



2021 STAR WESTERN HEMISPHERE CHAMPIONSHIP

APRIL 22 – 25, 2021

DIAZ MARINE, INC. AND ISCYRA, ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

BISCAYNE BAY YC and US SAILING CENTER, HOSTS

MIAMI, FLORIDA, USA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)* as stated in the NoR.
- 1.2 The Covid Protocols of Biscayne Bay Yacht Club and of the US Sailing Center are included in the definition of Rules.

2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be located at [YachtScoring.com](https://www.yachtscore.com) Access to the Owner's Corner (SI 15.1) is via your email address and Access Code "21whc". This changes NoR 3.1.
- 3.2 On the water, the Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors and Support Persons via VHF radio on channel 72.
- 3.3 Boats will be assigned Bow Numbers, to be affixed per the diagram on the ONB. Boats may be hailed by either Bow or Sail number.
- 3.4 See also NoR 3.3.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with reasonable requests from Race Officials. Note RRS 37.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the US Sailing Center and posted on the ONB.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in Race Signals AP.



6 SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 22, 2021	1000-1200; 1500 – 1800 hrs. 1815	Registration, Inspection of boats at USSC, Team Weigh-In Zoom Competitor’s Meeting (details via email)
Friday, April 23, 2021	0800 – 0830 hrs. 0900 hrs. 1055 hrs.	Late Registration, Inspection of boats at USSC, Team Weigh-In All boats afloat Warning Signal 1st Race (up to 3 races planned)
Saturday, April 24, 2021	1055 hrs.	Warning Signal 1st Race (up to 3 races planned)
Sunday, April 25, 2021	1055 hrs. 1400 hrs. After Racing	Warning Signal 1st Race (up to 2 races planned) No Warning Signal after this time Awards Ceremony (Details on ONB)

6.2 Up to 8 races are scheduled for Format C. (STCR 27.2)

6.3 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The class flag is a red star on a white background.

8 RACING AREA

The sailing area will be on Biscayne Bay centered approximately 2-3 nautical miles south of Dinner Key Channel Marker #1.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 The courses to be sailed will be in accordance with STCR 34.

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal vessel will display course and approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.

10 MARKS

10.1 Mark 1 will be an inflatable orange buoy. Mark 2 (wing, or offset mark, if used) will be an inflatable green buoy. Gate Marks / Mark 3 will be yellow inflatable buoys.

10.2 If only one buoy is set at Mark 3 it is to be left to port.

11 THE START

11.1 Prior to the first warning signal of the first race of the day, boats shall sail on **starboard tack** by the stern of the RC signal boat displaying flag L, to be recorded when acknowledged by hail of their bow number from a Race Committee member.

11.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel at the port end, or the course side of an inflatable orange mark.

11.3 A boat not starting within ten (10) minutes after the starting signal will be scored “Did Not Start”(DNS), without a hearing. (STCR 34.7) This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.



- 11.4 In the event of an individual recall, the bow or sail numbers or other identification of any boat or boats that are identified as OCS may be announced on VHF Channel 72. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification, and the timing and order of such hails, or the length of time it takes to make a notification on the VHF will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 29.1 and 60.1(b) and NoR 3.2.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position even if the leading boat may have begun the leg.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel on the starboard end, and a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel at the opposite end, or the course side of a nearby mark. This changes Race Signals – Blue flag.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS Appendix P will apply. RRS P2.2 and P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.1 is changed so that it applies to all penalties. See NoR 1.4.4.
- 14.2 Appendix T1 will apply with no changes.
- 14.3 After a hearing, penalties for violations of rules other than those of Part 2 will be at the discretion of the Jury and may include disqualification.

15 HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered Online on the YachtScoring Event Website by logging into the Owners' Corner (see SI 3.1) and filling out the online form. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.2 The protest time limit shall be one (1) hour after the docking time of the RC finish vessel. The protest time limit will be posted on the ONB.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted on the ONB no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Hearings will be held on the 2nd floor of the US Sailing Center building and parties and their witnesses should report there at the scheduled time.
- 15.6 Within the protest time limit, the RC shall post the bow numbers or sail numbers of all of the boats that are disqualified or penalized under RRS A5.1.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 The scoring system is the Low Point System in RRS Appendix A.
- 16.2 Race time limits are described in STCR 34.3.7. A score of TLE is defined in STCR 34.6.3. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A10.
- 16.2 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.



- 16.3 (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Substitution of helmsmen is not permitted. Substitution of crew may be permitted by written authorization of the Protest Committee. Substitute crew must comply with STCR 26.2.

19 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 19.1 To assist in accordance with RRS 37, Support Vessels and persons shall carry a functioning VHF and monitor VHF channel 72 and shall assist the Race Committee.
- 19.2 All Support Vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the support person at the helm at all times while the engine is running. Failure to comply may be misconduct and/or result in expulsion from the event.

20 PRIZES

- 20.1 Prizes will be awarded in accordance with STCR 24.
- 20.2 The OA and the Hosts reserve the right to award additional prizes at their sole discretion.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 21.1 In addition to RRS 3, DECISION TO RACE, the safety of a boat and her entire management shall be the responsibility of the owner(s) and the owner's representative. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. The regatta organizers (OA, RC, Protest committee, technical committee, host club / venue, sponsors, or any other participating organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event.
- 21.2 By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the Regatta Organizers from any and all liability associated with participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 21.3 Before participation at this event, every owner, competitor, coach and/or support personnel shall sign a Waiver of Liability as available at the event website and posted on the ONB.