



PACIFIC COAST LIGHTNING CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

Royal Vancouver Yacht Club
June 24 – June 25, 2023
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, www.royalvan.com/lightning
- 1.3 This event is sanctioned by the International Lightning Class Association

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 end of 'A' dock.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located at the end of 'A' dock. Notices may also be available on the regatta website, 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 Coast Lightning Championship is open to all boats of the International Lightning class.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by applying to Bill Cote at soleilsansfin@aol.com before 2000 on June 15, 2023.

5 FEES

- 5.1 There is no entry fee for the event.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Day 1 – Saturday, June 24

4 races are scheduled, in a stadium format in Long Harbour.

Day 2 – Sunday, June 25

2 races are scheduled, in a stadium format in Long Harbour

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 Shroud tension will be measured to ensure it is in accordance with International Lightning Class Association rules.

7.2 All safety equipment required by the International Lightning Class Association and local authorities will be randomly spot checked before 10:00 hrs June 24, 2023.

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 for Lightning boats 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

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

18.2 The trophy for first place will be provided by the International Lightning Class Association.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Bill Cote at 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.

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