

**2015 Star Western Hemisphere Championship
Biscayne Bay Yacht Club
April 15th thru 19th 2015**

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

The Regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the rules of the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association (STCR). The Organizing Authority is the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club (BBYC) Regatta Committee in conjunction with the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association (ISCYRA). The host fleet is Biscayne Bay.

1.1 Decisions of the International Jury will be final in accordance with RRS 70.5.

1.2 RRS Appendix P will apply.

1.3 The prescriptions of the national authority shall not apply.

1.4 RRS 32 will be changed to provide that courses will not be shortened. RRS 33b will not apply.

1.5 RRS 35 will be changed to provide that boats not finishing within 30 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing.

1.6 RRS 62.2 and 66 will be changed to shorten the time for requesting redress and requesting that a hearing be re-opened on the last day of racing.

1.7 All competing boats may carry a VHF radio capable of receiving channel 16 and 72 for safety purposes, and race committee communication.

2. Advertising

Boats may be required to display Event Advertising on the forward part of the hull.

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1 Entries eligible in accordance with STCR 21, 26, 29 and 30 may compete. Qualifications are Log plus Infinity.

3.2 Entries shall be submitted on the Official Online Entry Form not later than March 27, 2015 to the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association Central Office.

3.3 Only skippers and crew eligible to compete under the ISAF Eligibility Code shall be eligible to compete in this regatta.

3.4 For the purpose of RRS A Scoring: A competitor is not considered an entry until: (a) All fees are paid; (b) Measurement is completed; and, (c) Proof of insurance provided.

4. Fees

The entry fee of \$450.00 includes boat and trailer parking, launching, hauling and invitations to social events for skipper and crew. Entry fees are due at time of entry and but not later than the entry due date. Late entry fees will not be accepted.

5. Schedule

5.1 BBYC Check In: April 14 and 15, 2015 from 0900 to 1600.

5.2 Measurement at BBYC: April 14 and 15, 2015 from 0900 to 1600.

5.3 Schedule of Races: Racing will be April 16 to 19, 2015, four race days.

5.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1100.

5.5 No warning signal will be made after 1400 on April 19, 2015.

6. Measurement

6.1 Measurement will take place at Biscayne Bay Yacht Club. Each participating boat shall have a valid Measurement Certificate in the name of the current owner, and Weight Certificate. Only boats that have completed registration, paid all entry fees, and passed the prescribed measurement check procedure by 1800 on April 15 are entitled to race. The International 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 1800 on

- April 15,2015. Crews may be re-weighed during the event at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 6.3 Each boat shall show the sail number and national letters as indicated on the Official Entry Form and approved by the Measurer.
- 6.4 Bow numbers will be assigned and given to each participating boat. They shall be affixed to the hull according to the Sailing Instructions.
- 7. Sailing Instructions**
The Sailing Instructions will be available at Biscayne Bay Yacht Club April 14, 2015.
- 8. Venue**
Racing will be conducted on Biscayne Bay.
- 9. Courses**
Courses will be according to STCR 34.
- 10. Scoring**
The Low Point Scoring System, RRS A, will apply, modified so that each series score will be the total of her races scores with her worst score excluded if more than four (4) races are completed.
- 11. Berthing**
Boats shall be at Biscayne Bay Yacht Club commencing at 0900 hours on April 14, 2015 until the conclusion of racing.
- 12. Haul-out Restrictions**
The Organizing Authority may impose haul-out restrictions.
- 13. Team and Private Support Boats**
A yacht shall receive no outside assistance from support boats or otherwise 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 organizer and available to all participants.
- 14. Prizes**
- 14.1 Perpetual Trophies will be awarded according to STCR 24.
- 14.2 Series prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first through fifth.
- 14.3 Master's trophies will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first through third in the Series for skippers aged 50 through 59 before the start of the first race. Competitors in the Master's Division will also compete for Series prizes (see 14.2).
- 14.4 Grand Master's trophies will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first through third in the Series for skippers aged 60 or over before the start of the first race. Competitors in the Grand Master's Division will also compete for Series prizes (see 14.2).
- 15. Disclaimer**
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.
- 16. Insurance**
Boats sailing in this regatta must be adequately insured against third party liability for racing risks. Proof of Insurance is required as part of the registration process.
- 17. Information contact:**
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