

INDIANAPOLIS SAILING CLUB
Indianapolis, Indiana
2008 INDIANA DISTRICTS CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Pursuant to US Sailing Racing Rule #88

1. **RULES.** These races will be governed by the 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the US Prescriptions and the Rules Governing All Lightning Class District Championship Regattas (ILCA R). This regatta is designated Category C event, except that advertising is permitted on hulls only. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall govern. This modifies RRS 63.7.

- 1.1 Item 5 modifies Racing Signals – AP flag
- 1.2 Item 12 modifies RRS A4
- 1.3 Item 14 modifies RRS 33
- 1.4 Item 16 modifies RRS 32.2
- 1.5 Item 17 modifies RRS 35 and RRS A4.2
- 1.6 Item 19.1 modifies RRS A2
- 1.7 Item 19.4 modifies ILCA R VIII(1)
- 1.8 Item 20 modifies RRS 44.2

2. **ENTRIES.** This regatta is open to all boats of the International Lightning Class in the Indiana District which have an approved measurement certificate on file with ILCA and whose skipper is a member of an active Lightning Fleet (or who has obtained a waiver from ILCA) and who is a Life, Active or Associate Member of ILCA and whose crew are Life, Active, Associate or Crew members of ILCA. This regatta is a qualifier for the International Lightning Class North American Championship Regatta for 2008. Eligible sailboats may be entered by completion of a registration form and paying the appropriate fees.

3. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS.** Notices to competitors will be posted inside the Indianapolis Sailing Club ("ISC") Clubhouse on the Lightning Fleet bulletin board.

4. **CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted prior to the harbor signal.

5. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE.** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast of the Race Committee Boat (hereafter "RC Boat"), which will be located in the ISC harbor at her mooring. When flag AP is displayed with two sound signals (one sound signal when lowered) means "The race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered" (this modifies the US Sailing meaning of AP in this situation only).

6. **SCHEDULE OF RACES.** The schedule of races is as follows:

Saturday, June 21, 2008

Registration: 10:00AM –11:30AM

Equipment checks, weighing and measurement: 10:00 –11:50 AM

Skippers' Meeting: 12:00 noon

Harbor Signal: 12:25PM

Warning for the First Race: 12:55 PM.

Sunday, June 22, 2008

Harbor Signal: 9:25 AM

Warning Signal: 9:55 AM

No race will start after 11:30AM Sunday.

Awards: 1:30 PM, or as soon as possible thereafter

The official boat on station at the finish line of a race shall display code flag "R" if additional races will follow.

All times published and posted as Eastern DST.

Six races are scheduled. Completion of a single race will constitute a regatta.

All regularly scheduled races which are abandoned or postponed and not started by 11:30 on Sunday shall be abandoned and the regatta shall be scored on the basis of the race or races sailed. A race shall be deemed started by the deadline if the original start is within the deadline, regardless of subsequent recalls.

7. **RACING AREA.** The racing area will be as shown on the following map.

8. MARKS. The race course will be set utilizing orange and yellow colored spheres and tetrahedrons set within numbered zones in the racing area. Orange colored spheres and tetrahedrons are used only as turning buoys or gates. Yellow colored spheres and tetrahedrons are used only as an end of a starting line or finish line.

9. THE COURSE. The course for each race will be posted on the sides of the RC Boat at or prior to the warning signal for that race.

An offset mark may be set within the same zone as a regular mark: the offset mark shall be an easily identifiable smaller orange mark and shall be designated on the course board with the letter "A" posted over the mark zone number. A leeward gate shall be designated by the posting of two of the same numbers, one over the other with one showing a starboard rounding and the other showing a port rounding. Courses will be designated by the posting in order of rounding of the numbered mark zones. Determination of which side to round the mark will be determined by the background color of the displayed number: red for port, green for starboard. Multiple laps will be indicated with a black number on a white background. The finish mark will be designated with a black mark zone number on a yellow background. The following course example is offered:

		A						
	4	4	5	2	7	1	2	4
(Background color)	R	R	R	G	R	R	W	Y

This example course would most likely start in the vicinity of zone #1 or #2, with the first turning mark being in zone #4 rounded to the port side, with the next mark being a smaller offset mark in zone #4 rounded to the port side, with the next mark in zone #5 rounded to the port side, with the next mark being in zone #2 rounded to the starboard side, with the next mark in zone #7 rounded to the port side, with the next mark in zone #1 rounded to the port side. This course is for two laps with the finish line being located in zone #4, between a yellow mark and an official boat.

10. HARBOR SIGNAL. The harbor signal is indicated by the RC with one sound signal, indicating that the RC has left its mooring for the racecourse.

11. ON STATION SIGNAL. When the RC Boat displays code flag F, the RC is indicating that it is in position to begin the starting sequence. Code flag F will be lowered with one sound signal one minute prior to the beginning of the starting sequence.

Each boat and skipper is requested to check-in on the water after the RC Boat has anchored following the harbor signal. Boats are requested to sail past the stern of the RC Boat and hail their sail numbers.

12. THE START. Signals will be made in accordance with RRS 26. The starting line will be between a yellow buoy adjacent to the RC Boat and the mast that displays the RC flag on that RC Boat.

Any boat not starting within 5 minutes of her starting signal shall be scored DNS. This instruction modifies RRS A4.

13. RECALLS. Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The RC may attempt to hail the sail numbers of boats that are on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal. Failure to hear a hail shall not be grounds for redress.

14. CHANGING OF THE COURSE AFTER THE START. The RC may change the course by displaying code flag "C" with repetitive sound signals. The RC will attempt to notify all boats of any change of the course by hail or signage from an official boat. Any changes made from the originally posted course must be made before the leading boat passes the mark preceding the first changed mark, with the exception that boats sailing to or from the vicinity of mark zones 3, 4 or 5 may be notified of a course change if the lead boat is further than 3/4 mile from the first changed mark. This instruction modifies RRS 33.

15. THE FINISH. The finish line will be between a yellow buoy adjacent to an RC Boat and the mast which displays a blue flag on that RC Boat.

16. SHORTENING COURSE. The RC may shorten the course by displaying code flag "S" with two sound signals. The RC will attempt to notify all boats of any shortening of the course by hail or signage from an official boat. Any shortening of the originally posted course will be made as the leading boat passes the mark beginning the new last leg of the course, with the exception that boats sailing to or from the vicinity of mark zones 3, 4 or 5 may be notified of a shortened course if the lead boat is further than 3/4 mile from the new finish. Code flag "S" will be flown from a support boat at the mark beginning the new last leg, or from a support boat on the race course when more than 3/4 mile from the new finish. The new finish line shall be between a yellow buoy adjacent to a RC boat and the mast on that RC boat, which displays a blue flag or shape and code flag "S." This instruction modifies RRS 32.2

17. **TIME LIMIT.** Any race in which no boat rounds the first mark of the course within 40 minutes of the start will be abandoned. Any race in which no boat finishes within 2 hours of her starting signal will be abandoned. At the option of the P.R.O. after 30 minutes following the finish of the first boat to finish in a race, boats which have not finished or retired may be finished in place on the water. This modifies RRS 35 and A4.2.

18. **PROTESTS.**

18.1 Protests shall be written on forms available from the RC boat, or inside the ISC Clubhouse, located at or near the Official Club bulletin board just inside the front door. Protests must be filed with the P.R.O. within 45 minutes of the sound signal given by the Race Committee upon its return to the dock. The P.R.O. will be in the vicinity of the RC boat during this time period unless it is raining, in which case the P.R.O. will be in the Clubhouse to receive protests

18.2 The protest committee will hear protests in the approximate order they were received by the P.R.O. as soon as possible that same day. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the end of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

19. **SCORING.** All regularly scheduled races which are abandoned or postponed and not started by 11:30 on Sunday shall be abandoned and the regatta shall be scored on the basis of the race or races sailed. At least one race shall be completed to constitute the regatta. A race shall be deemed started by the deadline if the original start is within the deadline, regardless of subsequent recalls.

19.1 The abbreviations for scoring as described in RRS A11 will be used. Each boat finishing in a race will be scored points equal to her finishing place, as follows: first boat scores 1 point, second boat scores 2 points, and so on. "DNC," "DNS," "DNF," and "RAF" score points equal one more, and "OCS," "DNE," and "BFD" and "DSQ" score points equal to two more than the greatest number of boats eligible to start in any race of the series. "RDG" scores the points equal to the finishing position awarded her after a hearing on request for redress. Each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races, excluding her worst if six or more races are completed, except as provided in RRS 89.3(b). The boat with the lowest total score wins. This changes RRS A2.

19.2 Boats which tie in a single race shall score points equal to the best position involved. The position(s) immediately after shall remain vacant (if two boats tie for first place, both receive 1 point, and the next boat receives 3 points). This paragraph modifies RRS A7 and RRS A.

19.3 When there is a tie among two or more boats at the end of a series, the tie will be broken in favor of the boat or boats with the most first places, and when a tie remains, the most second places, and so on. When a tie still remains, it shall be broken in favor of the boat which beats the other(s) in the last untied race of the series. All races, including those whose score is excluded if six are completed, shall be considered for the purpose of breaking ties. This paragraph modifies RRS A8.2 and RRS A.

19.4 At least one race shall be completed to constitute the regatta. This instruction modifies Rules Governing Lightning Class District Championship VIII (1).

20. **ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES:** The two turn penalty consisting of two tacks and two jibes provided in RRS 44.2 will apply, except that if the offending boat has her spinnaker flying at the time of the incident, and thereafter lowers the head of the spinnaker below the gooseneck and then does the penalty turns and re-sets the spinnaker and has it drawing, then only one turn consisting of one tack and one jibe shall be required.

21. **SHALLOW WATER MARKERS.** The series of shallow water marker buoys along the shores of the island indicate shallow water. For the purposes of RRS 18.5, the line formed between each shallow water buoy is a continuing obstruction. These shallow water buoys are not rounding buoys. Boats may sail inside of the line formed by the shallow water buoys, but do so at their own risk and must sail a course such that they do not pass between them and the island.

22. **SAILING BEHIND THE ISLAND.** While racing, no boat shall sail down the channel formed by the southern shore of the reservoir and the southern shore of the island.

23. **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS.** A boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications while racing. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

24. **SAFETY REGULATIONS.** A boat that retires from a race or elects not to start a race after having checked in shall attempt to notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

25. **EQUIPMENT CHECKS.** A boat and its safety equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules.

26. **HAUL OUTS.** Boats shall be allowed to haul out during the regatta.

27. **PRIZES.** Trophies for skipper and crew shall be awarded for the first three places.

28. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for property damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.