



# 2022 Lightning Atlantic Coast Championship

JULY 16 & 17 2022- RACING

July 15-Clinic & Early Registration



International Lightning Class Association & Metedeconk River YC & Lightning Fleet 34 are the organizing authorities.

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1 – RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024*, the *ILCA Constitution, By-Laws, Lightning Specifications* and the *Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships* (**hereafter referred to as *Document Governing***) and *Rules Governing the Atlantic Coast Championship*. They are available at <https://www.lightningclass.org/docgoverning> , <https://www.lightningclass.org/rulesgovacc> and [https://www.lightningclass.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=86&club\\_id=93488](https://www.lightningclass.org/content.aspx?page_id=86&club_id=93488)
- 1.2. US Sailing Prescriptions apply and are available at: <https://cdn.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/2021-2024-US-Prescriptions-Final.pdf>
- 1.3. Boats are required to carry portable equipment in accordance with NOR Addendum ILCA Required Equipment.(attached)
- 1.4. Appendix T Arbitration applies.
- 1.5. The rules identified below will be changed as noted. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
  - 1.5.1 RRS 42.3(c) is changed to read: “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 may be 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.”
  - 1.5.2 RRS 44 is changed to add the following: “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.”

### 2 - SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available online at the following link – <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/Q904fspwZQ> no later than Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> and in hard copy upon check in.

### 3 - COMMUNICATION

3.1. 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.

3.2. Other use of any communication devices is prohibited, and such use shall require withdrawal from the race unless determined by the Race Committee to have been for emergency purposes.

### 4 – ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. Eligibility for boats, skippers and crew shall be in accordance with ILCA By-Laws and shall be in accordance with the Document Governing, which Articles apply in their entirety. Skipper must be a Life, Active or Associate Member of the ILCA. Crew must be Life, Active, Associate or Crew Member of the ILCA.

4.2 A Masters Division is open to all skippers who will have reached their 55th birthday on or before 12/31/2022. The minimum combined age of skipper and crew is 130 years as of 12/31/2022.

### 5 – REGISTRATION AND FEES

5.1. Registration is on-line at the following link – <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/Q904fspwZQ>

The entry fee is \$180.00 USD by the end of day July 6, 2022 and \$230.00 after. Entry fee will be waived for Teams comprised of Junior sailors (20 years of age and under as of 12/31/22). For entry fee to be waived for these teams **(All Crew must meet the age requirement)** and use code **JUNIOR2022** when registering.

5.2 Registration includes: Racing, 3 Saturday evening crew dinners, light breakfast Sat/Sun, post-race refreshments and awards.

### 6 – ADVERTISING

6.1 Advertising shall be in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20 except that it shall be restricted to the hull only in accordance with Document Governing Article VIII (2). Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

### 7 – SCHEDULE

Friday, July 15th:

09:00 Arrival Accepted

(TBA Lightning Clinic)

17:00 to 19:00 Registration

19:00 Dinner Available at Club for Purchase, Chicken or Beef Kabob. Reservations required, email: [mrycreservations@gmail.com](mailto:mrycreservations@gmail.com) by Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at noon.

### Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>:

08:00-09:00 Check-In, Late Registration and Light Breakfast

08:30 Competitors' Meeting

10:00 Harbor Gun & Tow Leaves

11:30 First Warning Signal

18:00 Atlantic Coast Championship Annual Meeting

18:30 Dinner (3 tickets included with Registration)

### Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>:

08:00 to 09:00 Light Breakfast

09:30 Harbor Gun & Tow Leaves

11:00 First Warning Signal

15:00 No Warning Signal After this time

Awards following racing at Metedeconk River YC

The Race Committee may adjust the racing schedule and racing area to suit weather conditions. The number of races shall be a maximum of five. One race constitutes a regatta.

## **8 – EQUIPMENT INSPECTION [DP]**

8.1. Each boat shall hold and produce a valid Measurement Certificate at measurement and must display a current ILCA membership hull decal. Boats, sails, and equipment may be measured and inspected in accordance with the Lightning Class By-Laws.

8.2. All sails shall have Official ILCA Royalty Labels. Mainsail and spinnaker numbers shall be the same. Spinnaker numbers shall be of a sufficiently contrasted color to make sail number identification possible.

8.3. Competitors are advised that the Chief Measurer or a designated representative may make spot measurements and inspection of required equipment during the Championship.

## **9 - VENUE**

9.1 Racing Area: Green Island course of Barnegat Bay

9.2 Launching, Hauling, All Boat Storage will take place at Metedeconk River YC, Boats will be launched and hauled both days.

9.3 Metedeconk River Yacht Club will be providing the Race Committee.

## **10 - COURSES**

10.1 Courses will be windward leeward as defined in the Sailing Instructions.

## **11 - SCORING**

11.1 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A and Article VIII of the ILCA Rules Governing Sanctioned Championships with the exception that all races will be scored, and no races will be discarded. This changes RRS Appendix A.

11.2 If included a Master's Division will be scored separately from a common start. A minimum of 3 boats is needed to score a separate division.

## 12 - SUPPORT BOATS

12.1 Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel and vessels shall stay outside the racing area (defined as 100 meters outside the lay lines of the course, including the start area) from the first warning signal of the regatta until the last boat has finished the last race of the regatta. 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 failing to comply with these requirements may be the disqualification of all yachts associated with the infringing support personnel.

## 13 – RISK STATEMENT

13.1 RRS 3 Decision to Race states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.** The organizing authority 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.

## 14 - INSURANCE

14.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of US\$300,000 per event or the equivalent. A copy of insurance company documents establishing that such coverage is current shall be produced if requested by the OA.

## 15 - PRIZES

15.1 Awards presentation is planned at the Metedeconk River YC immediately following racing. The Champion will be awarded the Arnold Schwartz Perpetual Trophy. Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 teams and the top 3 in the Master's Division as applicable.

### Further Information:

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- The Jersey Shore is a prime summer vacation location. Housing suggestions will be posted on the Club Spot Regatta Website. PLEASE book your lodging ASAP as rentals and hotels book up fast.
- Check the 'News and Notices' board on [CLUB SPOT](#) frequently. Changes regarding social gatherings and Covid Restrictions are expected and will be posted on an ongoing basis.

### Covid Addendum:

- Organizers of this event will be following all New Jersey State orders and guidance as well as CDC guidelines.

## NOR Addendum ILCA Required Equipment

### Portable Equipment

#### a. Mandatory

- i) A fluke-type anchor weighing not less than 1.8Kg (4lb) with a line not shorter than 15.24m (50ft). The line shall be a minimum of 9.525mm (3/8 inches) in diameter and shall be made of Nylon or Dacron. This line shall be used only for towing or anchoring. Alternatives may be prescribed in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions.
- ii) Compass.
- iii) Bucket with a minimum capacity of one gallon.
- iv) Throwable life preserver or cushion with an attached whistle.
- v) Paddle
- vi) Other lifesaving equipment as required by government regulations.

#### b. Optional

- i) Electronic Equipment – the following electronic devices are allowed aboard a Lightning in the regatta:
  - 1) Battery-powered wrist watches.
  - 2) An electronic digital compass with chronograph (timer and/or clock). The compass must be entirely self-contained with either an internal battery and/or solar power. The compass shall have no external connection and shall neither provide wind or boat speed nor compute correlations between time and distance.
  - 3) Other hand-held navigational devices. Use while racing is not permitted except for emergencies.
  - 4) Hand-held communication devices (cell phones, pagers, radios, etc.) with the following restrictions:
    - a) For this regatta, use is not permitted on the water except for emergencies. This restriction is modified to allow communication from the Race Committee to competitors on a predetermined Marine VHF channel.
    - b) The RC intends to communicate with competitors using a VHF Channel to be announced and will attempt to communicate to OCS boats using the same VHF Channel. Competitors should bring their own VHF radio. Failure or delay in this procedure shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 60.1 (b).
  - 5) Personal medical devices, attached to an individual, required for a person's well-being are allowed if they are medically necessary.
  - 6) In all cases where the use of electronic devices is not permitted, a competitor's use shall require withdrawal from the race unless the Race Committee deems use was for emergency reasons.