

Notice of Race

INTERNATIONAL LIGHTNING CLASS ASSOCIATION

2003 Charles Schwab North American Championships
Cedar Point Yacht Club
Westport, Connecticut
August 15-22, 2003

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: The Charles Schwab North American Championship Regatta is organized by the International Lightning Class Association (ILCA) in conjunction with Lightning Fleet 126, and has been sanctioned in accordance with the bylaws of the ILCA.

RULES: The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Rules Governing All Area Lightning Class Championships (Class Rules).

CATEGORY: Regatta is designated Category C in accordance with Appendix 1, regulation 20, restricted as follows: Advertising on hull only.

ELIGIBILITY: Eligibility for entry shall be in accordance with Articles V, VI and XII of the Class Rules.

US and Canadian entries shall qualify for participation in the Championship through their District Championship. Quota will be as follows:

- One (1) boat for each ten (10) registered in their district
- The Hosting District (Connecticut/Rhode Island) may have double quota.
- One (1) boat for every three (3) boats from a district that sailed in the Blue Fleet in the 2002 North Americans

In addition, members of the Executive Committee, the Vice President of North American Championships, the North American Champion and the World Champion do not have to qualify and shall not count toward a District's quota; the Executive Committee may permit skippers from outside North America to compete; one or more skippers not previously qualified through their District may qualify from the Women's Masters' and Juniors' North American Championships.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: A completed entry form accompanied with the entry fee must be received on or before July 21, 2003 for the Championship. Entries must be mailed to:

Executive Secretary
ILCA
P.O. Box 10747
Murfreesboro, TN 37129 USA Entry forms are available from each District Commodore and from the Executive Secretary.

The entry fee is US\$295.00 provided the entry form is received on or before July 21, 2003. For entries received after July 21, 2003, the fee is US\$345.00.

REGISTRATION: Registration and measurement will be held from 0800 to 1800 on August 15, 2003, and from 0800 to 1300 on August 16, 2003. At registration each competitor will be required to sign a waiver for loss, damage or injury to persons or property incurred in conjunction with the regatta or on the

property of Cedar Point Yacht Club and to release CPYC, fleet 126, any sponsors of the Regatta and their members, officers, governors and agents and any sponsors from liability for any such damage or injury.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday, Aug. 15	08:00-18:00	Registration and measurement
Saturday, Aug. 16	08:00-13:00	Registration and measurement
	14:00	Warning Practice Race
	18:00	Skippers Meeting and Opening Ceremony
Sunday, Aug. 17	10:00	Warning Qualifying Race 1&2
Monday, Aug. 18	10:00	Warning Qualifying Race 3&4
Tuesday, Aug. 19	10:00	Warning Championship Race 1&2
Wednesday, Aug. 20	10:00	Warning Championship Race 3&4
Thursday, Aug. 21	10:00	Warning Championship Race 5&6
Friday, Aug. 22		Make Up Races if necessary

The Race Committee may adjust the racing schedule to suit weather conditions.

BOAT STORAGE: All boats must be on the grounds of Cedar Point Yacht Club by 1200 August 16th, and remain on the grounds for the duration of the regatta when not sailing except by written permission from the Principal Race Officer (PRO).

RACING AREA: Races will be sailed on Long Island Sound off Westport, CT.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: The sailing instructions will be available during registration beginning on Friday August 15, 2003.

NUMBER OF RACES: There are 4 races scheduled for the Qualifying Series and 6 races scheduled for the Championship series. Both Series will be run in accordance with Class Rules.

SCORING: Scoring will be in accordance with the low point scoring system as described in Article VIII paragraph 4 & 5 of the Class Rules. In the qualification series there will be one throwout only if 4 races are completed. In the Championship series there will be one throwout only if 6 races are completed.

APPEALS: The right of appeal is denied for the Qualifying Series in accordance with RRS 7 0.4(a).

ALTERATIONS OF RACING RULES:

Rule 44.2 will be changed to include the following provision: when an infringing boat has its spinnaker drawing at the time of the infringement, drops it below the gooseneck while taking her penalty and resets it and has it drawing after the penalty, the penalty is one full 360 degree turn instead of two.

Rule 42.3 (b) shall be altered to read: "On a free leg of the course, when surfing (rapidly 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".

ALTERATION OF CLASS RULES:

Article VIII, paragraph 3, second sentence of the Class Rules will be changed to read: "A boat not finishing within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish". This will also change Rule 35.

TROPHIES: Trophies will be awarded to the top place skippers and crews in each of the Championship Series, President's Cup and Governor's Cup. Perpetual Trophies will be given to the North American Champion and the Runner-Up. In addition, a special Tom Fallon Trophy will be awarded to the last boat to qualify for the Championship flight, the Swanson Trophy to the highest scoring woman in the Championships, the Thomas McDermott Trophy is awarded to the skipper who improves most in position in the Qualifying Series, 2002 vs. 2003, and the Thermis Trophy is awarded to the highest placing skipper who is sailing in the Championship division for the first time.

SUPPORT BOATS: Team Leaders, coaches, and other support personnel shall not go afloat in the racing area between the skippers meeting and the finish of the last competitor in the last race 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

For further information, please contact the following:

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