

NOTICE OF RACE
Lightning South American Championship
Club de Yates Higuierillas
Viña del Mar, Chile
November 14-19, 2005

1. **Organizing Authority:** The Lightning South American 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 Championships (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:** Eligibility for entry shall be in accordance with Articles V and VI of the Class Rules. Each South American country shall qualify for participation in the Championship through their local Championship.

Quota will be as follows:

- Four (4) boats for each country
- The Hosting Country may have double quota.

In addition, members of the Executive Committee, the Vice President of South American Championships, the World Champion, The South American Champion, The Hosting country Commodore and current Junior World Champion do not have to qualify and shall not count toward the country's quota; The Executive Committee and the Regatta Chairman may permit skippers from outside South America to compete provided that they are registered to compete in the 2005 Worlds; Additional entries for South American countries could be awarded if a country has more than 4 boats registered to compete in the 2005 World Championship. 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 South American 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
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CHILE

Entry forms are available at the CLC web site (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	1040 hours	Warning Signal for first race of the day (up to two races)
Nov 17	1040 hours	Warning Signal for first race of the day (up to two races)
Nov 18	1040 hours	Warning Signal for first race of the day (up to two races)
Nov 19	1040 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
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 26, 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. **Support Boats:** Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel shall stay outside the racing area (defined as 100 meters outside the lay lines of the course including the start area) from the start of the first race to the finish of the last race of the regatta unless otherwise designated in the Sailing Instructions. Individual competitors may not use support boats at any time during the regatta unless such support is available to all competitors or is authorized by the organizing authority. The penalty for failure to comply with any of these requirements may be disqualification of all yachts associated with the infringing support personnel.

14. **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.

15. **International Jury:** An International Jury will be appointed by the Organizing Authority in accordance with Appendix N

16. **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.

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