

# Lightning Class Season Series

July 14 – August 25, 2020

South Shore Yacht Club

Lightning Fleet 79

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, and the Rules of the International Lightning Class.
- 1.2 ILCA membership is encouraged.
- 1.3 All competitors should read and adhere to the *SSYC Sail Racing Fleets COVID-19 2020 Season Guidelines* and adhere to them as appropriate.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the SSYC derrick house.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1700 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore may be verbally and displayed on the SSYC flag mast.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in the race signal AP.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Dates of racing:  
2 races are scheduled for each Tuesday from July 14<sup>th</sup> through August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1830, except that August 18 and 25 it is 1815.
- 5.3 Two (2) boats are required in the starting area to start a race.

### 6 RACING AREA

The racing area will be at the south end of the Milwaukee harbor between the Main and the South Gaps. See Illustration A.

### 7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 The diagram in Illustration B shows the course, including the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 7.2 No later than the preparatory signal, the race committee signal vessel will hail the number of legs of the race.

### 8 MARKS

The marks will be, orange, yellow, or red inflatable or ball throw-in buoys.

### 9 THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started by using Appendix U, Audible-Signal Racing System.
- 9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard end RC vessel and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 9.3 Rule 29.1 is changed that if any boat(s) violates rule 29.1, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number or name. Failure to hail or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

### 10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position or lay a new mark.
- 10.2 The race committee may adjustment the position of marks without signaling a change in course, provided no boat has started the leg to the mark that is being changed. This changes RRS 33.

## 11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee vessel and the nearby finishing mark.
- 11.2 The race committee may finish boats still racing and award their places based on their position at the time of the race's termination. Termination of a race will be signaled by the lowering of the finishing flag with hail or sound signal.

## 12 PENALTY SYSTEM

For a boat that has her spinnaker drawing, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty, including dropping the spinnaker completely, resetting it, and have it drawing immediately after the penalty. This changes RRS 44.

## 13 TIME LIMITS

The time limit is 50 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored one more than the last boat that finished. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A9.

## 14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 A boat intending to protest must notify the race committee at the finish of her intent to protest and the identity of the protested party. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 14.2 Protest forms are available at the SSSYC office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the race committee PRO within 1 hour after docking of the race committee finish vessel.

## 15 SCORING

- 15.1 The scoring system is as follows:  
Appendix A, including RRS A9, RACE SCORES IN A . . . , except as indicated by SI 13, TIME LIMITS
- 15.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.3 (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed , a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.

- (b) When from 4 to 7 races have been completed , a boat's score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- (c) When from 8 to 11 races have been completed , a boat's score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her 2 worst scores.
- (d) When 12 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her three worst scores.

## 16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 U.S. Coast Guard approved PFDs, with a secured whistle attached, shall be carried on the water for each person on board and shall be worn as conditions warrant.
- 16.2 Check-in: Each boat shall, prior to her start, sail by the RC signal vessel when it is anchored, hail her sail number and the last name of the competitor, **and be acknowledged by the race committee.**
- 16.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible, or she shall report it to the PRO ashore.
- 16.4 The Race Committee may direct a boat to retire to shore for safety reasons. The boat will be scored Did Not Finish, and it will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 16.5 When a race is abandoned by flag N over flag H or A, all boats shall return to the dock immediately.
- 16.6 Each boat shall carry a paddle, bucket, throwable cushion with whistle, anchor with 100' of line and have an operational centerboard preventer line. A VHF Marine radio is also encouraged.

## 17 PRIZES

- 17.1 The South Shore Yacht Club Lightning Fleet Perpetual Fleet Champion Trophy will be awarded to the lowest scoring boat along with season series trophies at the SSSYC winners' dinner.

Illustration A

Racing Area

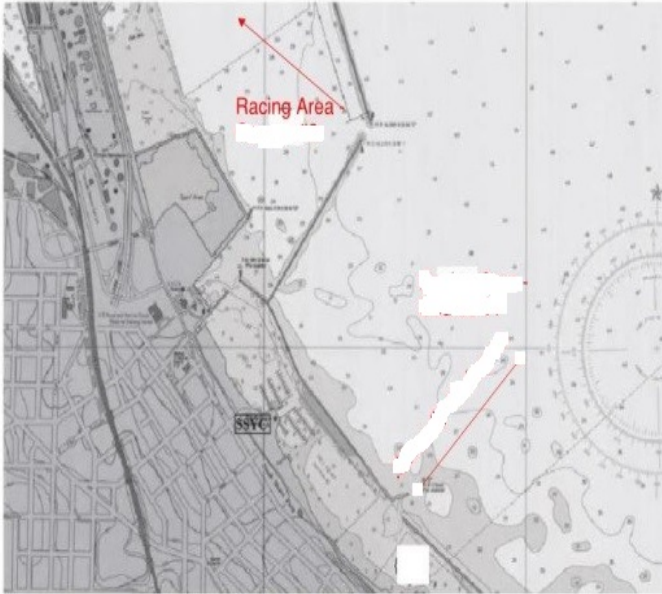
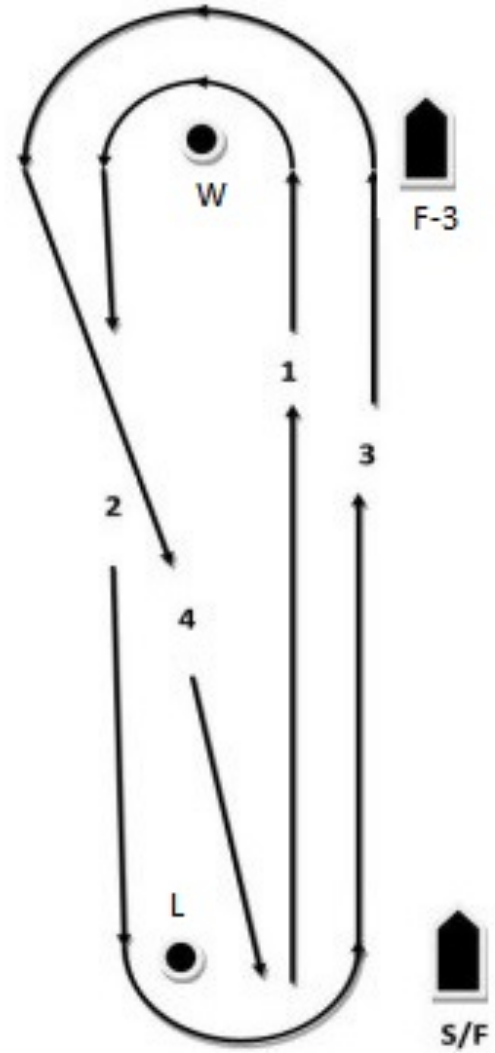


Illustration B

Course Diagram



Courses

- 2 Start - W - Finish
- 3 Start - W - L - Finish
- 4 Start - W - L - W - Finish