



Star Western Hemisphere Championship
Edgewater Yacht Club, Cleveland, Ohio
June 13 – June 18, 2017



The Organizing Authority (OA) is Edgewater Yacht Club (EYC) in conjunction with the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association (ISCYRA). The host fleet is Southern Lake Erie Star Fleet.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 Rules:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS Appendix P will apply. RRS Appendix P1.2 is changed to permit the hail of a protested boat to be either sail number or bow number.
- 1.3 US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60.3, 61.4, 67, and 76.1 and 88 will apply. This changes the NOR. Addendum A to these SI contains the complete text of these prescriptions. See SI 22.
- 1.4 The amendment to STCR 31.2.6 (ISCYRA Resolution #4-2016) is in effect: Boats may carry VHF radios for purposes of safety and for receiving race committee communication, including notification of OCS boats (see SI 23.2).

2 Notices to Competitors:

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located on the East Patio at Edgewater Yacht Club.

3 Crew Weight:

- 3.1 Crews must comply with STCR 31.1.3 at all times.

4 Changes in the Sailing Instructions:

- 4.1 Changes in the Sailing Instructions will be approved by the Jury and the Organizing Authority and will be posted before 0800 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.

5 Signals Ashore:

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Northeast Flagpole at EYC.
- 5.2 Code flag “AP” when displayed ashore means that the start has been postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after removing “AP”. This changes RRS Race Signals.

6 Schedule:

- 6.1 Registration and Measurement:

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| Tues. | June 13 | 0900-1600 | EYC Pavilion & Dry Sail Area |
| Wed. | June 14 | 0900-1500 | EYC Pavilion & Dry Sail Area |
| Wed. | June 14 | 1730 | Competitor's Meeting |
| Wed. | June 14 | 1800 | Opening Ceremony (blue blazer attire) |

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| 6.2 | Schedule of Races: | | | |
| | Wed. | June 14 | 1400 | Tune-up Race |
| | Thur. | June 15 | Race Day 1 | 2 races scheduled |
| | Fri. | June 16 | Race Day 2 | 2 races scheduled |
| | Sat. | June 17 | Race Day 3 | 2 races scheduled |
| | Sun. | June 18 | Race Day 4 | 1 race scheduled |
| | Sun. | June 18 | 1300 | No initial Warning Signal after this time |

6.3 The scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first race each day is 0955.

6.4 Seven (7) races are scheduled.

7 Class Flag:

7.1 The Class Flag will be a Star Class logo flag.

8 Racing Area:

8.1 Racing will be conducted on Lake Erie approximately one nautical mile north of EYC, June 14 – 16, and approximately two nautical miles northeast of EYC, June 17-18. Please refer to the chart posted on the Official Notice Board.

9 Course:

9.1 Course “0”, Course “1”, Course “3”, or Course “4”, STCR 34.3, Format B, STCR 34.3.7, may be used. The Race Committee signal boat will display the appropriate numeral pennant (or the course number by placard) to indicate the course.

9.2 The approximate compass bearing from Mark 3 (or Marks 3S and 3P) to Mark 1 will be displayed on the Race Committee signal boat prior to or with the Warning Signal.

9.3 The courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.

9.4 Lengths of legs of the course will not be changed after the Preparatory Signal. This changes RRS 33b.

10 Marks:

10.1 Mark 1 will be a Green Tetrahedron.

10.2 If used, a “leeward gate” will consist of a pair of Orange Tetrahedrons.

10.3 For Courses “3” and “4”, Mark 2 will be a round buoy.

10.4 At any mark beginning a downwind leg on courses “0” and “1”, the Race Committee may set an offset mark, which will be a round buoy. In that case, boats shall pass Mark 1 to port, and then round the offset mark to port.

10.5 A new mark will be a Yellow Inflatable mark. If a new mark is subsequently changed, it will be replaced with the original mark.

11 Check In:

11.1 Prior to the first Warning Signal of the first race a boat sails each day, boats shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee signal boat to be recorded. Boats not complying with this instruction will receive the same score as a boat not starting (DNS), without a hearing. This changes RRS A4, A5 and 63.1.

12 The Start:

12.1 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end and the staff displaying an orange flag on the port end RC boat.

12.2 OCS boats may be hailed by sail number or bow number on VHF 78A. See SIs 1.4 and 23.2.

12.3 A boat not starting within 10 minutes after the Starting Signal will be scored DNS, without a hearing. This changes RRS A4, A5 and 63.1.

12.4 A Race Committee boat displaying Code Flag “G” may pass to windward of the fleet in the event of a postponement, general recall or abandonment, which means: “The Race Committee has signaled a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Boats are to return to the starting area immediately.”

12.5 A Race Committee boat displaying Code Flag “X” positioned near Mark 1 will attempt to notify OCS boats and will display their bow numbers.

12.6 A Race Committee boat displaying a “U” Flag or Black Flag positioned near Mark 1 will attempt to notify boats that have been disqualified in accordance with RRS 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.

13 Change of Position of the Next Mark:

13.1 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position.

14 The Finish:

14.1 The finishing line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and an Orange cylinder.

15 Time Limit:

15.1 The time limits will be as described in STCR 34.3.7, Format B.

15.2 Boats finishing more than 60 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF), without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16 Protests:

16.1 Protest forms are available at the Jury Table located in the clubhouse and shall be delivered there.

16.2 Protests must be delivered within 60 minutes of the Race Committee signal boat docking time. Protest Time will be posted on the Notice Board. The same Protest Time limit applies to all protests by the Race Committee and Jury about incidents they observe in the racing area or to request redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

16.3 Notices will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes of the Protest Time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Clubhouse Chart Room. All parties to Protest Meetings shall meet at the Jury Table 10 minutes prior to their scheduled Meeting time; Protest Meetings that do not have all Parties present at its start shall be moved to the end of scheduled Protest Meeting times.

16.4 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 will be posted as soon as possible after the Protest Time limit.

16.5 The race committee will post a list of penalties being assigned by the race committee prior to the end of protest time limit. The deadline for requesting redress based on these scores will be either 30 minutes after posting of the penalty notice or the protest time limit, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2..

16.6 On the last day of racing a request for redress based on a Jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

16.7 The penalty for breaking SI 18, 19, 20, 21 and 23 will be at the discretion of the Jury. For SI 20 the penalty may be applied to all boats associated with the team or private support boat.

17 Scoring:

17.1 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score discarded when five (5) or more races are completed; Seven (7) races are scheduled, of which four (4) races shall be completed to constitute a series.

17.2 There will be a Master's Division and a Grand Master's Division for skippers aged 50 years and over or 60 years and over, respectively, by the start of the first race. Entrants in these divisions will be competing for both the Master's or Grand Master's Championship and the overall Championship.

18 Liability and Safety:

18.1 The safety of a boat and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner and/or entrant.

18.2 Competitors leaving the race course before the end of a race shall inform the Race Committee or a Safety Boat as soon as possible. Competitors not leaving the dock on a race day shall inform the Regatta Manager.

19 Crew Changes:

- 19.1 Any request for a change of crew must be submitted to the Jury in writing prior to 0800 hours on the day of the race for which the change is to be made. If the Jury grants permission, it will post its decision on the Notice Board.
- 19.2 A change of helmsman will not be permitted.

20 Team and Private Support Persons and Boats:

- 20.1 Support Persons will be required to register with the Organizing Authority.
- 20.2 Support Persons and private spectator boats are expected to render assistance to a boat in danger when requested by the boat, or at the request of the Race Committee or Jury.
- 20.3 Support Persons shall stay 100 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the Warning Signal until all boats have finished racing for the day.
- 20.4 Boats shall receive no outside assistance from Support Persons once she has left the dock for the day until the finish of the last race of the day, except in the case of emergency and/or towing supplied by the Organizing Authority and available to all participants.
- 20.5 The Penalty for breaking 20.1, 20.2, 20.3 or 20.4 will be at the discretion of the Jury up to and including disqualification of all boats associated with the team or private Support Person(s).

21 Haul-Out Restrictions:

- 21.1 Boats shall not be hauled out from 1700, June 14, through the conclusion of racing, except with the written permission of the Jury to inspect and/or repair serious damage.

22 National Authority Prescriptions that apply:

- 22.1 Refer to Addendum A, posted on the Official Notice Board.

23 Radio Communication:

- 23.1 A boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions (including cellular telephone) while racing.
- 23.2 The Race Committee may hail OCS boats on VHF Channel 78A. See SIs 1.4 and 12.2. Failure of the Race Committee to transmit, failure of a competitor to receive, mistaken transmissions, and order of hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

24 Prizes:

- 24.1 Perpetual Trophies will be awarded in accordance with STCR 24.
- 24.2 Prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew, as follows:
 - Championship Series – First to Fifth
 - Daily Races – First
 - Master’s Division – First
 - Grand Master’s Division – First
- 24.3 Prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first to third in the series for hull numbers 8000 and below. Competitors in this “Experienced Boat” division will also compete for series prizes (see SI 24.2).

25 Disclaimer of Liability:

- 25.1 Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.
- 25.2 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.