

**NOTICE OF RACE — INTERNATIONAL LIGHTNING CLASS ASSOCIATION**

2002 New England District Championships

Malletts Bay Boat Club — Colchester, VT — July 13 and 14, 2002

**ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:** The New England District Championship Regatta is organized by Lightning Fleet 301.

**RULES:** The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions of US SAILING, the Rules Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class District Championships (Class Rules), this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and any amendments thereto.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Eligibility for entry shall be in accordance with Articles V, VI, and XVI of the Class Rules, which Articles apply in their entirety. The following provisions are included here for emphasis only and are not intended to modify the Class Rules except where so noted. Yachts must hold a valid Measurement Certificate, including Mast Certification, and must display a valid membership decal and mast decal. Measurement certificates must be presented at time of measurement. All sails shall have Official Royalty Labels. Mainsail and spinnaker numbers shall be the same. Skipper must be a Life or Active Member of the ILCA. Crew must be Life, Active, Associate or Crew Members of the ILCA.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** The entry fee is \$60 for US Sailing Members or \$65 for non-US Sailing Members.

**REGISTRATION:** Registration and measurement will be held from 1800 to 2100 on Friday July 12, 2002, and from 0730 to 1000 on Saturday July 13, 2002.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

Friday, July 12	1800-2100	registration and measurement
Saturday, July 13	0730-1000	registration and measurement
	1000	Competitors Meeting
	1030	Harbor Start
	1130	Start Race 1, Races 2&3 to follow
Sunday, July 14	0900	Harbor Start
	1000	Start Race 4, Race 5 to follow
		Awards will be presented immediately after sailing.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:**

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The Race Committee may adjust the racing schedule to suit weather conditions. No races may be started after 1400 on Sunday July 14, 2002.

**BOAT STORAGE:** All yachts must be in the water by 1030 Saturday July 13, and remain in the water for the duration of the regatta except by written permission from the Principal Race Officer (PRO).

**RACING AREA:** Races will be sailed in Malletts Bay on Lake Champlain.

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** The sailing instructions will be available during registration beginning on Friday July 12, 2002, and will be posted on the Fleet 301 website: [www.harborwatch.com/fleet301](http://www.harborwatch.com/fleet301)

**COURSES:** The courses to be sailed will be provided in the sailing instructions.

**NUMBER OF RACES:** There are 5 races scheduled for the Championship. All races will be scored.

**SCORING:** Scoring will be in accordance with the low point scoring system as described in Article VIII of the Class Rules.

**ALTERNATE PENALTY:** The 720 degree turn penalty as provided in RRS 44.1 and 44.2 shall apply with the following modification: if an infringing boat has its spinnaker drawing at the time of the infringement, she shall have the option of either (1) exonerating herself in accordance with RRS 44.2 or (2) sailing well clear of the other boats as soon after the incident as possible, promptly drop her spinnaker completely, make one complete 360 degree turn, promptly reset her spinnaker and have it drawing immediately after the penalty. When a boat takes the penalty at or near the finish line, she shall return completely to the course side of the line before finishing.

**PROPULSION:** RRS 42.3 (b) shall be altered to read: "On a free leg of the course, when surfing (rapidly accelerating down the leeward side of a wave) or planing is possible, the yacht's crew may, in order to initiate surfing or planing, pump the sheet, but not the guy, controlling any sail, but only once for each wave of 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".

**TROPHIES:** Trophies will be awarded to the top 5 place skippers and crews. Other awards include most improved and mid fleet awards.