village, MI
Sailing Instructions**

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) 2017-20 and by the Document Governing all Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships (Class Rules / Doc Gov)*.
- 1.3** The following rules in the RRS will be changed:
- (a) RRS 42.3(c), to allow certain types of pumping in accordance with (Doc Gov Article VIII-12).
 - (b) RRS 44.2, to allow a one turn penalty vs a two-turn penalty if the spinnaker is drawing at the time of the infringement and if the spinnaker is subsequently reset. (Doc Gov Article VIII-9)
 - (c) Appendix A11, (to allow for certain different finish designations and points, in accordance with Doc Gov Article VIII-3), will be modified to add: A boat not finishing within a time limit of 20 minutes after the first boat to sail the course and finish, will be designated Time Limit Expired (TLE) and scored the number of boats that finished within the time limit, plus two (2). The score for DNF will be the number of starters, plus two (2). This changes RRS 35 & Appendix A4.2 and A5.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1** As provided in Doc Gov Article VIII-2 and World Sailing Regulation 20, advertising is restricted to hulls only.
- 2.2** Boats will be required to display bow numbers that will be supplied by the organizing Authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1** As described in the Notice of Race.

4 REGISTRATION & FEES

- 4.1** Registration and measurement will be held from 0900 to 1800 hours on August 2nd.
- 4.2** Fees as described in the Notice of Race.

5 SCHEDULE

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

Thursday, August 2nd 0900 – 1800 Measurement & Registration
1400 Practice race(s)
1700 Refreshments & Ice Cream Social
1830 Welcome and Competitors Meeting

	1900	Ice Cream Social & Casual Dinner, hosted by PYC Junior Sailing
Friday, August 3 rd	1055	Warning for the First Race of the day. Refreshments and Race Recap (ashore) by the top teams following races.
	1800	Dinner at PYC
Saturday, August 4 th	0855	Warning for the First Race of the day
	1900	Dinner at PYC
Sunday, August 5 th	0855	Warning for the First Race of the day. No warning signal after 1355. Awards to follow racing.

5.2 The Race Committee plans to hold no more than three (3) races each day for Women & Juniors, and two (2) races for the Masters. 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 for those groups.

5.3 Awards will be held upon conclusion of racing and haul out on Sunday August 5th.

6 MEASUREMENT

6.1 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.

6.2 Measurement may be available prior to August 2nd for boats already on site.

6.3 Boats that have been measured and accepted at the North American Championship 2018 in San Diego shall be deemed to have measured in at this WJM Championship. Sails to be used will need to be checked in.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

7.2 Notices to Competitors – will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the white board on the front porch of the Club.

7.3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions – Any change to the SI's will be posted before 0800 on the day it takes effect, except that any changes to the racing schedule will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it takes effect. Any questions on the SI's, scoring, or any other racing issues shall be submitted in writing to the Principal Race Officer (PRO) at the PYC Regatta Office. Forms will be available there. Responses will be posted on the Official Notice Board. Oral changes to the SI's may be made by the Race Committee but only when on the water. Code flag "Lima" will be raised with one sound signal and the change will then be broadcast on the designated VHF channel.

7.4 Signals made ashore – Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Signal boat while docked in her Slip. When flag AP is displayed ashore, no warning signal will be made less than thirty (30) minutes after AP is lowered. This changes Race Signals AP.

8 VENUE

8.1 Racing will be conducted on the nearby waters of Cass Lake.

9 COURSES

9.1 The courses will be windward-leeward (designated as “**W**”) with an offset at the windward mark and a gate at the leeward end. No later than the warning signal, the course to be sailed will be displayed on a placard on the Signal Boat along with another placard for the number of legs to be sailed. (e.g. **W4**)

9.2 The race committee will also attempt to display the approximate magnetic heading to the windward mark and the approximate distance (nm) to the windward mark. Failure to receive this information shall not be grounds for Redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

10 MARKS

10.1 The weather mark will be an orange dome.

10.2 The weather offset mark will be a smaller red ball.

10.3 The leeward gate marks will be orange domes.

10.4 New weather mark, as provided in section 12 will be a yellow dome.

10.5 The starting and finishing marks will consist of a race signal vessel at the starboard end and a buoy at the port end. (See Course “W” Diagrams.)

10.6 After Starting and until Finishing all marks of the course will be left to port, except when the mark is a gate; boats will sail through the gate from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

10.7 A leeward gate consisting of two (2) marks will be used. If one (1) mark is missing, then the remaining mark is to be rounded to port.

10.8 The weather offset mark will be laid approximately perpendicular to the course axis and approximately one hundred (100) feet to port of the weather mark.

11 THE START

11.1 The starting line for the “Masters” will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of a large orange cylindrical mark at the port end.

Note: The race committee will set a guide buoy (a small, inflated red-orange ball) near the center of the starting line. This ‘guide buoy’ is NOT a mark of the course for the “Masters”.

The starting line for the “Women” and “Juniors” will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the red-orange “guide buoy” at the port end.

11.2 The starting line will be located downwind of the leeward gate.

11.3 The RC will endeavor to hail premature starters using VHF. Failure to hail, the order or timing of the hail, or the failure to hear the hail will not be grounds for Redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11.4 The first starting order of each racing day shall be Juniors (red/white stripe flag with red flash), Women (Pink Flag with red flash) and Masters (White Flag with red flash)

12 NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE CHANGES

12.1 The race committee may change a leg of the course that begins at a rounding *mark* or at a gate by changing the position of the next *mark* (or the finishing line) and signaling all boats before they begin the leg. The next *mark* need not be in position at that time.

Subsequent legs may be changed without further signaling to maintain the course configuration.

When there is a subsequent change and a new *mark* is replaced, it will be replaced by an original *mark*.

12.2 The RC, if time allows, will post or transmit a new magnetic heading to the next *mark*.

12.3 One or the other gate mark may be moved without signal to support the course configuration.

13 THE FINISH

The Finishing Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Finish boat and a nearby mark. In the case of a downwind finish, it will be located to leeward of the leeward mark/gate and on the opposite side of the Signal boat from the starting line. In the case of an upwind finish the finishing line will be located above or in place of the windward mark.

14 TIME LIMITS

With permission of the ILCA, Doc Gov Article VIII 3 is changed as follows:

14.1 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

14.2 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be two (2) hours. If no boat completes three (3) legs in one (1) hour the race shall be abandoned.

14.3 Any boats that do not finish within twenty (20) minutes of the first boat to sail the course and finish will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE), without a hearing and be scored two (2) more points than the last boat to have finished within the time limit. The score for DNF will be the number of starters, plus two (2). This changes Doc Gov VIII 3, RRS 35, 63.1, A4.2.

15 PROTESTS AND REDRESS REQUESTS

15.1 Boats shall report their intent to protest and the number of the boat they intend to protest to the RC Signal Boat upon finishing, until acknowledged by the RC. The protesting boat shall not hinder any boats still finishing.

15.2 Protests shall be delivered to the protest committee representative at the PYC clubhouse Regatta Desk within sixty (60) minutes after the RC Boat docks. The docking time and official ending time for Protests to be lodged will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

15.3 Hearings will be heard as posted.

15.4 On the last day of racing, a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered:

(a) Within the protest time limit, if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision of the previous day, or (b) no later than thirty (30) minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision that day. This changes RRS 66.

15.5 On the final day of racing, a request for redress shall be delivered within the Protest Time Limit or within thirty (30) minutes of the incident, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2.

16 SCORING

16.1 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 score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 Prior to the first warning signal of the first race each day, each boat is required to check-in by passing astern of the RC Signal and hailing their number until acknowledged by the RC.

17.2 A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area between races shall notify the RC as soon as possible on the designated VHF channel.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 Doc Gov VII(1) and VII(2) will be enforced.

18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the RC PRO. Requests for substitution shall be made to the PRO at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected in accordance with Class rules and the Class Measurer.

20 SUPPORT BOATS

20.1 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)

21 BOAT STORAGE

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

22 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

22.1 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 at the contestants meeting. 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.

22.2 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.

23 PRIZES

23.1 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.

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

24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

24.1 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.