

Lightning World Championship

Yacht Club of Voula and Fleet 525 Lightning Sailing Academy, Voula, Greece

16-21 June 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

The International Lightning Class Association (ILCA), Hellenic Lightning Class and Voula 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).

The regatta will be organized according to, the ILCA Constitution (<http://www.lightningclass.org/constitution>), By-Laws (<http://www.lightningclass.org/bylaws>), Lightning Specifications and the Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships (hereafter referred to as Document Governing) (<http://www.lightningclass.org/docgoverning>)

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing

1.2. Except when RRS 88.2 applies, no national prescriptions will apply.

1.3. Boats are required to carry portable equipment in accordance with ILCA Bylaws, Article VIII Racing Restrictions, section 5: Required equipment, part (a).

1.4. Appendix T Arbitration applies.

1.5. The rules identified below will be changed as noted. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

1.5.1. 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."

1.5.2. 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."

1.6. If there is a conflict between languages, the text written in its original English Document will take precedence.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available no later than June 5, online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eid=16946>.

2.2 The Official Notice Board will be online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eid=16946>. It is up to each team member to provide an electronic device with internet access. A physical notice board in the venue will replicate the communications.

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. This changes RRS 62.1.

3.2. Other use of any communication device is prohibited in accordance with ILCA Bylaws, Article VIII Racing Restrictions, section 5 optional equipment part (b) 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 boats of the Lightning Class per the Document Governing, Articles Governing All Lightning Class World Championships, Article V, Entries. 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. The defending and past World Champions, current World Youth Champion, World Masters Champion at the time entries are due, ILCA World's VP, and ILCA President have a reserved slot. Three (3) additional entries that may be selected by the Executive Committee from Countries not otherwise represented to foster or expand Lightning interest in those Countries. Once the initial selections have been made and if slots are available, the EC may also allocate two slots (2) in the host country's area to expand Lightning Interest in those Countries. These slots can be by invitation outside of the qualification regatta process.

4.2. Each Lightning National Class Association or National Authority shall inform the ILCA class office no later than January 15, 2025 of the number of boats it intends to enter.

4.3. If a Lightning National Class Association or National Authority cannot fill its quota, those available slots will be reallocated to interested countries by January 31, 2025.

4.4. Each Lightning National Class Association or National Authority shall inform the ILCA class office no later than February 15, 2025 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 PO Box 475 Tarpon Springs, FL 34688 Phone: (727) 942-7969 - E-mail: office@lightningclass.org

4.5. On-line registration for identified competitors in 4.4 will be available at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16946>. Completed registration must be returned with the entry fee no later than April 1, 2025 to avoid a late fee.

4.6. Registration will close on May 15, 2025. If competitors have not completed the registration process by May 15, 2025, they will forfeit their right to participate in the regatta.

4.7. All participants must be ILCA members and are required to check in at registration.

4.8. All participants shall sign a disclaimer of liability of behalf of the Voula Yacht Club, Lightning Fleet #525, the ILCA, its officers, the protest committee, the race management team and any sponsors of the Regatta and their members, officers, governors and agents, releasing them from the responsibility of deaths, damages to properties, personal injuries, caused before, during or after the event, understanding they participate under their own responsibility according to RRS Rule 3.

5. FEES

5.1 Entry fee of \$800 USD if paid before if paid before April 1, 2025. After this date, a \$75 USD late fee will be added which must be paid before May 15, 2025. On-line registration will be available at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16946>.

5.2 Entry fee includes, awards and prizes, opening ceremony dinner, and closing ceremony dinner and a \$50 per boat fee to the ILCA.

5.3 Fees are not refundable.

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 Committee. As per World Sailing Regulation 20 (the Advertising Code) the International Lightning Class Association restricts competitor advertising to hulls only.

8. SCHEDULE

8.1 The number of races scheduled shall be eight (8)

8.2 The Race Committee will hold no more than two (2) races each day, provided however that a maximum of three (3) races may be sailed if determined necessary by the Race Committee given weather conditions to achieve an 8 - race series.

8.3 No Warning Signal will be made after 15:00 Saturday, June 21

Day	Event	Time
June 16, 2025	Registration check-in, boat and sail measurement	10:00 to 17:00
	Opening Ceremony & Dinner	20:00
June 17, 2025	Registration check-in, boat and sail measurement	10:00 to 16:00
	Practice race warning signal	14:00
June 18, 2025	Warning signal first race of the day	12:00
June 19, 2025	Warning signal first race of the day	12:00
June 20, 2025	Warning signal first race of the day	12:00
June 21, 2025	Warning signal first race of the day	12:00
	Prize giving Ceremony & Dinner	20:00

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 on the 15 and 16 of June unless other arrangements are made with the OA.

10. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

RRS 50 is not changed.

11. VENUE

Sea area near Yacht Club of Voula, Leof. Kon/nou Karamanli 12, Voula 166 73, Greece

12. COURSES

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

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44 as amended by NOR 1.4.2

14. SCORING

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

14.2. Three (3) Races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

14.3. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.

14.4. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes Appendix A.

15. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

15.1. Support and coach vessels must register with the OC 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. The Organizing Authority may, at its discretion, refuse support vessels entry to the venue if they are deemed unsuitable. Generally, open boats less than 7.6 meters in length, having minimal or no superstructure (cabin, coach house, bridge etc.), will be considered suitable.

15.4. [DP] Support vessels shall always display the country code(s) of the country/countries on board while on the water. Identification will not be provided by the Organizing Committee.

15.5. [DP] [NP] All personnel on board support vessels shall always wear life jackets.

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

16. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS [DP]

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]

[DP] Boats could be berthed or parked. There are two cranes to hoist and berths in the port.

18. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

The organizers plan to allow dry and wet sailing for the event.

19. CLEANING OF BOATS

There will be no undue restrictions on cleaning of boats.

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 Committee 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. PRIZES

21.1. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- Perpetual trophy for the ILCA World Champion
- Audrey Matteson Trophy to the highest placing Woman
- Smither Trophy to the highest placing first time skipper in the World Championship
- Youth Award to the youngest competitor
- Trophies for places 1 – 10
- Flags to winners of each race

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

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