

**International Lightning Class Association  
Southeastern Lightning District Championship  
Augusta Sailing Club**

Appling, GA

**June 8-9, 2024**



**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES**

- The regatta will be governed by the 2021-2024 edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the ILCA Constitution, By-Laws, Lightning Specifications and the Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships (hereafter referred to as Document Governing). They are available at <https://www.lightningclass.org/docs.ashx?id=328142>
- The Prescriptions RRS 63.2 and RRS 63.4 are deleted.
- Appendix V (“Post Race Penalties”) will be in effect.

**2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS** – Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the West porch at the Augusta Sailing Club Clubhouse.

**3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than 0930 on the day they will take effect.
- Any changes to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 1900 hours on the day before the change takes place.
- Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water by hail from the Signal Boat under code flag “L” in accordance with RRS 90.2 (c).

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the Augusta Sailing Club Clubhouse.
- When code flag “AP” is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in the RRS Race Signal “AP”.

**5. SCHEDULE OF RACES** – Races are scheduled as follows:

Saturday, June 8 <sup>th</sup>	830 - 1000	Check-In
	1000	Skippers Meeting at ASC Clubhouse
	1130	First Warning Signal. Subsequent races to follow
Sunday, June 9 <sup>th</sup>	1000	Warning Signal. Subsequent races to follow
	1430	No Warning After
		Awards Ceremony following racing

**6. CLASS FLAGS** – Class Flags will be the Lightning Class Flag.

**7. RACING AREA** – Lake Thurmond

## 8. COURSE

- The diagram shows the courses and the approximate angle between legs and the order in which the marks are rounded and the side on which each mark is to be passed. The course to be sailed will be designated by international code numeral flags. In the absence of flags, course boards may be used.
- If the offset mark (o) is missing, boats should sail to the leeward mark (2b or 2a) after rounding mark 1. This is in addition to RRS 34.
- The offset mark (o) will not be used with the change mark.
- The course diagram shows a gate which will be used if conditions permit. If conditions are such that a gate is impractical, only one leeward mark will be used and it shall be rounded to port.
- When changing the next leg of the course, the classes affected by the change will be designated on a white board displayed on the mark boat. This modifies RRS 33.

## 9. MARKS

Marks 1, 2a, & 2b	Orange Tetrahedron
Offset Mark (o)	White Ball
Starting Mark	Orange Flag or Ball
Finish Mark	Blue Flag or Orange Ball (see paragraph 11.3)
Change Mark	Yellow Tetrahedron

## 10. THE START

- Races will be started using RRS 26.
- The starting line will be a one part starting line between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat on the starboard end of the starting line and the port end starting boat with orange flag or an orange ball.
- A boat that has not started within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) for that race. This is in addition to A5.

## 11. THE FINISH

- The finish line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the RC boat on the starboard end of the finish line and the port end of the finishing boat with a blue flag.
- At the RC's discretion an Orange Ball may be used on the non-Signal Boat end of the finish line instead of the finishing boat with blue flag.

## 12. PENALTY TURNS

- See RRS V1.
- Any boat that does a penalty turn will report this fact to the Race Committee as soon as possible after finishing, giving sail number of the boat completing penalty turns. This is in addition to RRS 44.2 (DP).
- Appendix V2 (Post Race Penalties) is in effect.

## 13. TIME LIMITS

- The time limit for the first boat to finish is 90 minutes.
- Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and will be scored two more places than the last place finisher without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A 11 and A4.1.

**14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the RC race committee finish boat of her intention, including the sail number of the boat(s) being protested. This is in addition to RRS 61.1(a). (DP)
- Protest Forms will be available at the jury table near the "Official Notice Board". Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the finish Committee Boat has docked for the day and sounded a horn, which starts the time limit.
- Appendix V is in effect.
- Notices of scheduled protests or requests for redress hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to or named as witnesses. It is each boat's sole responsibility to check the Protest Notice Board to see if she is cited in a protest. Should any party fail to appear when called for a hearing, the Protest Committee may proceed in accordance with RRS 63.3(b). Representatives of boats who are parties to hearings and their witnesses shall remain on call in the vicinity of the protest hearing room until excused by the Protest Committee."

**15. SCORING**

- One (1) race must be scored to constitute a regatta.
- If less than 6 races are completed, each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores. When 6 or more races have been completed a boat series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**16. SAFETY**

- A boat that retires shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

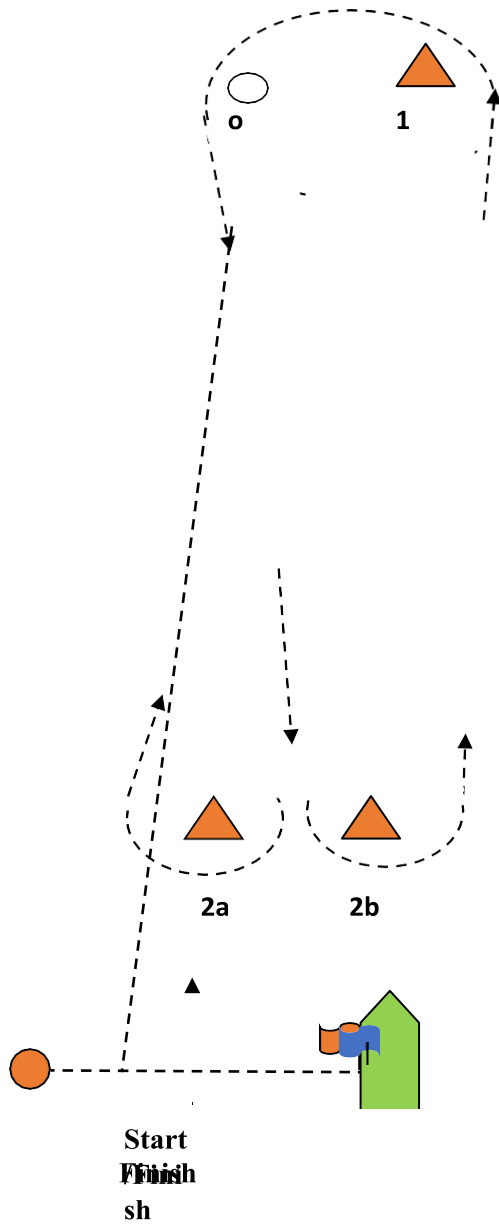
**17. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- The Race Committee will not respond to transmissions from competitors except to acknowledge retirement, protests, penalties reported or requests for emergency assistance. The race committee will use VHF channel 74. Alternate channels may be used at the discretion of the Race committee.
- The race committee broadcasts (hails or other communications, also considered broadcasts) concerning its intentions, the course to be sailed, starting times; course changes, etc. are a courtesy only. Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast, the channel of the broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for granting redress.

**18. PRIZES** – Prizes will be awarded according to the Notice of Race.

**19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk; see RRS 3 *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.

# Course Diagram (Leeward Finish)



WL2	S-1-o-F
WL4	S-1-o-2a/b-1-o-F
WL6	S-1-o-2a/b-1-o-2a/b-1-o-F