



The International Lightning Class Association
Presents the
2018 Lightning Class Texas District Championship
April 7—8, 2018
Hosted by the Houston Yacht Club and Lightning Fleet 521
Shoreacres, TX

Notice of Race

1. Organizing Authority

- 1.1. The Texas District Championship (TDC) is organized under the authority of the International Lightning Class Association (ILCA) and ILCA Fleets #435 and #521, and has been sanctioned by the ILCA in accordance with the ILCA bylaws.
- 1.2. The TDC is a qualifying regatta for the 2018 ILCA North American Championships. The qualifying ratio will be determined by the ILCA.
- 1.3. The TDC is the first event of the 2018 Lightning Southwest Circuit.

2. Rules

- 2.1. The TDC shall be governed by the *rules* of World Sailing (WS) 2017—2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and by the US Sailing Prescriptions and by the ILCA rules governing all Sanctioned Regattas—including changes.

3. Perpetual Trophy

- 3.1. The perpetual trophy of the TDC shall be the Neiman Marcus Cup.
- 3.2. Right, title, and interest in the Neiman Marcus Cup shall belong to the ILCA Texas District, and the Cup shall be returned to the Texas District Commodore upon his or her request.

4. Advertising

- 4.1. The TDC shall be governed by WS Appendix 1, Regulation 20, and is restricted to advertising on the hull only.

5. Rule Changes

- 5.1. The following RRS rules have been changed, and will appear in full in the TDC Sailing Instructions:
- 5.2. RRS rule 42.3(c) to allow certain types of pumping in accordance with the ILCA rules.
- 5.3. RRS Appendix A4.1 to score any boat that does not *start* within five (5) minutes after her starting sign as DNS.
- 5.4. RRS 35 and Appendix A4, A5, and A11 are changed to score boats failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes after the first boat that sails the course and finishes, who are not scored ZFP, BFD, SCP, RET DSQ, DNE, DNS or RDG, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. Boats scored TLE will be awarded points equal to the number of boats who started minus 50% of the number of the boats scored TLE. The score will be a whole number (fractions 0.5 and higher will round up).
- 5.5. RRS Rule 61.3 and 62.2 to a one (1) hour time limit on filing protests and requests for redress
- 5.6. RRS rule 66 to change the time limit on the last day of the TDC for requesting the reopening of a protest hearing to thirty (30) minutes.
- 5.7. RRS Appendix A7 to change the scoring for boats which tie for a position in a given race.
- 5.8. RRS Appendix A8.2 to change the way that ties between two boats in the final standings are broken.
- 5.9. For safety reasons, the HYC Race Committee asks that all boats competing in the TDC carry VHF radios, and that they monitor the channel prescribed in the sailing instructions. Except in an emergency, a boat

shall neither transmit nor receive any radio or telephone (Voice or Text) communication not available to all other competitors. A boat that does not carry a VHF radio shall not be penalized.

6. Eligibility

- 6.1. Each boat must be certified eligible by the Texas District Measurer before it can be entered. Boat, sails, spars, and equipment must be made available for measurement and inspection, and any or all boats or portions thereof may be ordered re-measured by the Texas District Measurer.
- 6.2. Boats must hold valid Measurement Certificates, including Mast Certifications, and must display valid membership decal and mast decal. Measurement Certificates must be presented at the time of measurement.
- 6.3. Each boat shall carry a fluke-type anchor weighing at least 4 pounds (1.8 kg) with 50' of 3/8" line attached that can be used as a tow line, a compass, a minimum one gallon bucket, a paddle, an approved wearable life preserver for each person on board, a throwable life preserver (cushion), and a whistle. Each boat must be equipped with a centerboard preventer.
- 6.4. All sails shall bear an Official Royalty Label as provided for in the ILCA Specifications, and Mainsail and Spinnaker numbers shall be the same and of a sufficiently contrasting color to facilitate accurate reading of the number by the Race Committee.
- 6.5. The Skipper must be a Life, Active or Associate Member who meets the requirements as defined in the ILCA Constitution.
- 6.6. Crew must be Active, Life, Crew, or Associate Members of the ILCA, and shall be designated distinctly as Crew. They shall serve as such, only touching the tiller for brief temporary relief. Such periods may include the time required to set, jibe, or douse a spinnaker or repair damage to rigging, but no longer.

7. Substitution

- 7.1. There shall be no substitution of Skipper.
- 7.2. Once the TDC has begun, a boat and crew must sail together throughout, except in the case of a proven accident or injury. Permission for a substitution of crew in such cases may be obtained from the Texas District Commodore. Such permission shall be denied if an unfair advantage is gained thereby, or if it is not absolutely necessary.
- 7.3. If a sail is damaged substantially during the TDC, then the sail may be replaced with a sail which shall be measured, and which shall be of the same brand, if possible, and with no less use than the damaged sail. Any substitution shall be done with approval from the District Measurer or by the Principal Race Officer (PRO).

8. Races

- 8.1. Five races are planned with all race finishes counting towards a competitor's score. However, if a sixth race is sailed within the time limits, each competitor's worst race finish will be discarded.
- 8.2. A minimum of two (2) races shall constitute a regatta.
- 8.3. On Sunday, no warning signal shall be made after 1230 hrs.
- 8.4. The schedule shall be as follows:

Friday, April 6, 2018	
1700—1830	Measurement and Check-In
Saturday, April 7, 2018	
0730—0900	Measurement, Check-in, with Coffee and Doughnuts
0930	Skipper's Meeting
Not before 1030	1 st Race Warning Signal
	Other Races to Follow Immediately
Sunday, April 8, 2018	
0800	Coffee and Doughnuts
0930	First Warning Signal of the Day
1300 or as soon after racing as possible	Trophy Presentation

9. Courses

- 9.1. All courses shall be windward / leeward courses.
- 9.2. The number of legs shall be determined by the PRO.
- 9.3. All *Marks* shall be left to port.

10. Entry Fee

- 10.1. The entry fee for the TDC shall be \$80.00. The entry includes a keg of beer on Saturday after racing.
- 10.2. Go to www.regattanetwork.com to complete the on-line entry and pay the entry fee before Wednesday March 25th at 2300. Late entries may be accepted with a \$25 late fee. Only on-line entries will be accepted.

11. Boat Storage

- 11.1 Boats may be hauled out and stored on the parking lot at HYC or they may be wet sailed along the guest pier HYC.

12. Sailing Instructions

- 12.1. The official Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in on April 6th and 7th.
- 12.2. The Sailing Instructions will contain further information about venue, courses, marks, starting, safety regulations, support boats, radio communication, prizes, propulsion, time limits, penalty system, protests and redress, and scoring.

13. Map to Venue

- 13.1. A map to HYC is available at <http://www.houstonyachtclub.com>

14. Local Accommodation

- 15.1 Some rooms may be available at HYC. There are several hotels in the area.
- 14.1 No camping is allowed on HYC property.

Disclaimer of Liability

- 14.1. The ILCA, HYC, and ILCA Fleets #435 and #521 or any of their respective agents, disclaim jointly and severally, any and all liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained as a result of competing in the TDC or in any way incident thereto. Competitors, as a condition of their participation, shall participate entirely at their own risk as stipulated in RRS Rule 4.
- 14.2. All participants, by their participation, agree to abide by, and shall be subject to, HYC Harbor and House and Grounds Rules.