



International Lightning Class
2019 CT/RI District Championship Regatta
Housatonic Boat Club – Lightning Fleet 6
June 22nd and 23rd 2019

This regatta is sanctioned by the International Lightning Class Association (ILCA) in accordance with the ILCA By-Laws. This regatta is also the District Championship for the Connecticut/Rhode Island District.

1. Rules

1.1. This regatta is governed by USSA 2017-2020 Race Rules of Sailing and the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 The organizing authority (OA) is the Housatonic Boat club

1.3 Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships and Temporary Amendments will apply.

http://www.lightningclass.org/content.aspx?page_id=86&club_id=93488

1.4 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

1.5 RRS 44 is changed to add the following: "The two turns penalty as provided in RRS Rule 44 will apply with the additional provision that 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 one full turn instead of two."

2. Advertising

Advertising shall be in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 except that it shall be restricted to the hull only in accordance with Article VIII (2) of the Document Governing.

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1. Eligibility for boats, skippers and crew shall be in accordance with ILCA By-Laws.

3.2 Eligible boats may enter the regatta by completing the entry form and paying the entry fee by June 1, 2019. Entry forms will be available online beginning on or before March 30, 2019 at <https://www.yachtscoring.com>

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 \$140 includes; Regatta registration, Saturday evening dinner, music and beverages (3 people). Coffee and continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning. Trophies. Lunches are not provided.

Register online at <https://www.yachtscoring.com>

5. Schedule

Friday June 21

- Check-in and rigging

Saturday June 22

- Check-in and rigging
- 1030 Harbor Start
- 1200 First Warning
- Up to 4 races may be sailed
- Dinner and live music at HBC Clubhouse and deck

Sunday June 23

- 930 Harbor Start
- 1030 First Warning
- No warning after 1400
- Awards Presentation on club deck after sailing

6. Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions will be available after June 15, 2019 at <https://www.yachtscoring.com> and also at www.housatonicboatclub.com

7. Venue

8.1. This regatta will be sailed in the vicinity approximately 1.5 miles southeast of end of the Housatonic River Breakwater (See Section 16)

8. Courses

8.1 Courses will be windward-leeward configurations.

8.2 Specific courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

9. Scoring

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

9.2. Qualifying Series – There shall be no qualifying series for the 2019 District Championship.

9.3 The low point system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

9.4 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2. 10.3. When six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

9.5 A maximum of 6 (six) races is scheduled for the District Championship Regatta.

10. Berthing and Boat Storage

Boats will be hauled and launched each race day.

11. Prizes

11.1 Trophies will be awarded to the top placing teams.

11.2 Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to the District Champion

12. Disclaimer of Liability and Insurance

12.1. 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.

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

13. Electronic Communications

13.1. Use of hand-held VHF radios will be permitted for communication from the Race Committee to competitors on a predetermined channel to be identified in the Sailing Instructions. The Race Committee intends to use VHF radio to identify OCS (On Course Side of the line) boats after starts and otherwise communicate with the fleet on the water. Failure to receive a hail, for a hail to be made, the order of hails made, or receive other communications to the fleet shall not be cause for redress.

13.2. Other use of any communication devise is prohibited, and such use shall require withdrawal from the race unless determined by the Race Committee to have been for emergency purposes.

14. Further Information

14.1. Lee Henchman; email lhenchman@gmail.com or Phone: 203-668-5940 or Brian Hayes; brian.hayes@northsails.com.

14.2 Website: <http://www.housatonicboatclub.com>

14.3 Housatonic Boat Club, P.O Box 694, Stratford CT 06615

15. Logistics

15.1 The Housatonic Boat Club sits on the Housatonic River with an approximately a 1.5 mile sail on the river to Long Island Sound. The regatta is scheduled based on tides so

that the fleet will sail out to the race course on the ebb and back in, at end of days racing, on a flood tide. There is one hoist at the club. Outdoor showers are available.

15.2 Lodging or camping is not available on the club grounds. There may be very limited local housing available. Contact Brian Hayes (brian.hayes@northsails.com) for lodging options. There are many budget hotels within a 10-15 minute drive to the club.

15.3 Please note that on Saturday June 22nd, the Hope Regatta, a charity event, will be starting just prior to the Lightning Class 1st Warning. Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker PHRF classes will be starting using the same RC Boats and will be sailing a single race around government marks, and then finish at a different RC Boat, in another location, away from the Lightning Class race course. This is for Saturday racing only and Lightning class starts will begin as soon as practical after the Hope Regatta classes all start.

16. Race Area

