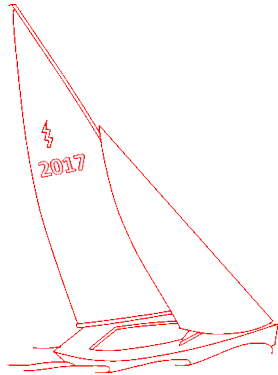




LIGHTNING FLEET 273, MASSABESIC LAKE 2017 NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP



Lightning Fleet 273 at Massabesic Lake
is pleased to announce the

2017 International Lightning Class New England District Championship

July 8, 2017

To be held on the waters of Massabesic Lake in Auburn, NH

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:

The New England District Championships Regatta is organized by the International Lightning Class Association (ILCA) in conjunction with Lightning Fleet 273.

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 Championships (Class Rules), this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and any amendments thereto.

ELIGIBILITY:

Eligibility for entry shall be in accordance with Article VI 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. Mainsail and spinnaker numbers are not required to be the same, but shall be so noted on registration form. Safety equipment may be inspected in accordance with Article VI of the Class Rules. Skipper must be a Life or Active Member of the ILCA. Crew must be Life, Active, Associate or Crew Members of the ILCA. While accommodations may be made to register at the time of the event, it is recommended that all competitors register with ILCA prior to attending the event.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Entry forms are available at registration. There will be no advanced registration. The entry fee for the District Championship is \$45.00 USD.

Entry Fee Includes:

- Coffee/beverages, fruit, bagels and donuts before races Saturday AM
- Heavy hors d'oeuvres and beer/beverages on Saturday after the racing concludes
- Trophies for the top 3 boats

REGISTRATION:

Registration will be held between 17:30 and 19:00 on Friday, July 7th and between 8:00 and 10:00 on Saturday July 8th.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday, July 7th

17:30-19:00 Club open for registration/early arrivals

Saturday, July 8th

08:00-10:00 Registration

10:00 Competitors Meeting

10:30 Harbor Start

11:00 Race 1, with races to follow

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

RACING AREA:

Races will be sailed in the main area of Massabesic Lake off MYC docks to the east of NH Route 28 Bypass.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

The sailing instructions will be available during registration beginning on Friday July 7th.

COURSES:

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

NUMBER OF RACES:

One race shall constitute a series. The number of races shall be determined by the conditions on the day of racing. If five or more races are completed, no further race shall start after 15:30. No race shall start after 16:30.

SCORING:

Scoring will be in accordance with the low point scoring system as described in Article VIII of the Class Rules. If more than five races are completed, each competitor's highest score shall be discarded.

ALTERNATE PENALTIES:

A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty including one tack and one jibe when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. This changes Rule 44.1. However, when a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty, each turn including one tack and one jibe.

Rule 44.1 (b), injury or serious damage, etc., continues to apply.



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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 if 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 for the District Championship will be awarded to the top three skippers and crews.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

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SPECIAL NOTICES ABOUT THE WATERS AND THE CLUB & GROUNDS:

Massabesic Lake is the water supply for Manchester, NH. Massabesic Yacht Club has been graciously granted use of the lake for recreational sailing purposes for over 75 years. However, there are strict regulations regarding drinking water safety. There is no swimming allowed in the lake and bodily contact should be avoided wherever possible. We will be utilizing the Massabesic Yacht Club facilities and equipment on loan, but they are not sponsoring nor are they responsible for the event.

NOTE: access to the club grounds are locked after hours, typically between dusk and 08:00 on the days for this event.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT SUMMER MEETING

Following the sailing on Saturday afternoon, please plan to attend the brief annual class district meeting.

DIRECTIONS TO MASSABESIC YC:

- From I-93 and points West and North and South of Manchester, take Exit 7, Route 101 East (Seacoast).
- From points East of Manchester (I-95 corridor), take Route 101 West towards Manchester just north of the NH tolls.

Once on Route 101:

1. Take Exit 1 and go south onto Route 28 Bypass (Londonderry Turnpike).
2. Travel 0.2 miles to traffic circle.
3. Proceed 180 degrees around the circle, continuing on Route 28 Bypass. You'll see Lake Massabesic on your left and a municipal parking area.
4. Travel 0.3 mile past the lake parking area. Not far after the yellow traffic sign, turn left into the MYC parking lot. You will see a white post at entrance.