

2024 Lightning Lake Erie Districts
2024 Lightning Canadian Open Championship
Buffalo Canoe Club
July 5-7

1. RULES

The organizing authority (OA) is the Buffalo Canoe Club (BCC), Lake Erie District and ILCA. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the 2021 – 2024 *Racing Rules of Sailing and the ILCA Constitution, By-Laws, and the Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships (hereafter referred to as Document Governing)*.

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. (Amended 7/25/13)

RRS 44.1 is changed by these Sailing Instructions #12 PENALTIES WHILE RACING. Document Governing ARTICLE VIII – RACING CONDITIONS #9 does not apply.

VHF radios are allowed for communications with the Race Committee (RC) per ILCA By-Laws, Article VIII, 5. b) 4) A. The RC intends to communicate with competitors using VHF and intends to hail OCS boats using VHF channel 72. Competitors should bring their own VHF radio.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted online on the Official Notice Board located online at [Official Notice Board](#).

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located in front of the clubhouse. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than one (1) hour after AP is lowered.

4. SCHEDULE

A competitors’ meeting will be held Saturday, 7/06/24 at 1000 on the BCC East lawn. The Warning signal for the first race will be at the times listed below. Races are scheduled as follows except as may be revised where such revisions are posted according to Section 3 or announced at the Competitor’s meeting. No race will be started after 1400 on Sunday, 7/7/24. A total of 6 races are scheduled. 1 race constitutes a regatta. If 6 races are completed, a competitor may discard their worse race.

July 6 0800 – 0800-1000: Registration

1000	Competitors Meeting (East Lawn)
1130:	First Warning, additional races to follow
	Post-race refreshments followed by dinner

July 7

1030	Frist Warning, additional races to follow
1400	No Warning Signal after this time

Awards immediately following races

5. CLASS FLAGS

The following signal flag colors or symbols will be displayed in accordance with RRS 26: Class Flag – Lightning Symbol Class Flag

6. CHECK-IN AND BOAT IDENTIFICATION

All competing yachts shall check in at the Signal Vessel prior to the first warning signal.

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be southeast of the BCC on Lake Erie.

8. COURSES and MARKS

The course will be windward-leeward and will be designated with a placard displaying W3, W4 or W5. Original marks will be orange inflatable shapes. Change marks will be yellow inflatable shapes. The attached diagram shows the course, course designations, the marks in order and the rounding direction of each mark.

9. STARTING AND FINISHING LINES and STARTING SYSTEMS

The starting and finishing lines will be between a Signal boat staff bearing an orange flag and an orange mark or a pin boat displaying an orange flag. If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at the start and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her bow or sail number on VHF channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast or to make such broadcast timely with respect to the starting signal will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a). No competing yacht shall start five (5) minutes after the official start of any race.

10. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

When changing the course after the start in accordance with Rule 33, the race committee will lay a new mark (yellow) and will remove the original (orange) mark as soon as practical. In the case of a course change after the start, Mark 1A will not be replaced and will no longer be a part of the course.

11. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each race will be seventy-five (75) minutes for the first boat to finish. Boats finishing more than twenty (20) minutes after the first boat that sails the course finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35. **Target time per race is 45-55 minutes.**

12. PENALTIES WHILE RACING

PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT

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.'

13. POST-RACE PENALTIES

PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE

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.

14. EXPEDITED HEARINGS

INFORMING THE RACE COMMITTEE

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.

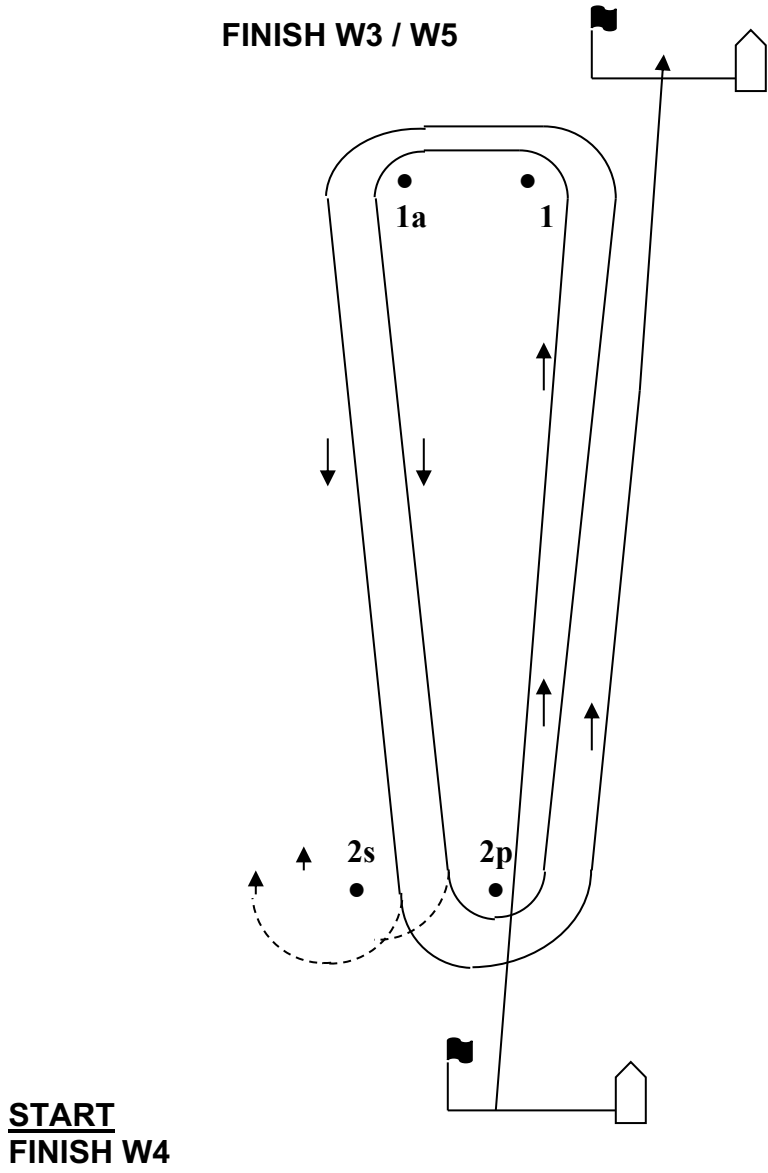
15. SCORING

The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A 4.1 will apply. All scores will count except if at least six (6) races are completed, each boat's worst score will be excluded from her series score. One (1) completed race shall constitute a series.

16. TROPHIES

Top 3 Finishers

COURSES



Course "W3" Start-1-1A-2s/2P-Finish

Course "W4" Start-1-1A-2S/2P-1-1A-Finish

Course "W5" Start-1-1A-2S/2P-1-1A-2S/2P-Finish