2025 Lightning Youth Invitational

August 2-3, 2025

Hosted by the Buffalo Canoe Club and Lightning Fleet 12   
Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules defined in the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Appendix T of the RRS and the prescriptions of US Sailing shall apply. The organizing authority (OA) is the Buffalo Canoe Club and the International Lightning Class..

1.2. The International Lightning Class Association (ILCA) By-Laws and “Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships,” hereinafter referred to as the “Document Governing,” will apply.

1.3. RRS 44 is changed to add the following: “The two turns penalty as provided in RRS Rule 44 will apply with the additional provision that when an infringing yacht has its spinnaker drawing at the time of the infringement, drops it while taking her penalty, and resets it immediately and has it drawing after the penalty, the penalty is one full turn instead of two.”

2. Eligibility and Entry

2.1 The regatta is open to boats of the International Lightning Class. One person turning 21 years or older in the current calendar year may be on the crew, but may not steer except in emergency situations.

2. . 2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the registration form available at the BCC on Saturday, August 2 at 9:30am.

3. Entry Fee

Required Registration Fee $25 USD or $30 CDN per team. Cash only. Late fee of $5 applies for any team paying after 10:05 am Saturday August 2, 2025. All proceeds to fund the BCC Boat Grant/Junior Sailing.

4. Sailing Instructions The sailing instructions will be announced verbally at the competitor’s meeting and one printed copy will be available to read at the registration desk.

5. Schedule

Registration Saturday August 2, 9:30-10am

Competitors Meeting Saturday August 2, 10:08am

Warning Signal First race Saturday August 2, 11:30am

Warning Signal First Race Sunday August 3, 10:30am

No Warning Signal after 1pm Sunday July 30

Multiple races are scheduled. No lunches provided, competitors should bring their own lunch/snacks/water on board daily.

A potluck dinner will be held, 6pm at a location TBD. Families of all sailors are invited and encouraged to attend.

6. RADIO COMMUNICATION.

6.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

6.2. VHF radios are allowed for communications with the Race Committee (RC) per ILCA By-Laws, Article VIII, 5. b) 4) A. The RC intends to communicate with competitors using a VHF channel announced at the Competitor’s Meeting and intends to hail OCS boats using VHF

7 VENUE

The racing area will be in Lake Erie near or in Abino Bay

8. Marks and Courses

The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

9. SCORING

9.1 The low point system of RRS appendix A will apply.

9.2 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

9.3 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

10. Safety

10.1. SAFETY REGULATIONS: Each boat shall carry safety equipment conforming to government regulations class rules, and US Sailing or ISAF rules. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

10.2. A Coast Guard-approved PFD must be worn and fully secured at all times while afloat, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. Whistles permanently attached to the PFDs are recommended. Failure to wear a proper lifejacket will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes rule 40 and the Part 4 Preamble.

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11. SUPPORT BOATS

Coaching of all competitors is encouraged between races. Coaching during the race from the designated BCC Junior Lightning Coach is permitted and will be available to all competitors.

12. Berthing

Boats will be drysailed and shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the drysail area. Boats will be launched and hauled by ramp. Competitors should be prepared to have their trailers submerged in fresh water.

13. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

14. Media

By participating in this regatta, a competitor grants to the organizing authority and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make use and show, from time to time, at their discretion any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

15. Further information

See Regatta Chairperson Debbie Probst (dkprobst@gmail.com) for additional information.

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