



Lightning Canadian Open Championship

Notice of Race (NoR)

ROYAL ST LAWRENCE YACHT CLUB

International Lightning Class Association

Canadian Open Championship

Montreal, QC, Canada

June 21-22, 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

International Lightning Class Association & Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club are the organizing authority.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the *ILCA Constitution, By-Laws, Lightning Specifications* and the *Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships (hereafter referred to as Document Governing)*. They are available at <https://www.lightningclass.org/docs.ashx?id=328142>
- 1.2. Boats are required to carry portable equipment in accordance with *NOR Addendum ILCA Required Equipment*. (attached)
- 1.3. Appendix T Arbitration applies. [T2, T3 and T4 are deleted]
- 1.4. The rules identified below will be changed as noted. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
 - 1.4.1. 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."
 - 1.4.2. 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."
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between languages, the text written in its original English Document will take precedence.



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2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available no later than June 20 2025 on the online Official Notice Board located at <http://www.sail123.com/rstlyc/onbre.htm> and also may be posted on the board located immediately outside the RStLYC office 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. Other use of any communication device is prohibited, and such use 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 event is open to all boats of the Lightning Class.
- 4.2. When registering, each competitor 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 \$160 CAD. Register by emailing william.hall18@gmail.com

- Awards and Prizes
- 3 Saturday Dinner tickets
- Full guest privileges at the club, including all on site dining and bar services.

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.



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8. SCHEDULE

Friday, June 20th:

09:00 Arrival accepted

18:00 to 19:00 Check In & registration

19:00 dinner available at Club for purchase***

Saturday, June 21st:

08:00-10:00 Check-In, registration

9:00 Competitors' meeting

11:00 First Warning Signal

18:00 Dinner (3 tickets included with Registration) ***

Sunday, June 22nd:

10:00 First Warning Signal

14:00 No Warning Signal after this time

Awards & refreshments following racing

The Race Committee may adjust the racing schedule and racing area to suit weather conditions. The number of races shall be a maximum of six. One race constitutes a regatta.

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION [DP]

- 9.1. Each boat shall hold and produce a valid Measurement Certificate at measurement and must display a current ILCA membership decal. Boats, sails, and equipment will be measured and inspected in accordance with the Lightning Class By-Laws.
- 9.2. All sails shall have Official ILCA Royalty Labels. Mainsail and spinnaker numbers shall be the same. Spinnaker numbers shall be of a sufficiently contrasted color to make sail number identification possible.
- 9.3. Competitors are advised that the Chief Measurer or a designated representative may make spot measurements and inspection of required equipment on or off the water during the Championship. Boats may be inspected at any time.
- 9.4. Boats shall be available for measurement for June 20, 2025, unless other arrangements are made with the OA.

10. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

RRS 50 is not changed.

11. VENUE

Location of Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club / Yacht-Club Royal Saint-Laurent:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/oGTNa8LDnDQLxBN57>



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12. COURSES

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

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44 as amended by NOR 1.5.3

14. SCORING

Will be per Appendix A in accordance with the Document Governing.

Available at <https://www.lightningclass.org/docs.ashx?id=328142>

1 Race is required to be completed to constitute a series

A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores depending on the following:

- (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

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16. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

17. BERTHING [DP]

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

18. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

The organizers plan to allow dry sailing for the event.

19. CLEANING OF BOATS

There will be no undue restrictions on cleaning of boats.



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20. 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.

21. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of US\$300,000 per event or the equivalent. A copy of insurance company documents establishing that such coverage is current shall be produced if requested by the OA.

22. PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded at the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club after sailing is completed on the last day.

23. FURTHER INFORMATION

QUALIFICATION FOR SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

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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 2025:
 - 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.
 - 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.