

**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**Lightning International Masters Championship**  
**Club de Yates Higuierillas**  
**Viña del Mar, Chile**  
**November 14-19, 2005**

1. **Organizing Authority:** The Lightning International Masters Championship Regatta is organized by the International Lightning Class Association (ILCA) in conjunction with the Clase Lightning de Chile (CLC) and the Club de Yates Higuierillas (CYH), and has been sanctioned in accordance with the By-Laws of the ILCA.
2. **Rules:** The Regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the Rules Governing All Lightning Class World Championship (Class Rules).
3. **Advertising:** The Regatta is designated Category C, except with no advertising on sails or spars other than makers' marks, as provided in the Class Rules. The forward part of the hull, 25% of the hull length excluding the bow numbers, of all participating boats in the event, shall be used to display advertising provided by the Organizing Committee.
4. **Eligibility and Entry:** The Regatta is open to all skippers who have reached their 55<sup>th</sup> Birthday by December 31, 2005. Minimum combined age of skipper and crew shall be 130 years as of December 31, 2005. Master skippers must be Life, Active or Associate members. Crew must be Life, Active, Associate, or Crew ILCA members. The Regatta entry fee is US \$150 on or before August 31, 2005. A late entry fee of US \$175.00 will apply to all entries accepted after that date.
5. **Registration:** Shall be on the Official International Masters Entry Form, accompanied with the prescribed entry fee, and must be received on or before August 31, 2005. Entries should be mailed to:

**Clase Lightning de Chile**  
**c/o Pablo Barahona**  
**Lo Beltran 2524**  
**Vitacura**  
**CHILE**

**OR**      **International Lightning Class Association**  
**P.O. Box 10747**  
**Murfreesboro,**  
**TN 37129**  
**USA**

Entry forms are available at the regatta web site ([www.lightning.cl](http://www.lightning.cl)) or can alternatively be obtained from the I.L.C.A. office web site (<http://www.lightningclass.org>) or the Organizing Committee.

6. **Schedule of Events:**

Nov 14	1000 – 1600 hours	Measurement and on-site registration
Nov 15	0800 – 1600 hours 1000 hours 1400 hours	Late Measurement and on-site registration Skippers Meeting (At Club de Yates Higuierillas) Warning Signal, for Preparatory Race
Nov 16	1030 hours	Warning Signal for first race of the day (up to two races)
Nov 17	1030 hours	Warning Signal for first race of the day (up to two races)
Nov 18	1030 hours	Warning Signal for first race of the day (up to two races)
Nov 19	1030 hours 1930 hours	Reserve day, Make up races if necessary (up to two races) International Masters Awards Ceremony and Dinner at BBYC

The Race Committee may adjust the racing schedule to suit weather conditions

7. **Sailing Instructions:** The sailing instructions will be available at the time of Registration and will be posted on the Official Notice Board as well as the official website for the regatta at [www.lightning.cl](http://www.lightning.cl).
8. **Racing Area:** The Racing area will be on the Con-Con Bay. A chart of the sailing area will be available to competitors at registration.
9. **Measurement:** Each boat and crew must present, at the time of measurement, valid certificates as required by Class Rules, and specifications. Measurement will be conducted based on Class Rules, specifications, and interpretations. A maximum of five sails (1 main, 2 jibs, and 2 spinnakers) will be measured and approved for use in the Regatta.
10. **Alterations of Racing Rules:** RRS 42.3 (b) will be altered to read: On a free leg of the course, when surfing (rapidly accelerating down the leeward side of a wave) or planning is possible, the yacht's crew may, in order to initiate surfing or planning, pump the sheet, but not the guy, controlling any sail, but only once for each wave or gust of wind. When the mainsail is pumped, only that part of the sheet between the crew member handling the sheet and the first block on the boom shall be used.

RRS 44.2 will be altered to contain the following additional provision: When an infringing yacht has her spinnaker drawing at the time of the infringement, drops it below the gooseneck while taking her penalty and resets it and has it drawing after the penalty, the penalty is one turn, instead of two, including one tack and one gybe.

11. **Alteration of Class Rules:** Article VIII, paragraph 3, second sentence of the Class Rules will be altered to read: A boat not finishing within thirty minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish".

Article VIII, paragraph 8, changes RRS 42.3(b) to read: The '720 degree penalty' is changed to 'Two-Turns Penalty'; RRS (2001-2004) is changed to (2005-2008); 'drops it completely' is changed to 'drops it below the gooseneck'; and 'one full turn or 360 degrees' is changed to 'one turn, including one tack and one gybe'.

12. **Number of Races and Scoring:** Six (6) races are scheduled. A minimum of three (3) races must be completed to constitute a Regatta. Scoring will be according to Article VIII, paragraphs 4 and 5, of the Class Rules. If the number of races completed is less than five (5), all races will be scored. If five (5) or more have been completed by the end of racing on November 18, the Regatta will be terminated, and scored on the basis of the completed races.

All regularly scheduled, abandoned, or postponed races not started by 1500 hours on November 19, 2005 shall be abandoned, the regatta terminated and scored on the basis of the race or races sailed. A race shall be deemed to have started by the deadline if the original start is within the deadline, regardless of subsequent recalls or postponements.

13. **Prizes:** Prizes will be awarded to each skipper and crew placing first to third in the regatta at an Awards Ceremony at the Club de Yates Higuierillas on Saturday, November 19, 2005 at 20:00 hours. All competitors are invited to participate in a "Friends" dinner at the Club de Yates Higuierillas following the Awards Ceremony.

**14. Insurance and Damages:**

- A. The Organizing Committee does not assume any responsibility of any sort regarding the participants and boats in the Championship as stated in the Entry Form. Competitors should have their own insurance covering all risks during the event.
  
- B. US SAILING prescription for RRS 68 shall apply. The rule follows:  
RRS 68.**Damages** The question of damages arising from a breach of any rule shall be governed by the prescriptions, if any, of the national authority. US Sailing prescribes that:
  - (a) a boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.
  - (b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
  - (c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of "assumption of risk" for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

**For further information, please contact:**

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