



OCEAN CITY YACHT CLUB

Lightning Fleet 430 Summer Season Series
Ocean City Yacht Club, Ocean City, NJ
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Revised 4/25/2022

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Should the fleet be sailing as part of a club regatta, the sailing instructions for that regatta will supersede these instructions with the exception of series scoring.

2. Entries

- 2.1. Eligible crews may be entered by completing registration and paying the established entry fee prior to first race of the season.

3. Notice to Competitors

- 3.1. Notice to Competitors will be posted on the club bulletin board before the start of races.
- 3.2. Changes to the schedule of races will be sent to competitors via email 24 hours prior to any scheduled races.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be from the club flag pole. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after the AP is lowered (can be less if all boats are available at the starting line).

5. Schedule and Class Flag

- 5.1. The schedule time of the warning signal for the first race each day is: 1300 hours.
- 5.2. Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.
- 5.3. The lightning class flag will be displayed when racing with other fleets.
- 5.4. The end of racing for the day will be communicated on channel 71 or the channel designated for the day.
- 5.5. Maximum of 4 races will be sailed. No race will begin after 3:30.

6. Racing Area

- 6.1. The racing area will be the bay in front of the Ocean City Yacht Club with the course indicated by the race committee start boat.

7. Courses and Marks

- 7.1. There will be 2 courses used for the series.

- 7.1.1. **Wx** – is a windward leeward course all marks left to port with x designating the number of legs in the race.
- 7.1.2. **Tx** – is a triangle course followed by windward leeward legs all marks left to port. x designates the number of legs in total.
- 7.2. Changes to the course will be according to RRS 32-34.
- 7.3. All efforts will be made to clearly identify racing and line marks for the day.

8. Starting and Finish Lines

- 8.1. The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the RC signal boat at the starboard end and either the course mark or separate starting mark on the port end.
- 8.2. Boats will not start later than three (3) minutes after their starting signal.
- 8.3. RRS-Appendix U will be used for the starting sequence. (*Please read Appendix U carefully*).
- 8.4. The finish line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the RC signal boat and either the course mark or separate finish mark.

9. Time Limit

- 9.1. The time limit for each race will be fifty (50) minutes for the first boat to finish.
- 9.2. Boats failing to finish within ten (10) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing.

10. Protests

- 10.1. Protests shall be in writing; forms available in the club office, and delivered to boat yard within twenty (30) minutes after the race committee boat docks. Must notify race committee at the finish of the race.
- 10.2. The Protest time limit and a list of protests will be posted on the club bulletin board within fifteen (15) minutes of the end of protest time.
- 10.3. The race committee will schedule the protest hearing with respect to the availability of committee members and the parties involved in the protest.

11. Scoring and Prizes

- 11.1. The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS A2 will apply, with 70% of best scores counted (rounded up). Did Not Start races counted in the 70% will be calculated as the average of all race participation for the entire summer series rounded up plus one. Any race days with the same or greater than the average will be scored according to the number of boats for that day.
- 11.2. Only registered series participants will be scored in the series.
- 11.3. Prizes will be determined by the Committee Chairperson.