



PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGIONAL DISTRICT LIGHTNING  
and  
WESTERN CANADIAN LIGHTNING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Royal Vancouver Yacht Club  
July 30 – August 1, 2022  
Scott Point, Saltspring Island, Canada

## Notice of Race

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The *Lightning Regatta Mooring and Shoreside Regulations* will apply to all boats, and to related crew and support people. The regulations can be found at the regatta website

### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located at the regatta website.

### 3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at the regatta website, at [www.royalvan.com/lightning](http://www.royalvan.com/lightning).
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The Pacific Northwest Regional District Championship is open to all boats of the International Lightning class that are paid members of the International Lightning Class Association.
- 4.2 The Western Canadian Lightning Class Championship is open to all boats of the International Lightning class.
- 4.3 Boats can race for one or both Championships as declared by the skipper before the start of race one.
- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter by applying to Bill Cote at [soleilsansfin@aol.com](mailto:soleilsansfin@aol.com) before 2000 on July 25, 2022.

### 5 FEES

- 5.1 There is no entry fee for the event.

### 6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Day 1 – Saturday, July 30  
3 races are scheduled, in a stadium format in Long Harbour.

Day 2 – Sunday, July 31  
Entries will compete in the Owl Island Race and the Welbury Bay Race

Day 3 – Monday, August 1  
Reserve day, for races not yet sailed.

- 6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1100.
- 6.3 No warning signal will be displayed after 1600 each day.

## **7 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

- 7.1 Boats sailing in the Pacific Northwest event shall indicate the existence of a valid measurement certificate. A certificate is not required for boats sailing in the Western Canadian event.
- 7.2 All safety equipment required by the International Lightning Class Association and local authorities will be randomly spot checked before 10:00 hrs July 30.
- 7.2 Boats requiring measurement will need to compete this by 20:00 hrs on July 29 on site.
- 7.3 Life jackets or Personal Flotation Devices (“PFD”), must be worn at all times by all participants while racing.

## **8 Obstructions**

Competitors must watch for Orcas and other whales and maintain the distances as required by Fisheries and Oceans Canada and must maintain the distance away from ferries as required by Transport Canada.

## **9 PENALTY SYSTEM**

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## **10 SCORING**

One race is required to be completed to constitute a series

## **11 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS**

A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

## **12 BERTHING**

Free berthing is available at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club docks which will be shared with club members and their boats. Please be courteous to all as it may be crowded.

## **13 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

The club launching ramp is available for launching and hauling out. Once launched, haul out between races is not permitted unless agreed with the race committee to affect repairs.

## **14 MEDIA RIGHTS**

By participating in the event competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any still or motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

## **15 RISK STATEMENT**

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

## **16 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

## **17 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1 million per incident or the equivalent.

## **18 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given for first, second and third for each championship. Prizes will be awarded on the dock after the last race.

## **19 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact Bill Cote at [soleilsansfin@aol.com](mailto:soleilsansfin@aol.com) for information on travel, ferries and accommodation. There is no accommodation available on site. B & Bs, hotels and campsites are available.

A limited amount of billeting is available with club members. Please book early as this is the height of the tourist season and a holiday weekend in BC.

Between docks B and C there is a new floating dock with BBQ and picnic tables.

Some refreshments and finger food will be provided through from launching, before and after racing and during haul outs.