

ADDITION TO THE DOCUMENT GOVERNING ALL SANCTIONED LIGHTNING CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS PROPOSAL - For Vote By Governing Board at the October 17, 2023 Meeting

After the Annual General Meeting at the 2022 Masters' North American Championship President, Bill Bogardus convened a committee to evaluate and make any recommendations pertaining to the Masters' Championships. The Committee's findings can be found at <https://www.lightningclass.org/docs.ashx?id=1152608>

In addition, the Results from the Member Survey: <https://www.lightningclass.org/docs.ashx?id=1152609>

And Full Survey Comments: <https://www.lightningclass.org/docs.ashx?id=1152610>

As a result, to increase participation and to ensure that the spirit of the Masters' Championship is preserved, the following Amendment/Addition to the Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships is being proposed. The Executive Committee stands behind the work of the committee and is in favor of this addition.

Proposed New Article to be added to the Document Governing:

ARTICLES WHICH APPLY SPECIFICALLY TO THE NORTH AMERICAN MASTERS' CHAMPIONSHIP AND WORLDS MASTERS' CHAMPIONSHIP (AND OTHER DESIGNATED MASTERS EVENTS AS THEY MAY CHOOSE TO ADOPT)

ARTICLE XIV – PURPOSE

The purpose of the Masters regattas is to extend the life of competitive Lightning sailing, allowing participants to continue racing into their 70's, 80's and 90's. The Masters competition should be reasonably sailable for all ages 55-80; exceptional physical requirements should not be a prerequisite for participation. The Class goal is to maximize participation, and is geared towards competitors being able to sail all races, focusing on the middle-to-higher range of the age demographic.

ARTICLE XV – ENTRIES

Teams may register with co-skippers within the team of three, so long as each skipper meets the age requirement in Article XII(4). No substitution of skippers is permitted other than the original team of three as proscribed by Article VII.

ARTICLE XVI – SCHEDULE OF RACES

1. The RC will hold two (2) races each day for the Masters fleet, provided however that a maximum of three (3) races may be sailed if determined necessary by the PRO given weather conditions to achieve a six race series, and taking into consideration the Guidelines below. No more than three races per day may be run under any circumstances.
2. Guidelines regarding the decision for a third race (none of which are protestable)
 - a. Strong preference for only one day to sail three races, but it is within the RC's discretion based on the weather forecast (for example, two perfect days and an impending hurricane)
 - b. Strong preference to avoid three races on the last day
 - c. Other factors to consider include the number of hours off the dock daily, sea conditions, air and water temperature, or other factors that preclude tactical racing
 - d. Encourage a morning competitor's meeting if a 3rd race is contemplated (*changes Race Committee Instructions Section 7*)
3. If the number of completed races is three or less, all races will be scored; if four or more, one race will be discarded. This changes RRS A2 and Article VIII(1).
4. Other recommendations for Masters races may be found located in the Lightning Guide for Notice of Race and Race Committee Instructions.