



**Harken Blockheads 2020 ILCA Youth World Championship
June 27 – July 1, 2020**

Organizing Authority: Sail Sheboygan and Sheboygan Yacht Club in conjunction with the
International Lightning Class Association (ILCA)
Sailing Venue: Sheboygan, WI

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020*, the *ILCA Constitution, By-Laws, Lightning Specifications* and the *Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships* (hereafter referred to as *Document Governing*).

1.2 The prescriptions of US Sailing that will apply are 40, 60.3, 67 and 76.1 and RRS Appendix R. These prescriptions may be found in Attachment A.

1.3 The following rules below will be changed/will apply and will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions (SI's). The SI's may also change other racing rules.

1.3.1 RRS 42.3(c) is changed to say: "Except on a beat to windward, when surfing down the leeward side of a wave or planning is possible, a boat's crew may pull *pump* the sheet, but not the guy, controlling any sail to initiate surfing or planning, but 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.

1.3.2 Appendix T ARBITRATION will apply.

1.4 INFORMING THE RACE COMMITTEE.

1.4.1 A boat intending to protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee.

1.6 UNDER RULE 87, CLASS RULES ARE CHANGED AS FOLLOWS:

1.6.1 VIII.3: Time limit shall be two (02) hours. If no boat rounds the first mark within forty-five (45) minutes, the race shall be abandoned and, if possible, resailed.

1.6.2 Safety equipment will be provided and must be carried onboard.

2 ADVERTISING

2.1 Competitor advertising will be according to World Sailing Regulation 20.2.1 and according to Article VIII, paragraph 2 of the Document Governing; advertising on sails is not permitted.

2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority (OA).

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to boats of the Lightning Class whose crew members are under 21 years of age by December 31, 2020. 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. Additional entries will be accepted on an equal basis up to a total fleet size of 20 boats.

3.2 Each Lightning National Class Association or National Authority shall inform the ILCA class office no later than February 1, 2020 of the number of boats that it would like to enter.

3.3 If a Lightning National Class Association or National Authority can not fill its two boat quota, those available slots will be reallocated to interested countries by February 15, 2020.

3.4 Each Lightning National Class Association or National Authority shall inform the ILCA class office no later than March 15, 2020 of the competitors that will represent their country.

Contact detail for the ILCA class office is as follows:

International Lightning Class Association (ILCA)

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3.5 Registration is available online from the ILCA class office <http://www.lightningclass.org/>. Completed registration must be returned with the entry fee and damage deposit to the ILCA class office no later than April 15, 2020. Competitors should also indicate the expected number of accompanying parents, friends and coaches to help the OA plan trips and events accordingly.

3.6 Registration received after April 15, 2020 will be subject to a \$100 late fee. Registration will close on May 1, 2020. If competitors are not registered by May 1,

2020 they will forfeit their right to participate in the Championship and their slot will be made available to other countries/competitors.

3.7 All participants are required to report to the registration desk in Sheboygan Yacht Club during the period registration is open to complete and confirm their registration for the event.

3.8 All competitors will be required to provide proof of their age with an official form of identification (such as a passport) at the time of registration.

4 BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

4.1 Boats will be provided by the OA. A system of draw will provide for fair boat rotation. Competitors shall bring their own sails and personal flotation devices (PFDs) which must be USCG Certified. Competitors may request use of a PFD from the OA for the duration of the event prior to arrival. Boat rotation for each day will be announced each morning. Damages or failure on the boats provided by the OA may be considered for redress.

5 FEES

5.1 Required fees are as follows:

- \$170 USD per Individual Entry including lodging, most meals, local transport, etc. Lodging will be provided for the nights of June 27, 28, 29, 30 and July 1. **OA will only guarantee lodging at the noted fee for those competitors that have requested lodging by April 15, 2020. Competitors that request lodging after April 15th may be subject to an additional fee to be determined at that time based on lodging rates.**
- Accompanying parents, friends and coaches will have to provide for their own lodgings/food/transport, etc. OA will make every effort to assist with inexpensive lodging suggestions, however, due to the high demand during the peak Summer tourist season lodging arrangements should be made as soon as possible.
- Damage deposit \$500.00 U.S. The damage deposit is refundable and has to be kept at a level of \$500.00 U.S. after possible damage. Damages beyond the \$500.00 U.S. deposit will be at the expense of the skipper at fault. Supplied boats will be insured under the ILCA borrowed boat insurance policy.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 June 27: Registration & Sail measurement – 1100-1800

June 28: Registration & Sail measurement – 0800
Practice Race
Races 1 & 2 – Warning signal TBA
Opening Ceremony

June 29: Racing – Warning signal TBA

June 30: Racing – Warning signal TBA

July 1: Racing – Warning signal TBA
Awards and Closing Ceremony

The ability to sail 3 races on one individual day will be subject to the judgement of the OA based on weather conditions and the ability to safely rotate boats.

No warning signal will be given after 1530 on July 1, 2020.

7 MEASUREMENTS

7.1 The masts of all boats will be tuned to specific measurements which competitors will not be able to adjust during the Championship.

7.2 A maximum of one (1) main, two (2) jibs and two (2) spinnakers will be measured and approved for the Regatta. All sails shall have Official ILCA Royalty Labels. Mainsail and spinnaker numbers shall be the same. Competitor mainsails are required to display the competitor's country designation.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be posted at least one month prior to the Championship on the ILCA website <http://www.lightningclass.org/> and will be available at the Sheboygan Yacht Club registration office.

9 VENUE

9.1 Sailing Venue: East of Sheboygan Harbor on Lake Michigan

10 THE COURSES

10.1 The course to be sailed will be windward - leeward.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 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.'

11.2 After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred. The Post-Race Penalty shall be (a) 20%, if taken before the protest time limit, or (b) 30%, if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.

11.3 Insert a new sentence after the second sentence of RRS 44.1: "When an infringing yacht has its spinnaker drawing at the time of the infringement, drops it completely while taking her penalty, and resets it immediately and has it drawing after the penalty, the penalty is a One-Turn Penalty."

12 SCORING

- 12.1** One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 12.2** (a) When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores
- (c) 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.

12.3 The maximum number of races will be 10

13 SUPPORT BOATS

13.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside the racing area (defined as 100 meters outside the laylines of the course including the starting area) from the warning signal, until the last boat has finished the last race of the day. If a support boat fails to comply this requirement, they may be reported to the Protest Committee. If the Race Committee (RC) needs the assistance of support boats during the rotation process, the RC will request such assistance on the specified VHF radio channel. Towing by coach boats is not allowed at any time during the regatta unless the RC has signaled that tows will be made available to all boats. If towing is signaled coach boats will be expected to help with towing all boats in a seamanlike manner. The speed limit inside Sheboygan Harbor is 5 miles per hour.

14 BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park and access will be restricted.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATION

15.1 VHF radios are allowed for communications with the RC per ILCA By-Laws, Article VIII, 5. b) 4) A. The RC intends to communicate with competitors using VHF channels 69, 71 or 72 as specified in the sailing instructions. The RC intends to communicate OCS boats using the same VHF Channel. Competitors should bring their own VHF radio. Failure or delay in this procedure shall not be ground for redress.

16 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

- Perpetual trophy for the ILCA Youth World Champion
- Trophies for places 1 - 5
- Flags to winners of each race
- Shipshape Award
- Thomas Allen Youth Worlds Sportsmanship Award

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Fundamental Rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA 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.

18 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured by the ILCA borrowed boat policy

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

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20 REGATTA LOGISTICS & AREA INFORMATION

Passports & Visas:

A passport is required by all competitors entering the United States from another country. A visa may be required for citizens of certain countries who should check for applicable requirements at least 2 months prior to the event.

Drugs and Alcohol

The legal drinking age in the USA is 21. Use of illegal drugs and alcohol by competitors will not be tolerated. Competitors found in violation of this policy may be subject to disqualification.

Airport & Transportation:

The closest major airports to Sheboygan, WI are General Mitchell International in Milwaukee, WI and O'Hare International Airport in Chicago, IL.

Ground transportation to Milwaukee is available from O'Hare here: www.coachusaairportexpress.com.

Ground transportation from Milwaukee may be coordinated with the OA or through www.goriteway.com

Accommodations:

Housing for competitors will be provided by host families in the Sheboygan area.

Sight-seeing & events:

Events are planned for competitors for dinner each night of the event. The Opening Ceremony on June 27th and the Closing Ceremony on July 1st will have tickets available for purchase by friends, family and coaches. Lunch will be provided either on the water or onshore during boat rotations. Competitors will be expected to have breakfast with their host families or are free to make their own arrangements.

There will be a trip to Harken World Headquarters for a tour and dinner at their facilities for all competitors.

ATTACHMENT A - US Sailing Prescriptions

The following US Sailing Prescriptions will apply:

RRS 40 PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES; LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT

After RRS 40 add:

US Sailing prescribes that every boat shall carry life-saving equipment conforming to government regulations that apply in the racing area. Go to rules.ussailing.org and click the 'PDF' link for more information.

RRS 60.3 A protest committee may: After rule 60.3 add US Sailing prescribes that rule 60.3(b) is changed to:

(b) request redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress; or

RRS 67 DAMAGES

After RRS 67 add US Sailing prescribes that:

(a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.

(b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.

(c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

RRS 76.1: After RRS 76.1 add US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.

APPENDIX R PROCEDURES FOR APPEALS AND REQUESTS

See <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2017-2020-US-Prescriptions-final-10.4.2016.pdf> for text of Appendix R.