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To: Lightning Class Sailmakers

The International Lightning Class and World Sailing have approved a change to the Lightning Class Plans and Specifications concerning the placement of National Letters and Sail numbers on Lightning Class Mainsails and Spinnakers. The new rule also provides guidance on the placement of flags, when and if they are required by an event.

The new configuration places the class insignia uppermost, just below the top batten. National letters are placed below the insignia and above the middle batten, and sail numbers below the national letters and the middle batten.

This new rule takes effect on 1 June 2017.

The text of the current and revised specification is provided below, and can also be found on the Lightning Class website at www.lightningclass.org

The complete Lightning class specifications may be found on the Lightning Class website.

The Lightning Class appreciates your support and the sails you provide for our members. We are looking forward to seeing more of them on the water this summer.

Sincerely,

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International Lightning Class Association Plans and Specifications Amendment – Section 75

Current Rule:

75. Racing numbers and the Class emblem will be on both sides of the main sail, and be located above the middle batten as per Plans, and racing numbers with an optional class emblem will be on the outside of the spinnaker or may be placed on both sides within the area designated by ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing. Numbers will be 300 mm (12") minimum height and 200 mm (8") wide except for the numeral one. Boats sailing in international events shall be identified by national sail letters as defined by the ISAF. Appendix G1.3 (d) is amended so that National Sail Letters on the spinnaker are not required. (March, 2007)

The sail number that is assigned to the boat at the time of construction is the hull number. The use of numbers is subject to the By-Laws Racing Restriction and may not be arbitrary. All sail numbers are to be of a solid color contrasting with the sail material. (March 2005)

Amended Rule (as of June 1, 2017):

75. Sail Identification.

75.1 For mainsails and spinnakers built before 1 June 2017:

Racing numbers and the Class emblem will be on both sides of the main sail, and be located above the middle batten as per Plans, and racing numbers with an optional class emblem will be on the outside of the spinnaker or may be placed on both sides within the area designated by ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing. Numbers will be 300 mm (12") minimum height and 200 mm (8") wide except for the numeral one. Boats sailing in international events shall be identified by national sail letters as defined by the ISAF. Appendix G1.3 (d) is amended so that National Sail Letters on the spinnaker are not required. (March, 2007)

The sail number that is assigned to the boat at the time of construction is the hull number. The use of numbers is subject to the By-Laws Racing Restriction and may not be arbitrary. All sail numbers are to be of a solid color contrasting with the sail material. (March 2005).

75.2 For mainsails built after 1 June 2017:

The sail numbers and the class insignia and when required by the Notice of Race national letters and country flags, shall be positioned on both sides of the mainsail as follows:

- (a) The class insignia shall be located just below the top batten, back to back above the national sail letters, with the tip up and pointing forward, positioned as per plans.
- (b) The national letters shall be located just above the middle batten, starboard side above port side.
- (c) The sail numbers, shall be located just below the middle batten, starboard side above port side.
- (d) Sail numbers and national letters shall be 300 mm (12") minimum height and 200 mm (8") wide except for the numeral one or letter '1'.
- (e) Country flags shall be located below the bottom batten. The size and orientation of country flags may be defined by the Organizing Authority and the ILCA Executive Committee for a specific event. (March 2017).

This changes RRS Appendix G.1.1, G.1.2 and G.1.3

75.3 For spinnakers built after 1 June 2017:

Sail numbers shall be positioned on the front side of the spinnaker or may be placed on both sides within the area designated by the RRS. This changes RRS appendix G.1.3. National letters and class insignia may be displayed as per RRS G.1.3.

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