



2009 Lightning District & Masters Championship

April 18-19, 2009

*Edison Sailing Center
2000 West 1st Street
Fort Myers, Florida USA*

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Organizing Authority

The organizing authority is the Edison Sailing Center, Ft. Myers, FL. This event has been sanctioned in accordance with the Bylaws of the International Lightning Class Association (ILCA).

2. Venue

2.1 The regatta venue is the Edison Sailing Center South, 2000 W. First St., Fort Myers, Florida, USA 33901.

2.2 The racing area will be West of ESC on the Caloosahatchee River.

3. Rules:

3.1 The event will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (except as changed by this notice of race or the sailing instructions), the prescriptions of US SAILING, the rules of the classes involved, this notice of race, and the sailing instructions. ESC reserves the right to change this notice of race.

3.2 RRS 42.3(c) is changed to read, "Except on a beat to windward, when surfing (rapidly accelerating down the leeward side of a wave) or planing is possible, the boat's crew may pull the sheet, but not the guy, controlling any sail in order to initiate surfing or planing, 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."

3.3 The Two Turns Penalty of RRS 44.1 & 44.2 will apply, except that when a boat breaks a rule with a spinnaker drawing, she drops it completely while taking her penalty and resets it and has it drawing after the penalty, in which case the penalty is one turn instead of two turns. This modifies RRS 44.1 & 44.2.

4. Advertising: The International Lightning Class Association adopts Category C in accordance with RRS Appendix 1, Regulation 20, with the restriction that advertising is permitted on hulls only.

5. Eligibility and Entry: The District Championship regatta is open to members of ILCA. Skipper and all crew must be members of ILCA. The Masters regatta is open to skippers aged 50 years and up.

5.1 The fee is \$80 (\$70 with valid US Sailing card) and includes a Saturday evening cookout. Non-competitors are welcome to attend the Saturday evening social and dinner for a fee of \$15/person. Junior sailors are eligible for free entry in advance by petition. Entry fee for the Masters regatta is \$15 (\$10 with valid US Sailing card).

6. Registration:

Competitors shall register on location Saturday morning.

7. Schedule:

7.1 The competition schedule is as follows:

Day	Date	Time	Activity
Saturday	Apr. 18	0800- 0900	Registration
		0930	Skipper's meeting
		1100	Warning Signal- First Race
		1830	Dinner
Sunday	March 1	1000	Warning Signal-First race of day

No warning after 1400

ASAP Late lunch and Awards Presentation

7.2 Seven races are scheduled with the completion of the first constituting the Regatta. No Warning will be given after 1400 on Sunday. The Race Committee may adjust the racing schedule to suit weather conditions. Any races on Saturday will count toward the Masters Championship.

8. Sailing Instructions: Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration.

9. Courses: Triangle or windward/leeward courses will be sailed.

10. Scoring: The low point system of Appendix A of the RRS with one race excluded only when five or more races are completed. One race will constitute a regatta.

(a) Abbreviations for scoring shall be in accordance with RRS (2009-12) Appendix A 11.

(b) 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 greatest 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.

11. Prizes: Prizes will be awarded to the first three finishers of the District Championship fleet and 1st place for the Masters fleet.

12. Personal Flotation Devices

12.1 Personal Flotation Devices shall be worn at all times while afloat except when removed briefly to adjust clothing for safety or comfort reasons.

12.2 Personal Flotation Devices shall be in good condition and comply with the specifications of the U.S. Coast Guard.

13. Measurement: Boats must hold valid Measurement Certificates, including Mast Certifications. Measurement Certificates must be available upon demand. Any or all yachts or portions thereof may be ordered re-measured at the discretion of the District Measurement Committee. Each boat shall carry the required safety gear as described in the ILCA rules.

Hotels:

Best Western Ft Myers Waterfront 800-274-5511

Holiday Inn 230-332-3232

Legacy Harbor Suites 239-479-5255

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