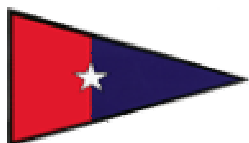


2009 Lightning South Eastern District Championships

Hosted by the Organizing Authorities of the
Lake Murray Lightning Fleet and Columbia Sailing Club 25, 26 April 2009

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



- 1 **RULES** - The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* 2009-2012 (RRS) and the International Lightning Class Association (ILCA) Rules except as modified in the Notice of Regatta (NOR) and these Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 2 **ENTRY** - Competitors declared eligible by the ILCA may enter by completing registration with the organizing authority, Lake Murray ILCA Fleet and Columbia Sailing Club (CSC).
- 3 **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**
 - 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) in the CSC Clubhouse. The Protest Notice Board will be a part of the ONB.
 - 3.2 Questions concerning the NOR, SI, scoring, or any other issue shall be submitted in writing to Race Headquarters. All written inquiries and responses by appropriate officials will be posted on the ONB.
- 4 **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
 - 4.1 Any change in the SI will be posted no later than 20 minutes after the end of the Competitors Meeting, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
 - 4.2 Oral changes to the SI may be given on the water from the RC signal boat when the "L" flag ("come with hail") is hoisted with one sound before the next warning signal in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). The "L" flag will be lowered when all competitors have been hailed.
- 5 **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**
 - 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the CSC yardarm in front of the clubhouse.
 - 5.2 When code flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP. This changes the definition of RRS "Race Signals."
- 6 **SCHEDULE AND NUMBER OF RACES**

Sat., 25 April	1100	Competitors' meeting on the CSC front porch
	1230	First race warning followed by additional races
Sun., 26 April	1000	First race warning of the day followed by additional races
	1400	No start sequence after this time except for recalls or short postponements.

A maximum of 6 races will be attempted.
- 7 **CLASS FLAG** – Lightning Class "red lightning flash" logo on white.
- 8 **RACING AREA** – On Lake Murray between the dam intake towers and Spence Islands to the west.
- 9 **COURSE**
 - 9.1 The course will be "**A Windward-Leeward Course**" using an offset mark at the windward mark{Option (4)}, and using the leeward and windward marks as starting and finishing marks {Option (5)} as shown on Page 118 in RRS 2009-2012.
 - 9.2 Course legs to be raced are: **Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - 2 - Finish**.
 - 9.3 When the weather mark is changed during a race the offset mark no longer needs to be rounded for the rest of the race even though it may still be in the water.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 The windward and leeward marks will be orange inflatable tetrahedrons.
- 10.2 The offset mark will be a red ball.
- 10.3 The starting line pin mark (leeward mark) will be an orange inflatable tetrahedron.
- 10.4 The finish line pin mark (windward mark) will be an orange inflatable tetrahedron or a yellow cylinder (10.5).
- 10.5 New mark(s) for a course change will be yellow cylinders.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end and an orange inflatable tetrahedron at the port end.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing (RRS A5).
- 11.4 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The RC will attempt to broadcast the sail number of each recalled boat on VHF channel 78 (Alternate channel 72). The following shall not be grounds for redress: Failure of the RC to broadcast recalled sail numbers. Failure of a boat to receive a recall broadcast either due to lack of or faulty VHF. Failure of the skipper and crew to hear the broadcast. Failure of the RC to broadcast an individual sail number. The sequence of broadcasted sail numbers. The promptness of the broadcast.

12 THE FINISH - The finish line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat on the starboard end and an orange inflatable tetrahedron or a yellow cylinder. If the course is shortened, it will be between the nearest mark and a staff displaying code flag "S" {RRS 32.2 (a)}.

13 TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 The overall time limit will be 90 minutes for the lead boat to finish.
- 13.2 Boats still racing 20 minutes after the lead boat finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired, see SI Scoring 15.4) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4, A5 and A11.
- 13.3 If one or two boats in a race are unduly delaying the start of another race, the RC may score those boats as finished based on their position on the course at the time when each boat is informed by the RC that they are being finished and scored. If in the opinion of the RC that one boat is not clearly ahead of the other, then the same score (one more than the last finisher) will be assigned to both boats. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4, & A5.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the CSC Clubhouse and lodged with the Protest Committee's representative within the Protest Time Limit which will begin when the RC Signal Boat docks and makes a sound signal and will end 30 minutes later.
- 14.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible in the CSC Clubhouse Protest Room.
- 14.3 Protest notices will be posted on the ONB within 30 minutes of the Protest Time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 14.4 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5(b).
- 14.5 The time limitations of RRS 62.2 and 66 are changed so that the time limit for both is the Protest Time Limit of 20 minutes or whichever is later.
- 14.6 RRS 67 will be in effect as it applies to RRS 42.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply as modified by SI 15.2.
- 15.2 Each boat's score will be the sum of her scores for all races. This changes RRS A2.
- 15.3 A maximum of 6 races will be run during the scheduled allotted time periods. Only one race shall be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 15.4 Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the RC without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4.1, A4.2, A5 and A11.

16 SAFETY

- 16.1 Each competitor is solely responsible for his own safety and, by participation, agrees to sail and utilize CSC's facilities at his or her own risk. Neither CSC nor persons assisting with the conduct of races shall be responsible for damage or injury suffered during races or related activities.
- 16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall attempt to notify the RC before leaving the course area or immediately after arriving ashore via radio contact from the CSC clubhouse VHF CH 78 (CH 72 backup) located next to the bar.

17 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS – Boats may be hauled out and launched throughout the regatta.

18 RADIO COMMUNICATION – No radio communications are allowed unless available to all competitors {RRS 41 (c)}. This restriction also applies to mobile phones and other forms of communication.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY – Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk; see RRS 4 *Decision to Race*. 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.