

# LIGHTNING 368 CLASS ASSOCIATION

## TRAVELLERS' SERIES

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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#### 1.0 DEFINITIONS

##### 1.1 Travellers' Series

A long series constituting a number of Open Meetings running from the first published Open Meeting in March or April of each year until the Rum & Mince Pie event at the end of the same year.

##### 1.2 Sailing Coordinator

1.2.1 A Class Association member elected to the Committee and responsible for arranging the Open Meeting calendar.

1.2.2 The Sailing Coordinator is responsible for agreeing the Notice of Race for each Open Meeting with the representative of the host club.

1.2.3 The Sailing Coordinator is responsible for collating the results of each Open Meeting from the representative of the host club and updating the results of the Travellers' Series.

##### 1.3 Open Meeting

A short series of three or more races held over one or more days and governed by Sailing Instructions and Notices of Race as issued by the host venue.

#### 2.0 RYA RACING CHARTER

The Lightning 368 Class Association implements the RYA Racing Charter. Participants in the Travellers' Series are required to undertake to sail in accordance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA Rule Book.

#### 3.0 TRAVLLERS SERIES FORMAT

3.1.1 The number of Open Meetings making up the Travellers' Series will be at the discretion of the Sailing Coordinator, but will generally be of approximately twelve events.

3.1.2 The Open Meeting venues are at the discretion of the Sailing Coordinator. However, it is expected that the rest of the Class Association Committee be consulted during the process of fixing the Open Meeting calendar.

3.1.3 Each Travellers' Series will include Open Meetings that will constitute the following championship events:-

- The National Championships
- The Sea Championships
- The Inland Championships
- The Northern Championships
- The Southern Championships

3.1.4 The National Championships and the Sea Championships will generally each be of not less than six races, held over two days.

#### **4.0 ELIGIBILITY**

4.1 Open Meetings are open to all Lightning 368 helms, except as qualified below:-

- The National Championships are open only to members of the Lightning 368 Class Association.
- Whilst the Sea Championship, Inland Championship, Northern Championship and Southern Championship Open Meetings are open to all Lightning 368 helms, helms must be a member of the Lightning 368 Class Association in order to be eligible for Championship Trophies.

4.2 Qualification for the Traveller's series is only open to members of the Lightning 368 Class Association. All finish places from individual open meetings will be adjusted to remove the non members before entry into the Travellers series table.

#### **5.0 SCORING**

5.1 Abbreviations

The following abbreviations will apply when scoring the Travellers' Series:-

- DNC - Did not start: did not come to the starting area
- DNS - Did not start (other than DNC or OCS)
- OCS - Did not start; on course side of the starting line
- DNF - Did not finish
- RAF - Retired after finishing
- DSQ – Disqualification
- DNE - Disqualification not excludable
- RDG - Redress given
- DNB – Discarded: not one of best 3 results at an event
- TNR – Travelled No Result: Used for abandoned races at an event or helm who has entered the event and is not able to sail.

## 5.2 Qualification

- 5.2.1 A helm must have started twelve races in order to qualify for the Travellers' Series.
- 5.2.2 A maximum of three results from any one event will count in the series. Twelve results are required to qualify therefore by implication a minimum of four events are required to qualify for the series.
- 5.2.3 In this context, "DNS & TNR" scores are included in the number of qualifying races.
- 5.2.4 In the event of a race being cancelled at an event all boats entered will receive a TNR finish for this race in the Traveller's series.
- 5.2.5 The qualification rule will not be applied until the end of the Travellers' Series, except in that competing boats must at all times be in compliance with the Class Rules of the Lightning 368 Class Association.

## 5.3 Points

- 5.3.1 Except as qualified below, the Travellers' Series will use the Low Point System of scoring as defined by Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

- DNC, DNB                                      No. of Boats in **Series** +1
- OCS, DNF, RAF, DSQ, DNE      No. of Starters in **Race** +1
- DNS, TNR                                      No. of Starters in **Race** +2

- 5.3.2 Points are awarded in accordance with the Low Point System of scoring as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing, e.g.- 1st one-point, 2nd two-points, 3rd three-points, etc.
- 5.3.3 Any helm who, having travelled to an Open Meeting with a qualifying boat, does not then proceed to the starting area shall be scored "TNR" for the applicable races at that Open Meeting. This changes Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing and is intended to encourage participation in the Travellers' Series.
- 5.3.4 Helms scored as "TNR" will be awarded the number of points equal to the number of starters in the race +2. This changes Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing and is intended to encourage participation in the Travellers' Series.
- 5.3.5 Each helm's total series score will be the sum of her best twelve (12) results over the course of the Travellers' Series.
- 5.3.6 Ties will be resolved by using Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing, section 8.1 (the most first, seconds, etc., excluding discards) and then Appendix A, section 8.2 (the best recent scores including discards).

## **6.0 PRIZES**

The helm with the best total series score at the conclusion of the Travellers' Series will be awarded the Bernard Patterson Trophy. The winning helm must be a member of the Lightning 368 Class Association in order to qualify for Bernard Patterson Trophy.

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