

Lightning Fleet 126 Qualification and Scoring Policy

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

1. CPYC Lightning Summer Series

- 1.1. The Summer Series shall be comprised of races held on the following days only ("Race Days"):
 - 1.1.1. Saturday CPYC club racing days, beginning with the Saturday after Memorial Day weekend and concluding on the Saturday prior to Labor Day weekend.
 - 1.1.2. The individual days as part of the CPYC Vice-Commodore's Cup (Memorial Day weekend), Commodore's Cup (Independence Day / July 4th weekend), and Rear-Commodore's Cup (Labor Day weekend), herein referred to as "Cup Weekends".
- 1.2. Unless otherwise specified, all Race Days shall be scored as part of the Summer Series and will count towards qualification.
- 1.3. If fewer than three boats start a race, two of which must be skippered by CPYC members, the race shall not be scored or considered for qualification.

2. Summer Series Qualification

- 2.1. In order to qualify for the Summer Series; an eligible skipper must be credited with a minimum of 50% of all Race Days on which a race was finished.
- 2.2. For every 5 Race Days completed by the fleet, 1 "Race Day Credit", up to a maximum of 3, shall be awarded for each Lightning regatta that one participates in as skipper, crew, or race committee during the time period defined as the Summer Series in 1.1. Participation in the Lightning North Americans or Lightning Worlds, if they occur during the Summer Series, can count for up to 2 of the potential Race Day Credits. No other Lightning regattas are eligible for more than 1 Race Day Credit.
- 2.3. Summer Series and Cup Weekend qualification will be by "boat", as long as the applicable skipper is on-board during the completed race.

3. Scoring

- 3.1. Unless otherwise specified, races shall be scored according to Appendix A of US Sailing's, The Racing Rules of Sailing ("the RRS"), the latest version of which shall apply.
- 3.2. All racing, including "Individual Race Days", the Summer Series, and Cup Weekends shall be scored using the Low Point Scoring System, as defined in Appendix A of the RRS and as further elaborated on the US Sailing web-site (http://raceadmin.ussailing.org/Rules/Long_Series.htm). Rule A9 of the RRS shall apply.
- 3.3. Summer Series and Cup Weekend scoring will be by "skipper". Competitors are to notify the race committee of any skipper changes (and should check the score sheet to ensure that the skipper change was correctly registered).
- 3.4. The Fleet Captain or Fleet Scorer is to be notified of any boats with more than one skipper ("co-skippers"), prior to any applicable races being sailed. The individual scores for "co-skippered" boats shall be combined. "Co-skipper" scores cannot be changed to individual skipper scores once the request for such has been made.
- 3.5. **Cup Weekends** (Vice Commodore's Cup, Commodore's Cup, and Rear Commodore's Cup)
 - 3.5.1. Each Cup Weekend is scored as a separate series, although individual races are used towards Summer Series scoring (See 3.4.1).

3.5.2. For the purposes of scoring each Cup Weekend, a boat that did not start a completed race shall be scored one finishing place more than the maximum number of eligible boats that started any race during the Cup Weekend. Guest boats and boats sailing short-handed are excluded from official Cup Weekend scoring (See 5.2 and 6.2).

3.5.3. If no races are finished on any of the Cup Weekend days, no trophies for the Cup Weekend shall be awarded.

3.6. Summer Series

3.6.1. All races started by a participant on Cup Weekends, including DNF, DSQ, and OCS scores, but excluding DNS scores, shall be used for Summer Series scoring.

3.6.2. There shall be 1 excluded race (“throw-out”) for every 7 scored Summer Series races started. An excluded race will not be included in the computation of a skipper’s Summer Series score (See 3.5.6); however, if only one race is scored and completed on a given Race Day, an excluded race will count towards Summer Series qualification (See 2). This changes RRS A2.

3.6.3. The number of boats in a given race shall be the number of boats that started. A boat shall have started as long as it has crossed the starting line within 4 minutes after the applicable starting signal. This modifies RRS A9.

3.6.4. Any race in which no boat finishes shall not be scored in the Summer Series.

3.6.5. Any race in which at least 1 boat finishes and the minimum number of boats requirement in 1.3 is met, shall be scored as part of the Summer Series. Non-finishing boats shall be scored DNF.

3.6.6. The series score for each boat shall be the sum of her race scores, excluding any throw-outs, divided by the number of races for which she is scored.

4. Trophies

4.1. Trophies shall be awarded per the Cedar Point Trophy Policy, as found in the latest version of the Cedar Point Yacht Club Yearbook.

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, Guests shall be scored and are eligible for daily awards.

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

6. Short-Handed Racing Policy

6.1. For all Saturday CPYC club racing days, a boat sailing “short-handed” (fewer than 3 persons) shall be scored, shall receive credit toward Summer Series qualification / scoring, and shall be eligible for daily awards.

6.2. For Cup Weekends, a boat sailing short-handed shall be scored and shall receive credit towards the Summer Series qualification, but those races will not count towards the Cup Weekend awards / trophies. For the purpose of Cup Weekend scoring, any race in which a boat sailing short-handed competes, that boat’s finishes shall be discarded for that race, any subsequent finishers will be moved up one place, and the number of starters will be reduced by one.