



2015 Lightning Women's, Junior and Masters (WJM)  
North American Championship  
Tawas Bay Yacht Club  
East Tawas, Michigan  
August 6-9, 2015

## 1 RULES

1.1 The organizing authority is the Tawas Bay Yacht Club ("TBYC") in conjunction with the International Lightning Class Association ("ILCA").

1.2 The 2015 WJMs Lightning North American Championships will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*, the *ILCA By-Laws* and the *Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships*.

1.3 The rules identified below will be changed and will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions 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 (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."

1.3.2 RRS 44.1 is changed to say: "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."

1.3.3 Appendix A – Scoring A2 is changed per section 11 of this document that states the number of races needed for a drop.

1.4 VHF radios are allowed for communications with the RC per Lightning Class By-Laws Article VIII 5. b) i) 4) A). The Race Committee intends to communicate with competitors and hail OCS boats using VHF.

## 2 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

2.1 The Women's Lightning North American Championship is open to all female sailors (skipper and crew).

2.2 The Juniors' Lightning North American Championship is open to all eligible sailors (skipper and crew) who will not reach their twentieth (20th) birthday on or before 12/31/15. Each Junior entrant must submit a signed Junior Medical Emergency Form and Junior Competitors Agreement.

2.3 The Masters' Lightning North American Championship is open to all eligible skippers who will reach their fifty-fifth (55th) birthday on or before 12/31/15. The minimum combined age of the skipper and crew, as of 12/31/15, is 130 years.

2.4 All skippers must be ILCA Life, Active, or Associate members in good standing. All crew must be ILCA Members. Masters' & Juniors' participants must show a photo ID, or proof of age, at registration.

2.5 At registration, each competitor will be required to sign a waiver for loss, damage or injury to persons or property incurred in conjunction with the regatta, on the property of TBYC, or on the water, or during

participation in any individual race of the regatta, or from the actions of the ILCA, its officers, the protest committee, the race management team and any sponsors of the Regatta and their members, officers, governors and agents, from liability for such damage or injury.

2.6 Eligible boats may enter online at [www.2015wjm.com](http://www.2015wjm.com) or [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) Late entries will be accepted at registration for an additional fee, (see below.)

### **3 FEES**

3.1 Registration fees (in US dollars) are as follows:

Women's, Masters' \$175

Juniors' \$100.00

Registration includes food and drinks Thursday, August 6, 2015 and Saturday, August 8, 2015.

3.2 Other fees:

If not a US Sailing Member \$25 additional

Late fee, entry after 8/1 \$25

Late fee, at registration on 8/1 \$50

Saturday dinner fees (per person) Guest \$25

Purchased on or after 8/1 \$35

Guest pass for Social Events \$25

### **4 QUALIFICATION FOR OTHER LIGHTNING REGATTAS**

4.1 From this 2015 Women's, Juniors', and Masters' Championships one or more Skippers, not previously qualified through their District, shall be entitled to enter the North American Championship Regattas in accordance with the following formula: One Skipper qualifies if the Fleet consisted of 1 to 10 boats; two qualify if 11 to 20 boats; three qualify if 21 to 30 boats, etc.

4.2 The two US Junior skippers having the best scores among those born on or after 1/1/95, willing and able to represent the US, shall be named the US entrants for the 2016 Lightning World Youth Championship Regatta. As a clarification, neither the skipper nor crew can turn 20 years old in the year they sail the 2016 World Youth Championship.

### **5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

#### **Day, Date Time Activity**

Thur. Aug 6: 0900 - 1600 Registration and Measurement

1400 Warning for Practice Race

1700 Welcome and Competitors Meeting

1730 Refreshments, casual dinner to follow

Fri, Aug 7: 1100 First Warning

After racing refreshments. Dinner on your own in East Tawas or Tawas City

Sat, Aug 8: 1100 First Warning

After racing refreshments. Dinner and entertainment to follow

Sun, Aug 9: 1000 First Warning

1400 No Warning after this time

After racing refreshments

Awards presentation immediately following completion of the day's races

### **6 BOAT MEASUREMENT**

6.1 Boats must hold and present a valid Measurement Certificate at measurement and must display a current ILCA membership decal. Boats, sails, spare sails and equipment will be measured and inspected in accordance with Article VIII of the Lightning Class By-Laws.

6.2 Competitors are advised that the Chief Measurer or a designated representative may make spot measurements and inspection of required equipment during the Championships.

6.3 Boats measured for the 2015 Pan American Games, 2015 International Masters or World Championships need not be re-measured.

### **7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available at registration and on the event web site:

[www.2015wjm.com](http://www.2015wjm.com) or [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com)

## **8 VENUE**

The racing area will be on Tawas Bay, approximately ¾ mile west of TBYC. See event web site for chart.

## **9 COURSES**

The planned courses are windward – leeward, with a 0.75 to 1.5 nm weather leg length.

## **10 Penalties**

US Sailing Prescriptions Appendix T sections B and D will apply.

## **11 SCORING**

11.1 A maximum of 8 (eight) races is scheduled for the Women's and Junior Divisions and 6 (six) races for the Master's Division, of which one shall be completed to constitute a regatta.

11.2 If 6 (six) or more races are sailed, a boat's worst score shall be excluded.

## **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 first warning signal of the day until the last boat has finished the last race of each day, unless otherwise designated in the SI's.

12.2 The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be the disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing support personnel.

## **13 MEDIA**

By participating in this regatta, a competitor grants to the organizing authority and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

## **14 PRIZES**

14.1 Prizes will be awarded to top placing skippers and crews in each of the fleets.

14.2 Perpetual Trophies will be presented to the North American Champion in the Women's, Juniors', and Masters' fleets.

14.2a The highest placing skipper who has reached his or her 65<sup>th</sup> birthday by Dec. 31, 2015 shall win the Grand Master trophy

14.2b The highest placing skipper who has reached his or her 75<sup>th</sup> birthday by Dec. 31, 2015 shall Win the Great Grand Master trophy

## **15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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