



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



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- 1.1 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).
- 1.2 The following US Sailing prescriptions to the RRS are applicable: 60.3, 61.4, 67, 76.1, 88, and Appendix R.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix P shall apply. RRS Appendix P1.2 is changed to permit the hail of a protested boat to be by either sail number or bow number.
- 1.4 The modification in STCR 31.2.6 allows boats to carry VHF radios for purposes of safety and for receiving Race Committee (RC) communication, including notification of OCS boats on VHF Ch 72.
- 1.5 STCR 34.3.1 is modified as follows: No course may be shortened using RRS 32.2 (the Flag S rule) but a course leg or legs may be shortened or lengthened utilizing RRS 33(b) (Charlie "+" or "-") within the parameters established by STCR 34.3.7. (For ICSYRA approval, see: <http://bit.ly/2nlCsIq>)
- 1.6 STCR 35.5 changes RRS 44.1 and P2, to replace "Two-Turns Penalty" with "One-Turn Penalty".
- 1.7 RRS P2.1 is changed to delete the word "first" and RRS P2.2 and 2.3 are deleted.
- 1.8 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes of the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 29.1 and A5.
- 1.9 In the case of a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions and any amendments to them shall apply.

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the downstairs lobby of the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club.

3. Changes in the Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Changes in the Sailing Instructions will be approved by the Protest Committee and the organizing authority and will be posted before 0900 hours of the day they will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. Schedule

- 4.1 Schedule of Measurement, Registration and Races;

DAY	Event	Time	Location
April 11 Wednesday	Official Measurement & weigh-in Day		
	Registration desk open	0900-1100 & 1500-1700	BBYC Lobby
	Skipper & Crew weigh-in	0900-1100 & 1500-1700	BBYC Lobby
	Sail & Boat compliance declaration	0900-1100 & 1500-1700	BBYC Lobby
April 12 Thursday	Late weigh-in	0800 – 0900	BBYC Lobby
	Skippers Meeting	0900	BBYC East Patio
	Championship Racing		Biscayne Bay Southeast of Dinner Key Channel
	First Warning Signal	1100	
	*More racing to follow		
	☞ After race gathering at BBYC –	1700 - 1830	Beer Keg & hors d'oeuvres
April 13-15 Friday to Sunday	Championship Racing Daily	1100	
	First Warning Signal	1100 each day	Biscayne Bay
	*More racing to follow each day		
	☞ Friday - after race gathering BBYC	1700 - 1830	Beer Keg & hors d'oeuvres
	☞ Saturday – Star Fleet 20 party	1800 – 2000	Dinner party at BBYC
	☞ Sunday – Championship awards	1630	Awards ceremony

- 4.2 No more than 3 races per day will be sailed.
- 4.3 No Warning Signal will be made after 1400 on Sunday

- 4.4 If the race committee intends to start another race on the same day flag “R” will be displayed on the signal boat at the finish. Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.

5. Bow Numbers

- 5.1 Each boat will be assigned a bow number by the race committee. Bow numbers shall be affixed to the hull in the following manner: The leading edge of the forward number shall be 16 inches aft of the stem, and ½ inch below the deck. The leading edge of the aft number shall be 3 inches aft of the aft edge of the forward number, and ½ inch below the deck

6. Signals Ashore

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club.
6.2 Flag AP when displayed ashore means that the start has been postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the lowering of the signal. This changes RRS Race Signals.

7. Class Flag

- 7.1 The class flag shall be a red star on a white flag.

8. Racing Area

- 8.1 The racing area will be in an area approximately 2 miles south of Dinner Key Channel marker #1.

9. Courses

- 9.1 STCR 34.3 describes course details and diagrams. The course designation, approximate compass bearing from the Signal Boat to Mark 1, and distance to Mark 1 will be displayed from the race committee signal boat prior to the warning signal.

10. Marks

- 10.1 For Courses 0 and 1, Mark 1 will be an inflatable orange cylinder, Mark 2 will be a yellow inflatable cylinder, and Mark 3 will be a yellow inflatable cylinder.
10.2 For Courses 3 and 4, Mark 1 will be an inflatable orange cylinder. Mark 2 will be a smaller inflatable orange ball. Mark(s) 3 will be either a gate formed by two yellow cylinders, or a single yellow cylinder.

11. Check In

- 11.1 Prior to the first warning signal of the first race a boat sails each day, boats are required to check in by sailing past the stern of the signal boat until acknowledged by the race committee. RRS A4.1 is changed to provide that boats not complying with this instruction will receive the same score as a boat not starting, without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

12. The Start

- 12.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at the port end of the starting line.

13. Recalls

- 13.1 As a courtesy, boats that are subject to RRS 29.1, or are under any other penalty under RRS 30, if any part of a boat’s hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at the start and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her bow number or her sail number on VHF channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 29.1, 60.1(b), and 62.1(a).
13.2 A RC vessel positioned near Marks 1 and/or 2 displaying Flags I, X, U, or Black will attempt to notify boats that have violated RRS 30.1, 30.3 or 30.4 respectively, and will display their bow numbers. Any boat notified that she has been disqualified shall leave the race course immediately. However, if there are two or more races scheduled for that day, boats having been disqualified in one race may stand by in an area outside the race course for the next race.

14. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

- 14.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark(s) or finish line, although it may not yet be in position before the leading boat begins that leg of the course. Any marks to be rounded after rounding the changed mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

15. The Finish

- 15.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a nearby race committee boat.

16. Time Limits:

16.1 Time limits will be as described in STCR 34.3.7, Format B. STCR 34.6.3 changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

17. Protests:

17.1 Protest forms are available at the protest desk located in the lobby of the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club.

17.2 Protests shall be delivered to the protest desk within 60 minutes of the race committee signal boat docking time. The docking time will be posted on the official notice board.

17.3 Notices will be posted on the protest board within 10 minutes of the end of the protest time - to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club as soon as possible after the protest time limit expires.

17.4 The *race committee summary form* recording boats having not started, not finished, subject to penalties under flag Z, U, Black, or breaking RRS 42, taking penalty turns, protesting a boat, requesting redress or retiring for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible but no later than 10 minutes before the end of protest time.

17.5 On the last day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision, or scoring, including starting penalties, shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the information was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

17.6 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

17.7 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.

17.8 In accordance with RRS 64.1, breaches of rules that are not rules of Parts 2 or 3 may be less than DSQ at the discretion of the protest committee.

18. Scoring

18.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS A2, will apply, except that RRS A2 is changed so each series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her worst score if more than four races are completed. Up to 8 races are scheduled, of which four races shall be completed to constitute a series.

19. Retirement

19.1 Competitors retiring from racing shall notify the race committee by hail or on VHF 72.

19.2 Competitors not leaving the dock on a race day shall inform the Race Committee.

20. Crew Changes

20.1 Any request for a change of crew shall be submitted to the international jury in writing prior to 0900 hours on the day of the race for which the change is to be made. If the jury grants permission, it will do so in writing and post such notice on the official notice board.

21. Team and Private Support Boats

21.1 *Support Persons* are required to register with the race committee during registration and display a flag provided at registration while on the water.

21.2 *Support Persons* and private spectator boats shall comply with **APPENDIX SP** – Biscayne Bay Yacht Club Policy for *Support Persons*.

22. Prizes:

22.1 Perpetual Trophies will be awarded in accordance with STCR 24.

22.2 Prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew, as follows:

Championship Series – 1st through 5th place.

Masters Division – 1st thru 3rd place.

Grand Masters Division – 1st thru 3rd place.

23. Disclaimer of Liability:

23.1 Participants agree that no person or organization involved in the conduct of this Championship will be liable for any accident, injury, fatality, or damage or loss of boat or personal property arising out of a participant's preparation for or participation in any on-the-water or on-shore activities (whether social, recreational, launching, hauling, boat storage or otherwise) associated with the Championship. Nothing in these Sailing Instructions or oral statements by the Organizing Authority, their officers, directors or agents, shall modify or otherwise impair the effect of the Waiver of Liability Form, the execution of which is a condition of entry.

APPENDIX #1

COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS

EXAMPLE: COURSE BOARD DISPLAYED ON R/C SIGNAL BOAT

Sail Course #4 - Windward, Leeward, Windward, Leeward (finish)

With **Offset** at the weather mark, and a **Gate** at leeward mark.

The Weather mark is **1.8 miles** from start at **120°** magnetic.

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120°

1.8 nm

A1. COURSE DIAGRAMS:

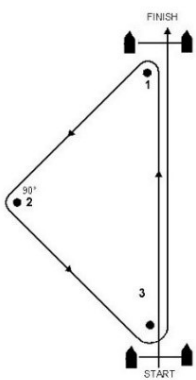
A1.1 Courses 1, 2, 3, and 4 are described below.

Course 1.

An isosceles right angled triangle, followed by finishing on a final windward leg.

Course 1

- Start
- 1
- 2
- 3
- Finish upwind



Triangular Course

Course 3.

Two complete windward-leeward laps with an offset mark at the windward end and a gate at the leeward end, finishing on a final windward leg.

Course 3

- Start
- 1
- 2 (offset)
- 3 (Gate)
- 1
- 2 (offset)
- 3 (Gate)
- Finish upwind

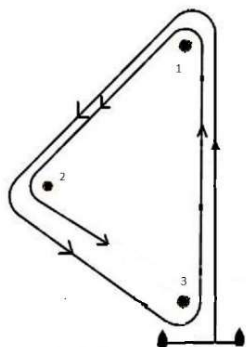


Course 2.

Two isosceles right angled triangles, finishing downwind reach at the end of the 2nd lap. (The leeward mark #3 being omitted after the first round.)

Course 2

- Start
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 1
- 2
- Finish



COURSE: 2 - 2 triangles
Finish to leeward.

Course 4.

Two complete windward-leeward laps with an offset mark at the windward end and a gate at the leeward end. Finish to leeward at the end of the 2nd lap.

Course 4

- Start
- 1
- 2 (offset)
- 3 (Gate)
- 1
- 2 (offset)
- Finish downwind

