



Rules Governing the Atlantic Coast Championship

ARTICLE I – GENERAL AUTHORITY

1. The ATLANTIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIP shall be governed by the Rules Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships except as herein provided.
2. The governing authority for this event shall be an Atlantic Coast Committee consisting of one member from each District encompassed by the Championship, appointed by the District Commodore. The chairman shall be a member of the District selected to hold the event.
3. The Atlantic Coast Committee shall serve a one year term and shall remain intact until a new committee has been appointed

ARTICLE II – TIME AND PLACED

1. In order that all Districts and Fleets may plan on a year-to-year basis, the ATLANTIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIP shall be conducted during one of the last three full weekends in July. The final date must be approved by the Executive Committee.
2. The event shall be held each year in a different Area beginning in 1964 and shall rotate from Area to Area in the following order:
 - Area 1: Dixie, Southeastern, and Florida Districts.
 - Area 2: Connecticut-Rhode Island, and New England Districts.
 - Area 3: Metropolitan New York, Long Island and Central Atlantic Districts.
3. An Area shall not be entitled to conduct the event unless at least one representative sails in the event the previous year.
4. Should an Area elect or be forced to pass, the event shall fall to the next in order of rotation.
5. The skipper finishing highest from the Area scheduled to hold the event the following year shall be entitled to take the event to his Club or District, subject to the approval of the Atlantic Coast Committee.
6. The exact location shall be announced to each District Commodore no later than February 15th each year.

ARTICLE III – ENTRIES

1. The ATLANTIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIP shall be open to all members of the ILCA who otherwise meet the eligibility requirements.
2. A Masters' Division will be scored separately. Minimum age of skipper is 55 years; minimum total crew age is 130 years. The skipper and crew meet the minimum age requirements if the age(s) is reached during the calendar year of the Championship.

ARTICLE IV – RACING CONDITIONS

1. The number of scheduled races shall be a maximum of five, weather conditions permitting. No race shall be started later than 3:00 P.M. Sunday. One race will constitute a regatta.

ARTICLE IV – AMENDMENTS

These Rules may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the skippers present at any Atlantic Coast Championship but such amendments cannot take effect until that particular Championship has been sailed.

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These rules were adopted by unanimous vote of the skippers present at the Atlantic Coast Championship at the Nyack Boat Club, August 7, 1963. (57 skippers were present.)

Revised 7/28/79 by unanimous vote of the skippers present at the ACC at Havre de Grace, MD. (27 skippers were present.)

Revised 7/29/95 by unanimous vote of the skippers present at the ACC at the Nyack Boat Club. (43 skippers were present.)

Revised 7/27/02 by unanimous vote of the skippers present at the ACC at Rehoboth Bay Sailing Association. (63 skippers present.)

Revised 7/27/13 by two-thirds vote of all skippers present at the ACC at Carolina Yacht Club, NC. (47 skippers were present.)

Revised 7/14/18 by two-thirds vote of all skippers present at the ACC at the Nyack Boat Club. (23 skippers were present.)

Revised 7/24/21 by two-thirds vote of all skippers present at the ACC at the Safe Harbor Wickford Cove Marina. (30 skippers were present.)