



July 23 through July 28, 2018

NOTICE OF RACE

This regatta is sanctioned by the International Lightning Class Association (ILCA) in accordance with the ILCA By-Laws. This regatta is also the country qualifier for the Pan-American Games LIMA 2019 and the US qualifier for the 2019 World Championship to be held in Finland in June 2019.

1. Rules

- 1.1. This regatta is governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships and Temporary Amendments will apply.
http://www.lightningclass.org/content.aspx?page_id=86&club_id=93488
- 1.3. Modifying RRS 42.3(c), "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 any sail using the sheet only, (not the guy) in order to initiate surfing or planing but each sail may be pulled in 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."
[SP]
- 1.4. The requirements of the Qualifying System as published by the Pan-American Sailing Federation (<http://panamsailing/1292-2>) shall apply for all boats competing to qualify their countries in the Lightning Mixed for the 2019 Pan American Games, Lima, Peru. The 2018 Lightning North American Championship will qualify the top 4 countries (not previously qualified) in the Lightning event. Note that:
 - Competitors intending to qualify a country in a LIMA 2019 event designated as MIXED will be required to compete as MIXED in the Qualifying Regatta, and
 - A competitor may qualify a country for the 2019 Pan American Games only when eligible to represent that country under IOC rules, and that the IOC Nationality rules shall apply to all members of the crew.
 - Once a competitor has qualified a country in any event, he or she may not thereafter qualify the country in another event.
- 1.5. In all rules governing this regatta;
 - [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury;
 - [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing; and

- [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. RRS 60.1(a) will be changed in the Sailing Instructions.

2. Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. Per World Sailing Regulation 20 (the Advertising Code), the International Lightning Class Association restricts advertising to hulls only. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. Eligibility for boats, skippers and crew shall be in accordance with ILCA By-Laws.
- 3.2. Each US and Canadian entry shall qualify for participation in the NAC by registering in their respective District Championship Regatta. The Executive Committee has announced a 1:1 quota.
- 3.3. Eligible boats may enter the regatta by completing the entry form and paying the entry fee by July 1. Entry registration will be available online beginning on or before March 1, 2018 at: http://www.lightningclass.org/content.aspx?page_id=87&club_id=93488&item_id=727376
- 3.4. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority with an additional fee of \$50 USD.

4. Registration and Fees

- 4.1. The entry fee of \$499 USD includes regatta registration, measurement, luau banquet (3 people) and Coffee with North/Tip of the Day.
- 4.2. Additional charges apply for the welcome dinner, extra luau banquet tickets, and box lunches which can be paid online at: http://www.lightningclass.org/content.aspx?page_id=87&club_id=93488&item_id=727376

5. Schedule

Monday, July 23

- 10am to 5pm: Boat measurement and check-in

Tuesday, July 24

- 9am to noon: Measurement and check-in
- 2pm: Start of practice race
- 6pm: Competitors' meeting
- 6:30pm: Welcome dinner

Wednesday, July 25

- 9am: Coffee with North/Tip of the Day
- 12pm: Start of first race of the day followed by subsequent races (3 races scheduled)
- 5pm: Race day debrief

Thursday, July 26

- 9am: Coffee with North/Tip of the Day
- 12pm: Start of first race of the day followed by subsequent races (3 races scheduled)
- 5pm: Race day debrief

Friday, July 27

- 9am: Coffee with North/Tip of the Day
- 12pm: Start of first race of the day followed by subsequent races (2 races scheduled)
- 6pm: Banquet

Saturday, July 28

- 9am: Coffee with North/Tip of the Day
- 12pm: Start of first race of the day followed by subsequent races (2 races scheduled). No warning signal will be given after 3pm on this last day of racing
- 4pm or after conclusion of events: Awards presentation.

6. Measurement

Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate.

7. Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions will be available after July 1, 2018 at:

http://www.lightningclass.org/content.aspx?page_id=87&club_id=93488&item_id=727376 and during check-in at MBYC.

8. Venue

8.1. This regatta will be sailed out of the Mission Bay Harbor in San Diego, California. Attachment A shows the location of the regatta harbor.

8.2. Races will be held in the ocean outside of the Mission Bay Harbor, approximately one mile north of the harbor entrance. Attachment B shows the location of the racing area.

9. Courses

9.1. Courses will be windward-leeward configurations.

9.2. Specific courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. Divisions & Scoring

10.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.2. 70 BOATS OR LESS

10.2.1. DIVISIONS AND QUALIFYING SERIES

10.2.1.1. Divisions— All competitors entitled to enter the North American Championships shall sail in the Championship Division.

10.2.1.2. Qualifying Series – There shall be no qualifying series for the 2018 North American Championship.

10.2.2. SCORING

10.2.2.1. The number of races scheduled shall be ten (10). If six (6) races or more are sailed, a competitor's worst race shall be dropped. This provision changes RRS A2, and it shall be included in the NOR and Sailing Instructions to be valid.

10.3. 71 BOATS OR MORE

10.3.1. PRELIMINARY SERIES

10.3.1.1. Preliminary Series Fleets - In the event 71 boats or more are entered, there shall be a Preliminary Series. All boats entered in the 2018 North American Championship Regatta shall be divided into four equal flights and shall sail a Preliminary Series. Flights shall be rotated between races so that each Skipper will have an opportunity to sail against as many different Skippers as possible. Six races shall be scheduled in the Preliminary Series, which shall be sailed in the first two days. If fewer than five races have been sailed by any flights in the first two days, the Preliminary Series will continue on the third day. If, at the end of the Preliminary Series some flights have more race scores than others, any extra races will be abandoned so that all boats in the Preliminary Series have the same number of race scores.

10.3.1.2. Preliminary Series Scoring – When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 6 Preliminary Series races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst Preliminary

Series score.

10.3.2. FINAL SERIES

- 10.3.2.1. Final Series Fleets If, by the end of the second day, at least five races have been sailed by all flights, the Preliminary Series will be terminated, and the boats will be split in Championship and President's Cup Fleets. The Championship and President's Cup fleets will be, as nearly as possible, of equal size but so that the President's Cup fleet is not larger than the Championship fleet. Any recalculation of Preliminary Series ranking after boats have been assigned to Championship or President's Cup fleets will not affect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a boat to the Champion fleet.
- 10.3.2.2. Final Series Scoring: 4 races shall be scheduled in the Final Series. No Races in the Final Series may be discarded. The Preliminary Series scored races (excluding any drop races, if applicable) and the Final Series races will count for total points in the championship.

11. Penalty System

- 11.1. In accordance with RRS 70.5 there is no appeal from an International Jury. If the requirements detailed in RRS 70.5 are not met, decisions by the protest committee may be appealed.
- 11.2. The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty."

12. Support Boats

- 12.1. 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) from the start of the first race to the finish of the last race of the regatta unless otherwise designated in the Sailing Instructions. 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 organizing authority. The penalty for failure to comply with any of these requirements may be disqualification of all yachts associated with the infringing support personnel. [DP]

13. Berthing and Car Parking

- 13.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned spaces while they are in the dry storage area.
- 13.2. Registered participants will be issued parking permits for up to one car to park in the MBYC parking lot. Permits must be placed on the dash board of the car.

14. Prizes

- 14.1. Trophies will be awarded to the top placing teams.
- 14.2. Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to the Champion, Runner-Up, 2nd Runner-Up and 3rd Runner-Up in the Championship Series
- 14.3. The Tom Fallon Trophy will be awarded to the last boat to qualify for the Championship Series, if applicable
- 14.4. The Swanson Trophy will be awarded to encourage and recognize women competitors in the North American Championship.
- 14.5. The Thomas McDermott Trophy will be awarded to the skipper who improves the most in position in the Preliminary Series from 2017 vs. the Preliminary Series 2018 if applicable.
- 14.6. The Thermis Trophy will be awarded to the highest placing skipper who is sailing in the Championship division for the first time.

- 14.7. A prize will be awarded for the highest placing Corinthian helmsman who will have reached his or her 65th birthday by the end of the calendar year.
- 14.8. A prize will be awarded for the highest placing Corinthian helmsman who will have reached his or her 75th birthday by the end of the calendar year. A Corinthian sailor is an amateur sailor similar to World Sailing Sailor Classification Code Group 1.

15. Qualification for Subsequent Event

- 15.1. The NAC will serve as the US qualifier for the 2019 World Championship to be held in Finland in June 2019.
- 15.2. US skippers will qualify in order of finish. Should this procedure fail to produce the number of qualifiers to which the Area is entitled, unused slots may be assigned by the Executive Committee.
- 15.3. The exact number of US slots will be announced according to the Governing Documents, but it is anticipated that 18 slots will be available to US Sailors.

16. Disclaimer of Liability and Insurance

- 16.1. 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.
- 16.2. All participating boats shall be insured with valid third-party insurance sufficient to cover liability for loss, damage or personal injury or death.

17. Electronic Communications

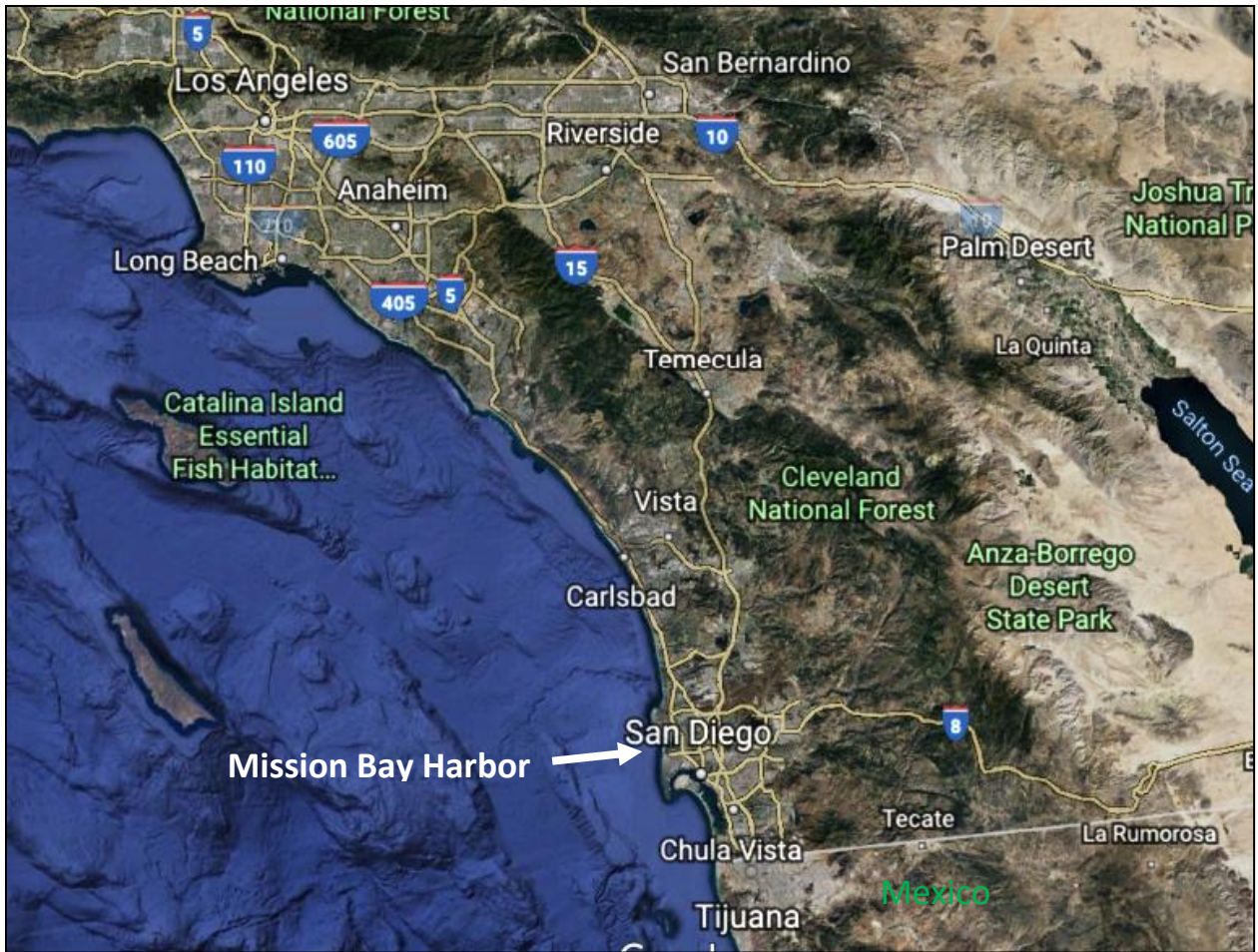
- 17.1. VHF Radios are allowed onboard with the following restrictions. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 17.2. The race committee may choose to make VHF radio communications to the fleet on a channel to be announced in the sailing instructions. It is strongly encouraged that each boat have a VHF radio on board capable of receiving these communications. It is recommended boats use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request or provide assistance in an emergency.
- 17.3. This section does not change RRS 2 and 41, and requesting assistance may require retirement.

18. Further Information

- 18.1. Laura Jeffers, ILCA Executive Secretary
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- 18.2. Mission Bay Yacht Club
Address: 1215 El Carmel Place, San Diego, CA 92109
Phone: 858-488-0501
Email: office@mbyc.org
Website: <http://mbyc.org/>
- 18.3. Bob Martin, Regatta Chair
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Attachment A

Location of Mission Bay Harbor



Attachment B
Location of Racing Area

