

**Michigan Lightning District Championship  
Snipe District 3 Championship  
Finn Great Lakes Championship**

Organizing Authority: North Cape Yacht Club (NCYC)

July 10 – 11, 2021

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SI means that instruction is not grounds for protest or a request for redress by a boat. This changes rule 60.1.*

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the ILCA & SCIRA Rules for District Regattas.
- 1.2 The Two-Turns penalty of RRS 44 is changed as follows: "When an infringing boat has its spinnaker drawing at the time of the infringement, drops it completely while taking her penalty and resets it immediately and has it drawing after the penalty, the penalty is one turn instead of two."
- 1.3 The US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 60.3, 63.2 and 63.4 shall not apply. *This changes the NOR.*
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between these Sailing Instructions and any other document governing the event, the Sailing Instructions take precedence. *This changes RRS 63.7.*

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND INFORMATION MEETING(S)**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located on the window glass next to the north (main) entrance to NCYC.
- 2.2 There shall be a competitors' meeting at North Cape Yacht Club on Saturday, July 10 at 1100 hrs.

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted not less than 60 minutes prior to the first scheduled race on the day it shall take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races shall be posted by 1800 on the day before it shall take effect or by the protest time limit, whichever is later.

**4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the club flagpole at NCYC, southeast of the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in race signal AP. *This changes Race Signals AP.*

**5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 The first warning signal on Saturday, July 10 will be **1230 hrs.** No race shall be started after 1700 hrs.
- 5.2 The first warning signal on Sunday, July 11 will be **1000 hrs.** No race shall be started after 1430 hrs.
- 5.3 Subsequent races will be run as soon as practicable after the preceding race. Six (6) races in total are scheduled.
- 5.4 Flag A displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means, "No more racing today."

**6 CLASS FLAGS**

- 6.1 The Lightning class flag will be a Black Lightning insignia on a white background.
- 6.2 The Finn class flag will be a Blue Finn Class insignia on a white background.
- 6.3 The Snipe class flag will be a Blue Snipe Class insignia on a white background.
- 6.4

## **7 RACING AREA**

In the near shore waters of Lake Erie, approximately one mile east of NCYC.

## **8 THE COURSES**

- 8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the course designation.
- 8.2 The RC intends to have a gate at the leeward end of the course. However, a single leeward mark may be set, in which case it shall be left to port.
- 8.3 The RC signal boat shall display on its starboard side the course designation on a placard and may also display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2S and 2P (the gate) will be **orange** inflatable marks.
- 9.2 The offset mark (1A) will be a **white** "hippity-hop" style mark.
- 9.3 New marks, as provided in instruction 12, will be **yellow** inflatable marks.
- 9.4 The starting and finishing marks will be inflatable marks.

## **10 THE START**

- 10.1 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the mark as described in instruction 9.4.
- 10.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes RRS 63.1, A4.1 and A5.*

## **11 RECALLS [NP]**

- 11.1 After the starting signal the RC will attempt to hail the bow or sail number of boats that are OCS or in violation of RRS 30.1 or 30.2 on VHF channel 72.
- 11.2 The delay of such a hail, the order of hailing or the failure of a competitor to hear such a hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. *This changes RRS 62.1(a).*

## **12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the position of the next mark, the RC shall lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it shall be replaced by an original mark.

## **13 THE FINISH**

The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the mark as described in instruction 9.4.

## **14 TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1 The time limit shall be 150 minutes (2.5 hrs).
- 14.2 If no boat that has started rounds Mark 1 within 45 minutes, the race shall be abandoned
- 14.3 Boats still racing more than 30 minutes after the first boat to sail the course as described in RRS 28 and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. *This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4.1 and A5.*

## **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the notice board location. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered at either location within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC boat docks after the last race of the day or 60 minutes after the RC signals "No more racing today," whichever is later. *This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.*
- 15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the location and times posted on the official notice board.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee, or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

- 15.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a PC decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. *This changes RRS 62.2.*
- 15.6 If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS or ZFP on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than one hour after the protest time limit. *This changes RRS 62.2.*

## **16 SCORING**

- 16.1 *Section 9 of the NOR is deleted.*
- 16.2 Two (2) races shall constitute a series.
- 16.3 In accordance with RRS A2, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score after six (6) races have been completed.
- 16.4 The score for "OCS," "DNE," "UFD," "BFD," and "DSQ" shall be points equal to two more than the number of boats entered in the regatta. *This changes RRS A4.2.*

## **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]**

- 17.1 Before the start of the first race of the day, and after any postponement ashore, competitors are requested to sail past the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack and hail their sail numbers to check in.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

## **18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP][NP]**

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors beyond the final entry list shall not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless authorized by the RC. Request for substitution shall be made to the Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP][NP]**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the Technical Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **20 AWARDS**

- 20.1 Prizes will be awarded to the Lightning skippers and crews placing 1<sup>st</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> place, Finn skippers placing 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place and Snipe skippers and crew placing 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>rd</sup> place.
- 20.2 The Bruce Girkins Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the winning overall skipper in the Lightning Class. The Philip LeBoutillier Trophy will be awarded to the top-ranking NCYC skipper in the Lightning Class.
- 20.3 Snipe District 3 Championship Trophy will be awarded to the top finisher from District 3.

## **21 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS [DP][NP]**

- 21.1 The use of hand-held VHF radios while racing is permitted for the Lightning Class, but only for receiving communications from the race committee on VHF channel 72, and in emergencies.
- 21.2 The failure to receive such communications shall not be grounds for granting redress. *This changes RRS 62.1(a).*
- 21.3 Other use of any electronic communication device, including cellular telephones, is prohibited.

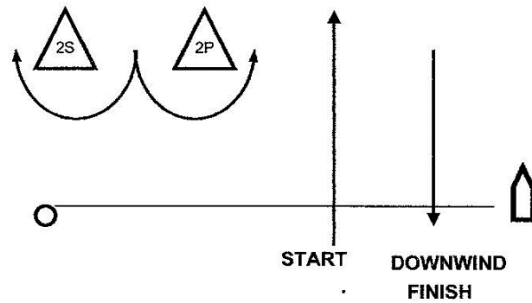
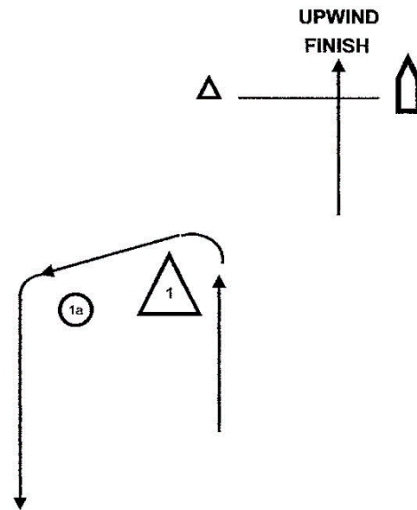
## **22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority shall not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

ATTACHMENT A  
ILLUSTRATING THE COURSES

Course Diagrams

NOT TO SCALE



**Courses –**  
#1 START – 1 – 1a – (2P-2S) – 1 – 1a – (DOWNWIND FINISH)  
#2 START – 1 – 1a – (2P-2S) – 1 – 1a – (2P-2S) – (UPWIND FINISH)