



2018 International Star Class Western Hemisphere Championship Biscayne Bay Yacht Club April 10 - 15, 2018



NOTICE OF RACE

1. AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club (BBYC) in conjunction with the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association (ISCYRA). The host is Biscayne Bay Star Fleet 20.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association Rules (STCR).
- 2.2 There will be an International Jury and its decisions shall be final in accordance with rule 70.5.
- 2.3 The following US Sailing prescriptions to the RRS are applicable: 60.3, 61.4, 67, 76.1 and Appendix R. These prescriptions are attached as Addendum A and will be posted on the regatta website.
- 2.4 RRS Appendix P will apply, except the penalty under P2.1 will be a One-Turn Penalty per rule 44.2.
- 2.5 Rule 32 will be changed, no course will be shortened.
- 2.6 Rule 35 and STCR 34.3.7, Format B, will be changed. The time limit for the first boat to finish a race will be two (2) hours.
- 2.7 Rule 35 and STCR 34.6.3 will be changed. Boats not finishing within 30 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) and will be awarded 1 point more than the last boat to finish.
- 2.8 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes of the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing.
- 2.9 STCR 31.2.6 will be changed. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving US channels 16 and 72 for race committee communication and emergencies. The use of cellular phones is prohibited except in an emergency.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Entries eligible in accordance with STCR 21, 26, 29 and 30 may compete.
- 3.2 Entries shall be submitted on the official online entry form no later than 1800 hours on March 21, 2018 to the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association central office. Entry link; <https://2018whc.starchampionships.org/entry>
- 3.3 Only skippers and crew eligible to compete under World Sailing Eligibility Code 19 shall be eligible to compete in this regatta.
- 3.4 A competitor is not entered and will not receive a score until: (a) All fees are paid; (b) Measurement and weigh-in is completed; and (c) Proof of insurance is provided.

4. FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee of \$460.00 includes boat and trailer storage, launching, hauling and invitations to social events at Biscayne Bay Yacht Club for skipper and crew. Entry fees are due at time of entry, but not later than the final entry due date. Late entries will not be accepted. No entry fee refunds will be made after the final entry due date of March 21, 2018.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration, Measurement, Crew Weigh-In,
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| Tuesday April 10 | 1300 - 1700 | Location (see NOR 6.1) |
| Wednesday April 11 | 0900 - 1600 | Location (see NOR 6.1) |
| Thursday April 12 | 0800-0900 | Late crew weigh-in |
- 5.2 Schedule of Races:
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| Thursday April 12 | 0900 | Opening Ceremony and skippers meeting |
| | 1100 | First Warning Signal - 2 races scheduled |
| Friday April 13 | 1100 | First Warning Signal - 2 races scheduled |
| Saturday April 14 | 1100 | First Warning Signal - 2 races scheduled |
| Sunday April 15 | 1000 | First Warning Signal - 2 races scheduled |
- No warning signal will be made after 1400 on April 15th.

6. MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 Measurement will take place at the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club. Each participating boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate in the name of the current owner, and boat weight certificate. Only boats that have completed registration, paid all entry fees, and passed the prescribed measurement check procedure are entitled to race. The Jury may order that a boat be re-checked during the regatta.
- 6.2 Crews shall demonstrate compliance with crew weight limits in accordance with STCR 31.1.3 by 0900 on April 12th, 2018.
- 6.3 Each boat shall display the sail number and national letters as indicated on the official entry form and approved by the measurer.
- 6.4 Assigned bow numbers will be given to each competing boat, and shall be affixed to the hull according to the sailing instructions.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The sailing instructions will be available online at: <https://2018whc.starchampionships.org/>, and at the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club prior to April 10.

8. VENUE & COURSES

- 8.1 Racing will be conducted on Biscayne Bay.
- 8.2 Courses will be as described in STCR 34, Format B, as amended by this NOR.

9. SCORING

- 9.1 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS APPENDIX A as amended by this NOR.

10. BERTHING & TRAILER STORAGE

- 10.1 Boats shall berth at Biscayne Bay Yacht Club or other approved sites (i.e. CRYC, US Sailing Center) commencing at 0900 hours on April 12, 2018 until the conclusion of racing. Submission of a completed BBYC guest registration form in conjunction with a completed entry is required to obtain berthing space and trailer storage at Biscayne Bay Yacht Club.

11. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 11.1 The organizing authority may impose haul-out restrictions.

12. SUPPORT PERSON AND VESSELS

- 12.1 STCR 31.1.4 shall apply to *Support Person* and associated vessels as defined in RRS DEFINITIONS.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1 Perpetual Trophies will be awarded in accordance with STCR 24.
- 13.2 Series prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing 1st through 5th place.
- 13.3 Master's Division and Grand Masters Division prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing 1st through 3rd place in the series for Masters aged 50 through 59, and Grand Masters aged 60 or over before the start of the first race. Competitors in the Masters and Grand Masters Divisions will also compete for series prizes (see 13.2).
- 13.4 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

14. DISCLAIMER

- 14.1 The organizing authority shall require each competitor to sign a waiver for loss, damage or injury to persons or property occurring in conjunction with the regatta or on the property at Biscayne Bay Yacht Club. The organizing authority, their members, employees, officers and/or agents shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury that may occur to person or property whether ashore or at sea as a consequence of the participation of any boat.

15. INSURANCE

- 15.1 Proof of marine liability insurance (property and injury) in the amount of US \$300,000 covering the person in charge (rule 46) during this regatta is required and shall be shown at registration.

16. INFORMATION CONTACT:

- 16.1 BBYC Regatta Chairman - Bruce Harper or Ken Batzer
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STAR GUEST REGISTRATION FORM

2018 BBYC CLUB POLICY

It is the policy of the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club to offer our facilities to the use of guests associated with racing events on a limited basis. We ask all guests to please observe the club rules as posted and to respect the activities of club members as well as the protection of club property while you are visiting.

STAR BOAT STORAGE

Visiting Star boat on site storage requests for the 2018 STAR Western Hemisphere Championship will be on a first to apply, first accepted basis. There will be approximately 30 spaces available at BBYC for visiting Star boats, and once filled, BBYC will not accept additional applications for storage. Visiting Stars competing in the regatta **should not arrive** on BBYC grounds prior to April 8th, 2018 or remain stored on BBYC grounds after April 15th, 2018, unless specific permission is obtained from the Yacht Club manager. All Star boat trailers must have clearly marked owner contact information on the trailer. Alternative arrangements for storage in the local area may be found at the US Sailing Center (www.ussemiami.org), or at the Coral Reef Yacht Club.

VEHICLE PARKING PASSES

Guest vehicles **Shall Not** be parked at BBYC overnight or between events. During the event, parking is a premium and only one (1) parking pass will be allotted for each visiting on site Star team. Off-site parking facilities are available at reasonable rates in the local area. All guests are asked to please observe all parking notices and areas allotted for members only parking. No boats or trailers are to be left un-attended on the black top hoist area prior to or after launching. All trailers **must** be parked in a specific blacktop space assigned by the shore manager or on the west lawn storage area.

LAUNCHING / RIGGING / HOIST AREA

Stepping and rigging masts must be done in an area that does not obstruct movement of other boats and trailers. BBYC will have personnel and tractors available to move boats and trailers to and from the hoist area during events. Competitors vehicles are not allowed in the launching / rigging area at any time.

HOUSE CHARGES

The Club bar and food service facilities are available to all registered guest skippers and crewmembers on a cash basis. Guest accounts can be set up by completing this registration form and a billing security agreement. A credit card imprint will be made upon registration at the club to insure payment. Billing security agreements will be available at registration.

SECURITY

Biscayne Bay Yacht Club does not accept any liability for vehicles, boats, or trailers on the premises, and as such, all guests should take appropriate action to best secure individual personal items. Yacht Club Rules prohibit overnight parking, camping and/or sleeping in vehicles on the club grounds. Club access through the main gate is a responsibility for all visiting guests, and the utmost care should be taken to prevent un-authorized access.

REGISTRATION

Boat Name _____ Sail # _____ Bow# _____

Guest Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Trailer Tag #: _____

Vehicle Make; _____ Color _____ Vehicle Tag #: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

This form must be completed in full, and submitted with a fully completed entry, appropriate insurance documents, and entry fee before visiting Star boat storage will be assigned.

Email to bbyc@biscaynebayyachtclub.com or fax to 305-858-0489.



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ADDENDUM A TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

U.S. SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS APPLIED FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP

Rule 60.3 Right to Protest; Right to Request Redress

US Sailing prescribes that rule 60.3 (b) is changed to:

(b) Request redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress; or

Rule 61.4 Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress.

US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

Rule 67 DAMAGES

US Sailing prescribes that:

(a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.

(b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.

(c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

Rule 76 EXCLUSION OF BOATS OR COMPETITORS

After rule 76.1 add; *US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.*

APPENDIX R – PROCEDURES FOR APPEALS AND REQUESTS

This appendix is a US Sailing prescription.

See rules 70 and 71. This appendix replaces Appendix R as adopted by World Sailing for the purpose of creating a two-level appeals system. The US Sailing Appeals Committee acts as the national authority under rule 71. An association appeals committee may act as permitted by rule 71.2 and shall act as required by rule 71.3, subject to further appeal as provided in rule R7.1(a).