

Lightning Class Season Series
Tuesdays June 5 – August 28, 2018
Fleet 79 - South Shore Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*, and the Rules of the International Lightning Class.
- 1.2 ILCA membership is encouraged.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the SSYC derrick house.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1630 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1700 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore may be displayed at SSYC on the flag mast.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Dates of racing:
Each Tuesday from June 5th through August 28th, 2018, except on June 19, July 3, and July 10.
- 5.2 2 races maximum are scheduled per evening.
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1825.
- 5.4 Two (2) boats are required in the starting area to start a race.

6 RACING AREA

The racing area will be inside the Milwaukee harbor at the south end between the Main Gap and the South Gap. See Illustration A.

7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 The diagram in Illustration B shows the course, including the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 7.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display or verbally hail the number of legs of each race.

8 MARKS

The marks will be, orange, yellow, or red inflatable throw-in buoys.

9 THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started using Appendix U, Audible-Signal Racing System. This changes RRS 26.
- 9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 9.3 The race committee will attempt to hail any boats that are OCS at their starting signal. Failure to hail or to hear the hail will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or lay a new mark (or move the finishing line).
- 10.2 The race committee may make minor adjustments to the position of marks without signaling a change in course, provided no boat has started the leg to the mark that is being changed. This changes RRS 33.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee vessel and the nearby finishing mark.
- 11.2 The race committee may finish boats still racing and award their places based on their position at the time of the race's termination. Termination of a race will be signaled by the lowering of the finishing flag with one long sound signal.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

For a boat that has her spinnaker drawing, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty, including dropping the spinnaker completely, resetting it, and have it drawing immediately after the penalty. This changes RRS 44.

13 TIME LIMITS

The time limit is 50 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored one more than the last boat that finished. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A9.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 A boat intending to protest must notify the race committee at the finish of her intent to protest and the identity of the protested party. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 14.2 Protest forms are available at the SSSC office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the race committee Principal Race Officer within 1 hour after docking of the race committee finish vessel.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 The scoring system is as follows:
RRS A9, RACE SCORES IN A SERIES LONGER THAN A REGATTA, except as indicated by SI 13, TIME LIMITS
- 15.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.3 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

- 15.3 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores equal to the integer of one-quarter of the races completed.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 U.S. Coast Guard approved PFDs, properly secured with a whistle attached, shall be carried for each person on board when not at the dock and shall be worn as conditions warrant.
- 16.2 Check-in: Each boat shall sail by the race committee signal vessel, hail her sail number and the last name of competitor, **and be acknowledged by the race committee.** This shall be done when the vessel is anchored before the minute prior to her start.
- 16.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. If it is not possible to notify on the water, she shall report it to the PRO when ashore.
- 16.4 The Race Committee may direct a boat to retire to shore for safety reasons. The boat will be scored Did Not Finish, and it will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

- 16.5 When a race is abandoned by signaling flag N over flag H or over flag A, all boats shall return to the dock immediately.
- 16.6 Each boat shall carry a paddle, bucket, throwable cushion with whistle, anchor with 100' of line and have an operational centerboard preventer line. A VHF Marine radio is also encouraged.

17 PRIZES

- 17.1 The South Shore Yacht Club Lightning Fleet Perpetual Fleet Champion Trophy will be awarded to the lowest scoring boat along with season series trophies at the SSSC winners' dinner.

Illustration A
Racing Area

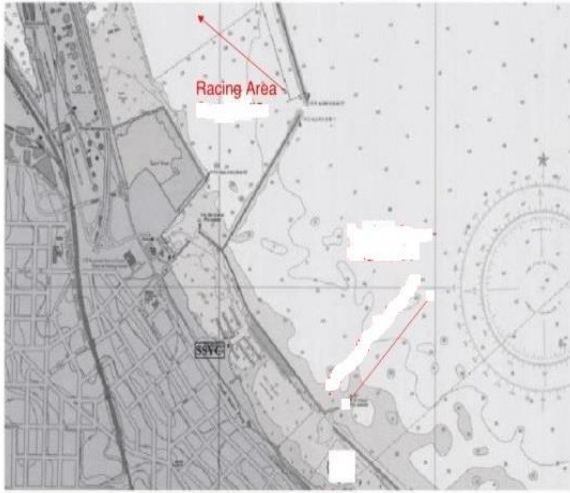
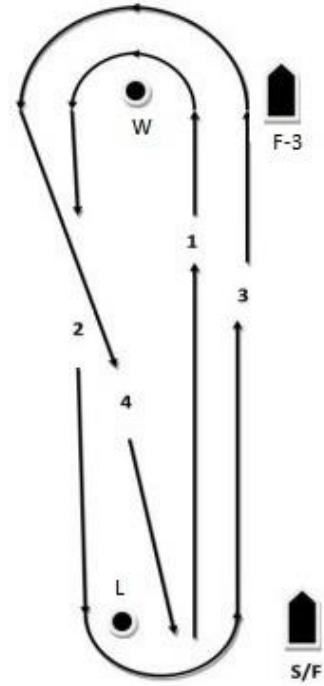


Illustration B
Course Diagram



Courses

- 2 Start - W - Finish
- 3 Start - W - L -Finish
- 4 Start - W - L - W - Finish