

NOTICE OF RACE
INTERNATIONAL LIGHTNING CLASS ASSOCIATION

2009 International Masters Championships

Malletts Bay Boat Club

Colchester, VT

September 7-11, 2009

www.Lightningclass.org/2009Worlds

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:

The International Masters Championship Regatta is organized by the International Lightning Class Association (ILCA) in conjunction with the Malletts Bay Boat Club (MBBC), Lightning Fleet 301, United States Sailing Association (USSA), and has been sanctioned in accordance with the bylaws of the ILCA.

2. RULES: The regatta will be governed by

- 2.1 The 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2 The Prescriptions of US SAILING shall apply unless otherwise noted.
- 2.3 The Rules Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships (Class Rules).
- 2.4 This Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and any amendments thereto.
- 2.5 RRS 63.7 will be replaced by: "If there is a conflict between a rule in the notice of race and a rule in the Sailing Instructions, the rule in the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence."

3. CATEGORY:

The Regatta is governed by ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code. As provided by the Class Rules in compliance with Regulation 20, there shall be no advertising on sails or spars other than maker's marks. The forward part of the hull, 25% of the hull length excluding the bow numbers, of all participating boats in the event, may be used to display advertising provided by the Organizing Committee.

4. ELIGIBILITY:

- 4.1 The International Masters Championship is open to all Skippers who have reached their 55th birthday by 12/31/09. Minimum combined age of skipper and crew is 130 years (as of 12/31/09).
- 4.2 Boats must hold a valid Measurement Certificate, and must display a valid mast decal. Measurement certificates must be presented at time of measurement.
- 4.3 All sails shall have Official Royalty Labels. Mainsail and spinnaker numbers shall be the same. Mainsails shall carry national letters.
- 4.4 Boats, sails, spars and equipment will be measured and inspected in accordance with Article VI of the Class Rules.
- 4.5 Skipper must be a Life or Active Member of the ILCA. Crew must be Life, Active, Associate or Crew Members of the ILCA.

5. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- 5.1 A completed entry form accompanied with the entry fee of \$150 must be received on or before August 1, 2009 for the Championship. Entries shall be completed online at <http://www.mbbc-vt.org/Events/LightningWorlds09>
- 5.2 Entry fee after August 1st is \$175.

6. REGISTRATION:

Registration and measurement will be held from 1500 to 1900 on September 7, 2009, and from 0800 to 1200 on September 8, 2009 at MBBC.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- 7.1 Six races are scheduled.
- 7.2 The Race Committee may adjust the racing schedule.
- 7.3 No warning signal shall be made after 1430 Friday, September 11, 2009

Monday, Sept 7	1500-1900	registration and measurement
Tuesday, Sept. 8	0800-1200	registration and measurement
	1400	Practice Race
	1800	Competitors Meeting and Opening Ceremony
Wednesday, Sept. 9	1000	Race 1&2
Thursday, Sept. 10	1000	Race 3&4
Friday, Sept. 11	1000	Race 5&6
		Awards at MBBC after sailing.

8. BOAT STORAGE:

- 8.1 All yachts must be in the water by 1200 September 8th, and remain in the water for the duration of the regatta except by written permission from the Principal Race Officer (PRO).
- 8.2 All boats shall be moored at the Malletts Bay Boat Club for the duration of the regatta.
- 8.3 Careening of the boat on the beach for the purposes of cleaning the bottom is permitted

9. VENUE AND COURSES:

- 9.1 Races will be sailed in Malletts Bay on Lake Champlain.
- 9.2 The courses will be either a 5 leg Windward/Leeward, or a 6 leg Windward/Leeward/Triangle/Windward.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

The sailing instructions will be posted on the event website and will be available during registration beginning on Monday September 7, 2009.

11. SCORING:

- 11.1 Abbreviations for scoring shall be in accordance with RRS Appendix A 11.

11.2 Each boat finishing in a race and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified 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 to one more, and "OCS", "DNE", "BFD", and "DSQ" score points equal to two more than the number of boats eligible to start in any race of the series. "RDG" scores points equal to the finishing position awarded her after a hearing for request for redress. This modifies RRS A4.2

11.3 Each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races, excluding her worst score if six races are completed. The boat with the lowest total scores wins. This modifies RRS A2.

11.4 Boats that 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 are scored 1 point, and the next boat to finish scores 3 points). This paragraph modifies RRS A7.

11.5 When there is a tie on total points between two or more boats at the end of 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 possibly excluded in calculating total scores in accordance with paragraph 4 c. shall be considered for the purpose of breaking ties. This paragraph modifies RRS A8.

12. ALTERNATE PENALTIES:

The two turns penalty will apply with the additional provision that when an infringing boat has its spinnaker drawing at the time of the infringement, drops it completely below the gooseneck while taking her penalty, and resets it immediately and has it drawing after the penalty, the penalty is a one turn penalty. This modifies RRS 44.1

13. PROPULSION:

On a free leg of the course, when surfing (rapid accelerating down the leeward side of a wave) or planing is possible, the boat's crew may, in order to initiate surfing or planing, pump the sheet, but not the guy controlling any sail, but 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. This modifies RRS 42.3 (c).

14. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS:

14.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

14.2 The race committee intends to use VHF marine radio frequencies to broadcast courtesy information to competitors, including OCS hails after starts.

14.3 GPS units may not be carried aboard during the regatta. This modifies Article VIII 5 b) 3 of ILCA By-laws.

15. SUPPORT BOATS:

Team Leaders, coaches, and other support personnel shall not go afloat in the racing area between the skippers meeting and the awards ceremony except in boats provided by the Organizing Authority. Individual competitors may not use a support boat at any time during the regatta except as provided by the organizing authority. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be the disqualification of all yachts associated with the infringing support personnel.

16. CHARTER BOATS:

Some charter boats are available through the event organizers and are listed on the event website. Competitors who charter a boat through the event organizers must also purchase charter boat insurance through the event organizers and provide a \$500 damage deposit. The damage deposit must be maintained at a \$500 level through the duration of the event. If damage occurs during the event, a repair cost will be estimated and the amount will be deducted from the damage deposit at the end of that day of sailing. Additional deposit will be required to maintain a \$500 damage deposit level and will be paid prior to the next day of racing.

17. TROPHIES:

Trophies will be awarded to the top five skippers and crews in the Championship Series.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at a their own risk. Note RRS 4, decision to race. 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. A “waiver” will be signed by all competitors prior to the completion of registration.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

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