

**U.S. Lightning Class Pan Am Trials**  
**ILCA - US SAILING**  
**Davis Island Yacht Club**  
**Tampa, Florida**  
**October 24-26, 2010**  
**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2** Racing rules 44.1 and 44.2 will be changed as follows: "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 below the gooseneck, make one complete turn, promptly reset her spinnaker and have it drawing immediately after the penalty.
- 1.3** Racing rule 41 will be changed to allow use of hand held VHF radios for communication from the Race Committee to competitors on a predetermined channel to be identified in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4** Racing rules A4.2 & A5 will be modified in accordance with ILCA rule VIII 4(b).
- 1.5** The following procedures for Protected Competitions shall apply to this event:
- 1.5.1** The US SAILING prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2, and 63.4 shall apply to a Protected Competition, except that the words "when practicable" in the first sentence of the prescription to rule 63.4 are deleted.
- 1.5.2** Protest committees shall include 20% "sailor-athlete" representation. "Sailor-athlete" has the meaning of "athlete" set forth in USOC Bylaw, Section 8.8.2 (the 10-year rule) or Level A or B Sailor-Athlete as defined by US SAILING Sailor Athlete Council (SAC) Bylaws 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 (except that the US SAILING member class referred to in SAC Bylaw 3.3.2.3 shall be an international class recognized by ISAF at the time of the sailor-athlete's qualification).
- 1.5.3** The right of appeal will not be denied under rule 70.5 (a), (b), or (c), but an expedited appeal process may be used that balances the needs of the competitor for certainty with respect to berths in future competitions and sufficient time to prepare the arguments and evidence for the appeal.
- 1.5.4** Any boat that is a party to a redress hearing may be represented by up to two individuals.
- 1.5.5** If a hearing is scheduled after the event is concluded and after the sailors and officials have left the venue, it will be scheduled as soon as possible, and in a place and manner chosen with deference to the competitor's preferences or circumstances; and parties to the hearing have the right to be present telephonically or via video feed as appropriate, provided all participants can hear and speak to each other.
- 1.6** Racing Rule 66, Reopening a Hearing, will be changed so that on the final day of the event, 24 hours is changed to two (2) hours.
- 1.7** Athletes are to comply with the drug testing policies and procedures of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) or ISAF/IFDS. Failure of a drug test will be addressed by sanctions coming from a USOC/USADA hearing involving the specific drug test failure.

The USOC may test the first and second place skippers and crews using the USOC's Drug Testing Program. A positive result for an IOC banned substance will cause disqualification from this event and loss of eligibility as prescribed by US SAILING. By registering to compete, you

are consenting to be subjected to the drug test. Failure to comply with the testing program will result in the same penalty as a positive drug test.

## 2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising will be as allowed by the class rules of the ILCA.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

## 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Skipper must be a Life, Active or Associate Member of the ILCA. Crew must be Life, Active, Associate or Crew Members of the ILCA. All participants (skipper and crew) in the final trials must be members of US SAILING. Only individuals eligible to represent the United States (US citizens) in the Pan American Games are allowed to participate in the Trials
- 3.2 The regatta is open to boats of the International Lightning Class that qualify under one of the following four events. The events listed below under a, b, and c are all open events, provided sailors are members of the Lightning class. Entries to the North American Championship are regulated by the Lightning class and competitors should consult the class website for requirements ([www.lightningclass.org](http://www.lightningclass.org))
  - a. Top 2 eligible finishers from the 2010 Pacific Coast Championship, June 5-6, 2010 Vancouver Lake, Oregon.
  - b. Top 3 eligible finishers, not already qualified, from the Great Lakes Championship, July 10-11, 2010 North Cape, Michigan.
  - c. Top 4 eligible finishers, not already qualified, from the Atlantic Coast Championship, July 24-25, 2010, Annapolis, Maryland
  - d. Eligible finishers by rank, not already qualified from the North American Championship, August 8-12, 2010, Toms River Yacht Club, New Jersey, until all 20 slots for the Pan Am selection trials are filled.
- 3.3 *Upon qualifying, a team must notify James Taylor, Vice President, Special Projects, Lightning Class, of their intention to compete in the trials within 10 days.* He may be reached at [james.p.taylor@ae.ge.com](mailto:james.p.taylor@ae.ge.com).
- 3.5 No more than 20 boats may qualify for this event.

## 4 FEES

There is no entry fee but there will be a per-boat non-refundable social fee of \$150 payable to Davis Island Yacht Club at the time of on-site registration.

## 5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1\* On-site Registration:

Sunday, October 24, 2010	from 0900	To 1700
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- 5.2 Measurement and inspection:

Sunday, October 24, 2010	from 0900	To 1700
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- 5.3 Competitors Meeting

Sunday, October 24	1830	
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- 5.3\* Dates of racing:

October 24	practice race	1430	
October 25	1 <sup>st</sup> race	1000	additional races to follow
October 26	remainder of races	1000	nothing to start after 1700
- 5.4 All other social events to be announced.

**6 MEASUREMENTS**

Boats 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.

Boats, sails, spars and equipment may be measured and inspected in accordance with the Class Rules.

**7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available at the time of on-site registration.

**8 VENUE**

The venue will be that part of Hillsborough Bay lying south of Davis Island Yacht Club.

**9 THE COURSES**

The courses to be sailed will be dropped mark courses including, but not limited to windward/leeward and triangles.

**10 SCORING**

**10.1** The low-point scoring system of Appendix A will be used modified as follows:

**10.2** One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

**10.3** When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

**19 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given to the first three places

**20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

**22 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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