

2009 Lightning Fleet 126 Qualification and Scoring

This describes Lightning Fleet 126's qualification and scoring policy for the 2009 CPYC Lightning Series (the "Summer Series") as per the Cedar Point Yacht Club ("CPYC") Sailing Instructions.

Races will be scored according to RRS Appendix A except as modified below.

1. 2009 CPYC Lightning Summer Series

- 1.1. The Summer Series is comprised races held on the following days ("Race Days"):
 - 1.1.1. Saturday CPYC club racing days including Super Saturdays AND
 - 1.1.2. The three days that comprise each Commodore, Vice-Commodore, and Rear-Commodore Cup weekend ("Cup Weekends")
- 1.2. All Race Days will be scored toward the Summer Series and counted toward qualification.
- 1.3. If fewer than two CPYC member skippers or fewer than three boats including guest skippers start a race, the race will not be scored or considered for qualification.
- 1.4. The Summer Series will be comprised of at least three (3) races.
- 1.5. Except for Cup Weekends, any Sunday and Wednesday races are not considered a part of the Summer Series.

2. Summer Series Qualification

- 2.1. To qualify for the Summer Series you must race 50% of all Race Days on which a race was finished.
- 2.2. Race Days missed because a Summer Series participant skippers a boat in an International Lightning Class Association ("ILCA") event may be eligible for removal from the total number of days possible to sail. (a "Bye"). (i.e. Byes are subtracted from the denominator, not added to the numerator, when calculating the percent of Race Days sailed.)
 - 2.2.1. You may receive a Bye for sailing in ILCA events as follows:
 - 2.2.1.1. CT Governors Cup = 1 Bye
 - 2.2.1.2. CT/RI District Championships = 1 Bye
 - 2.2.1.3. Atlantic Coast Championship = 1 Bye
 - 2.2.1.4. North American Championship = 1 Bye
 - 2.2.2. You may only receive a Bye if a Summer Series race is finished at CPYC the day of the above listed events. Each Summer Series participant can receive a maximum of four Byes per Summer Series.

3. Scoring Individual Race Days, Super Saturdays, and Cup Weekends

- 3.1. No races will be excluded from a boat's score except as modified by 3.3 and 3.4. This changes RRS A2.
- 3.2. **Regular Saturday Race Days** (except Cup Weekends and Super Saturdays) will be scored using the low-point system for determining any daily awards.
- 3.3. **Cup Weekends** (Vice Commodore's Cup, Commodore's Cup, and Rear Commodore's Cup) will be scored using the low point regatta method as prescribed by US Sailing.
 - 3.3.1. Sailing on the "cook-out" day of the weekend is mandatory for Cup Weekend qualification as per CPYC rules. Participants who do not start at least one race on the "cook-out" day are not eligible for Cup Weekend trophies. If no races are finished on the "cook out" day of the weekend, any races finished on the other two days of racing will be used to determine Cup Weekend scores.
 - 3.3.2. For the purposes of scoring Cup Weekends, the number of boats entered in the series is equal to the number of different boats who finished a race over the weekend, not necessarily the number of boats on any given day.

3.3.3. If one, two or three races are finished on a Cup Weekend, all races will be scored. If four races are finished one throw-out is permitted. If five or more races are finished, two throw-outs are permitted.

3.3.4. The Cup Weekends are scored independently of the Season Series scoring.

3.3.5. All races finished by a participant on Cup Weekends will be used for Season Series scoring. A Cup Weekend DNS score(s) will not be used for Season Series scoring. DNF, DSQ and OCS scores will be included in the Season Series scoring.

3.3.6. If no races are finished on any of the three days, no trophies for the Cup Weekend will be awarded.

3.4. **Super Saturdays** will be scored using the low-point system for determining daily awards. If a boat sails four or more races, she shall receive one throw-out to be applied against that day's scores only.

3.4.1. If more than two races are sailed on a Super Saturday, Summer Series Cox-Sprague scores for the day will be adjusted to equal two races. E.g. if a boat competed in 3 races, both the numerator and denominator of the Cox-Sprague score will be multiplied by 2/3. Races thrown out for the daily score will also be excluded from the Summer Series scores.

3.4.2. Example: John sails in all five races and scores 3, 4, 9, 1, 2. Because he sailed more than four races, he receives 1 throw-out (his 9th place finish). Therefore, for the day John has received 10 points. His Summer Series score will be based on his Cox-Sprague numerator and denominator scores for the day (less the 9th place race) multiplied by 2/4.

4. Scoring the Summer Series

4.1. The **Summer Series** will be scored using the Cox-Sprague system to compensate for the number of boats starting each race. Cox-Sprague numerator and denominator will be based on the number of starters in each race. Super Saturdays will be scored as no more than two races, as described in 3.4.

4.2. There will be no throw-outs from a boat's score except as modified by 3.4. This changes RRS A2.

4.3. A boat that does not enter the starting area after her warning signal will not be scored for that race in the Summer Series. A boat that entered the starting area after her warning signal but did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area for that race. This modifies RRS A9.

4.4. Any race in which no boat finishes will not be scored in the Summer Series.

5. Guest Racing Policy

5.1. Skippers who are not members of CPYC ("**Guests**") may compete on any race day, subject to the limitations of the CPYC By-Laws. For Individual Race Days and Super Saturdays, Guests will be scored for and are eligible for daily awards.

5.2. Guests are not eligible for Summer Series or Cup Weekend awards. For the purpose of series scoring, for any race in which a Guest competes, the Guest's finish will be discarded for that race, any CPYC member that finished after the Guest shall be moved up one place, and the number of starters will be reduced by one.

6. Short-Handed Racing Policy

6.1. For all normal Saturday club series racing, including Super-Saturdays, a boat sailing short-handed (fewer than 3 sailors) will be scored and will receive credit toward season qualification, and will be eligible for daily awards.

6.2. For Cup Weekends, a boat sailing short-handed (fewer than 3 sailors) will be scored and will receive credit towards the season qualification, but will not be eligible for the Weekend Cup Award.

6.2.1. If a boat competes in two of the three Cup Weekend days, including the "cook out" day, with a complete crew, thus satisfying the Cup Weekend qualification requirement, they shall be eligible for the Weekend Cup Award based on their scores on the days sailed fully-crewed. The day sailed short-handed will be scored and will receive credit towards the season qualification, but will not be used to calculate the Weekend Cup Awards.