



## 2022 LIGHTNING YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SHEBOYGAN, USA

Harken Blockheads  
Lightning Youth World Championship  
Sheboygan, Wisconsin, USA  
July 5-10, 2022

### NOTICE OF RACE

**Organizing Authority:** Sail Sheboygan Ltd. (SS) in conjunction with the International Lightning Class Association (ILCA), Sheboygan Yacht Club (SYC), and the Sailing Education Association of Sheboygan (SEAS).

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the *ILCA Constitution* <https://www.lightningclass.org/constitution>, *By-Laws* <https://www.lightningclass.org/bylaws>, *Lightning Specifications* and the *Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships* (**hereafter referred to as Document Governing**) <https://www.lightningclass.org/docgoverning>
- 1.2. Boats are required to carry portable equipment in accordance with *NOR Addendum ILCA Required Equipment*. (attached)
- 1.3. Appendix T Arbitration applies.
- 1.4. The rules identified below will be changed as noted. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
  - 1.4.1. RRS 27.3 is changed to add the following: "The RC or OA shall not abandon (or cancel) a scheduled race, or races, before the starting signal without approval of the Class Representative.
  - 1.4.2. RRS 42.3(c) is changed to read: "Except on a beat to windward, when surfing (rapidly accelerating down the front of a wave) or planing is possible, the boat's crew may pull the sheet only, (not the guy), in order to initiate surfing or planing, but each sail may be pulled 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."
  - 1.4.3. RRS 44 is changed to add the following: "The two turns penalty as provided in RRS Rule 44 will apply with the additional provision that when an infringing yacht 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 one turn instead of two."

## 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available no later than July 5th, 2022 online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14885> and will be available on the Official Notice Board during registration and check-in times.

## 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. Use of hand-held VHF radios will be permitted for communication from the Race Committee to competitors on a predetermined channel to be identified in the Sailing Instructions. The Race Committee intends to use VHF radio to identify OCS (On Course Side of the line) boats after starts and otherwise communicate with the fleet on the water. Failure to receive a hail, for a hail to be made, the order of hails made, or receive other communications to the fleet shall not be cause for redress.
- 3.2. VHF radios shall have the ability to work on USA frequencies. VHF radios are supplied and maintained by the competitor and not the OA.
- 3.3. Except in an emergency or when a boat retires from racing, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction includes all other forms of communication devices. Restricted use of communication devices shall require withdrawal from the race unless determined by the Race Committee to have been for emergency purposes.

## 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The regatta is open to boats of the Lightning Class whose crew members are under 21 years of age by December 31, 2022. Every nation with organized Lightning activity (at least one Active Lightning Fleet) is entitled to two entries. The host nation is entitled to two additional entries. Additional entries will be accepted on an equal basis up to a total fleet size of 20 boats.
- 4.2. Each Lightning National Class Association or National Authority shall inform the ILCA class office no later than February 1, 2022 of the number of boats that it would like to enter.
- 4.3. If a Lightning National Class Association or National Authority cannot fill its two-boat quota, those available slots will be reallocated to interested countries by February 15, 2022.
- 4.4. Each Lightning National Class Association or National Authority shall inform the ILCA class office no later than March 15, 2022 of the competitors that will represent their country.  
Contact detail for the ILCA class office is as follows:  
International Lightning Class Association (ILCA)  
Laura Jeffers, Executive Secretary  
1528 Big Bass Drive  
Tarpon Springs, FL 34689  
Phone: +1 (727) 942-7969  
E-mail: [office@lightningclass.org](mailto:office@lightningclass.org)
- 4.5. Harken is the title sponsor for the event. Competitors are encouraged to join Harken Blockheads by visiting [www.harkenblockheads.com/join.php](http://www.harkenblockheads.com/join.php). Blockheads is free and focused on youth sailing. Harken will not share any personal information.
- 4.6. When registering, each competitor, and a parent or legal guardian if the competitor is under the age of 18, may be required to sign a waiver for loss, damage or injury to persons or property incurred in conjunction with the regatta, on the property of the club, or on the water, or during participation in any individual race of the regatta, or from the actions of the ILCA, its officers, the protest committee, the race management team and any sponsors of the Regatta

and their members, officers, governors and agents, from liability for such damage or injury.

## 5. FEES

The entry fee is \$750.00 USD. A late fee of \$50.00 USD will be charged for payments received after April 15, 2022. A refundable damage deposit of \$500 USD is required on or before July 6, 2022. Fees are paid at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14885> and include the following:

- Awards and Prizes
- Full guest privileges at the club, including all on site dining
- Lunch and dinner each day
- Housing for competitors will be provided with host families as requested

## 6. CREW LIMITATIONS

Crew shall be three, all of whom shall be ILCA members as per ILCA By-Laws.

## 7. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. As per World Sailing Regulation 20 (the Advertising Code) the International Lightning Class Association restricts competitor advertising to hulls only.

## 8. SCHEDULE

The maximum number of races scheduled shall be 10.

Day	Event	Time
July 5, 2022	Competitor Arrival	All Day
	Registration and Check-In	1700-2000
July 6, 2022	Registration and Check-In	0800-1000
	Competitor's Briefing	1000
	Practice Start	1300
	Warning Signal for First Race of the Day	1400
July 7, 2022	Competitor's Briefing	0845
	Warning Signal for First Race of the Day	1000
July 8, 2022	Competitor's Briefing	0845
	Warning Signal for First Race of the Day	1000
July 9, 2022	Competitor's Briefing	0845
	Warning Signal for First Race of the Day	1000
	No Warning Signal after this time	1600
	Closing Ceremonies Begin	1830

## 9. SAILS AND EQUIPMENT

9.1. All boats will be supplied by the OA. No changes or alternations can be made to the boats or rigging without the consent of the Technical Committee.

9.2. Competitors must supply their own sails. A maximum of one (1) main, two (2) jibs and two (2) spinnakers may be measured and approved for the Regatta. All sails shall have Official ILCA Royalty Labels. Mainsail and spinnaker numbers shall be the same. Numbers shall be of a

sufficiently contrasted color to make sail number identification possible. Competitor mainsails are required to display the competitor's country designation.

9.3. Boat assignments shall be completed through a random draw to determine rotation schedule. Rotations occur after each race.

## **10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION [DP]**

10.1. Competitors are advised that the Technical Committee may make measurements and inspection of required equipment on or off the water during the Championship. Boats may be inspected at any time.

## **11. PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES**

A condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD), or for international competitors only, an appropriately sized PFD/buoyancy aid as approved for use in the competitor's country of origin. International competitors may be required to self-certify their PFD/buoyancy aid meets the requirements of this section. All PFDs/buoyancy aids shall be properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. All PFDs must be suitable for the competitor's weight. Wet suits, dry suits, and inflatable PFDs are not approved nor permitted as PFDs. Failure to wear a proper PFD will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. These changes are added to RRS 40, and the Preamble to Part 4 will not apply to RRS 40.

## **12. VENUE**

Sheboygan Yacht Club  
214 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Sheboygan, WI, 53081

## **13. COURSES**

Courses will be windward/leeward that may include an offset mark and a gate, as described in the sailing instructions.

## **14. SCORING**

14.1 Will be per Appendix A in accordance with the Document Governing. If the number of completed races is five or less, all will be scored; if six or more, one race will be discarded. This changes RRS A.

14.2 Three Races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

## **15. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]**

15.1. Support and coach boats must register with the OA during the registration hours.

15.2. Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel shall stay outside the racing area (defined as 100 meters outside the lay lines of the course including the start area) and comply with other requirements as specified in the Sailing Instructions. These requirements begin from the start of the first race of the regatta until the finish of the last race of the regatta. Individual competitors may not use support boats at any time during the regatta unless such support is available to all competitors or is authorized by the Race Committee. The penalty for failure to comply with any of these requirements may result in disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing support personnel.

15.3. Spectator boats shall not communicate with competitors on the water unless the RC requests that they do so for safety reasons.

## 16. BERTHING [DP]

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park.

## 17. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

The organizers plan to allow dry sailing for the event.

## 18. CLEANING OF BOATS

There will be no undue restrictions on cleaning of boats.

## 19. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 Decision to Race states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.** 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.

## 20. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- Perpetual trophy for the ILCA Youth World Champion
- Trophies for places 1-5
- Flags to winners of each race
- Shipshape Award
- Thomas Allen Youth Worlds Sportsmanship Award

## 21. FURTHER INFORMATION

### QUALIFICATION FOR SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

#### **International Lightning Class Association**

Laura Jeffers - ILCA Executive Secretary

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#### **Sheboygan Yacht Club – Host club**

214 Pennsylvania Avenue

Sheboygan, WI, 53081

Phone: +1 (920) 458-6601

Website: [www.sheboyganyachtclub.com](http://www.sheboyganyachtclub.com)

**Regatta Chairman**

Jason Bemis

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**22. REGATTA LOGISTICS & AREA INFORMATION**

**Passports & Visas:** A passport is required by all competitors entering the United States from another country. A visa may be required for citizens of certain countries who should check for applicable requirements at least 2 months prior to the event.

**Drugs and Alcohol** The legal drinking age in the USA is 21. Use of illegal drugs and/or alcohol by competitors will not be tolerated. Competitors found in violation of this policy may be subject to disqualification.

**Airport & Transportation:** The closest major airports to Sheboygan, WI are General Mitchell International in Milwaukee, WI and O'Hare International Airport in Chicago, IL.

Ground transportation to Milwaukee is available from O'Hare here: [www.coachusaairportexpress.com](http://www.coachusaairportexpress.com)

Ground transportation from Milwaukee may be coordinated with the OA or through [www.goriteway.com](http://www.goriteway.com)

**Accommodations:** Housing for competitors will be provided by host families in the Sheboygan area.

**Sight-seeing & events:** Events are planned for competitors for dinner each night of the event. The Closing Ceremony on July 9th will have tickets available for purchase by friends, family and coaches.

## NOR Addendum ILCA Required Equipment

### Portable Equipment

#### a. Mandatory

- i) A fluke-type anchor weighing not less than 1.8Kg (4lb) with a line not shorter than 15.24m (50ft). The line shall be a minimum of 9.525mm (3/8 inches) in diameter and shall be made of Nylon or Dacron. This line shall be used only for towing or anchoring. Alternatives may be prescribed in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions.
- ii) Compass.
- iii) Bucket with a minimum capacity of one gallon.
- iv) Throwable life preserver or cushion with an attached whistle.
- v) Paddle
- vi) Other lifesaving equipment as required by government regulations.

#### b. Optional

- i) Electronic Equipment – the following electronic devices are allowed aboard a Lightning in 2022:
  - 1) Battery-powered wrist watches.
  - 2) An electronic digital compass with chronograph (timer and/or clock). The compass must be entirely self-contained with either an internal battery and/or solar power. The compass shall have no external connection and shall neither provide wind or boat speed nor compute correlations between time and distance. All boats will be supplied with a digital or analog compass.
  - 3) Other hand-held navigational devices. Use while racing is not permitted except for emergencies.
  - 4) Hand-held communication devices (cell phones, pagers, radios, etc.) with the following restrictions:
    - a) For this regatta, use is not permitted on the water except for emergencies. This restriction is modified to allow communication from the Race Committee to competitors on a predetermined Marine VHF channel.
    - b) The RC intends to communicate with competitors using a VHF Channel to be announced and will attempt to communicate to OCS boats using the same VHF Channel. Competitors should bring their own VHF radio. Failure or delay in this procedure shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 60.1 (b).
  - 5) Personal medical devices, attached to an individual, required for a person's well-being are allowed if they are medically necessary.
  - 6) In all cases where the use of electronic devices is not permitted, a competitor's use shall require withdrawal from the race unless the Race Committee deems use was for emergency reasons.