



# 2015 STAR CLASS WESTERN HEMISPHERE CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 Rules:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) except as changed by the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.
- 1.2 RRS Appendix P will apply. RRS Appendix P is changed to permit the hail to a protested boat to be either sail number or bow number.
- 1.3 The prescriptions of the national authority will not apply.
- 1.4 Racing rules 35, 62.2 and 66 are changed as follows: 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. 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.

### 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 Bow Numbers:

- 3.1 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.

### 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 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.

### 5 Schedule:

#### 5.1 Schedule of Measurement, Registration and Races;

<i>DAY</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
<b>April 14 Tuesday</b>	Official Measurement Day 1 Registration desk open Sail Measurement & stamping Boat weighing	 0900 - 1200 0900 - 1200 0800 - 1000	 BBYC front foyer BBYC 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor BBYC Hoist
<b>April 15 Wednesday</b>	Official Measurement & weigh-in Day 2 Registration desk open Skipper & Crew weigh-in Sail Measurement and stamping Boat weighing	 0900 - 1100 and 1600 - 1800 0900 - 1100 and 1600 - 1800 0900 - 1100 and 1600 - 1800 0800 - 1000	 BBYC front foyer BBYC Lobby BBYC 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor BBYC Hoist
<b>April 16 – 19 Thursday To Sunday</b>	Late weigh-in Skippers Meeting Championship Racing First Warning Signal at 1100 each day A 2 <sup>nd</sup> race if possible is scheduled daily	0800 ó 0900 0900 Daily	BBYC Lobby BBYC Patio Biscayne Bay Southeast of Dinner Key Channel

5.2 No more than 2 races per day may be sailed.

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

5.4 If the Race Committee intends to start another race on the same day flag ⚓ 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. If no more races are to be started on that day the Race Committee will display flag ⚓.

5.5 No warning signal will be made after 1400 hours on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015

## **6 Signals Ashore:**

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on the East lawn of the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club.

6.2 Code flag ⚓ when displayed ashore means that the start has been postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 90 minutes after the lowering of the signal.

## **7 Class Flag**

7.1 The Class Flag shall be a Red Star on 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. See attachment ⚓Racing Area.

## **9 Courses:**

9.1 See Appendix 1 for course details and diagrams.

9.2 The approximate compass bearing and distance to the first mark will be displayed from the Race Committee signal boat prior to the warning signal.

## **10 Marks:**

10.1 Windward mark will be an inflatable orange cylinder.

10.2 Change mark will an inflatable yellow cylinder.

10.3 For Courses 3 and 4, mark 2 will be an inflatable yellow cylinder.

10.4 The leeward gate will be will consist of a pair of yellow cylinders.

10.5 For windward leeward courses there will be an inflatable orange offset 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 on starboard tack to be recorded. 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 the staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat anchored at the port end of a starting line.

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

## **13 Recalls**

13.1 As a courtesy, boats that are subject to RRS 29.1 the bow numbers or the sail numbers of any boat or boats that are identified as OCS may be announced on VHF 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 radio will not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 29.1 60.1(b), and 62.

## **14 The Finish:**

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

## **15 Time Limit:**

15.1 The time limit for any race will be 3 hours.

15.2 RRS 35, A4 and A5 is changed to provide that boats finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored ⚓Did Not Finish.

**16 Protests:**

- 16.1** Protest forms are available at the Jury desk located in the downstairs lobby of the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club.
- 16.2** Protests shall be delivered to the Jury Desk within one hour of the Race Committee signal boat docking time. Protest Time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 16.3** Notices will be posted on the Official Protest notice board within 30 minutes of the end of the Protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in a private area of the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club as soon as possible after the protest time limit expires.
- 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** Boats recorded on the finishing list as having not started, not finished, penalized with Z Flag, or disqualified by Black Flag will be posted on the Notice Board 30 minutes before the end of Protest Time.
- 16.6** On the last day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:  
Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;  
No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed. This changes RRS 66.
- 16.7** 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.
- 16.8** The Penalty for breaking SI and 18, 19.1, 20, and 21 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** The Low Point Scoring System, RRS A, will apply, except that RRS A is changed so each series score will be the total of her races scores with her worst score excluded if more than four (4) races are completed. Up to 8 races are scheduled, of which four (4) races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2** There will be a Masterø Division for skippers aged 50 years and over by the start of the first race. Entrants in this division will be competing for both the Mastersø Championship and the overall Championship.
- 17.3** There will be a Grand Masterø Division for skippers aged 60 years and over by the start of the first race. Entrants in this division will be competing for both the Grand Masters 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 as soon as possible and may use VHF 72 to do so, or call Biscayne Bay Yacht Club at 305-858-6303.  
Competitors not leaving the dock on a race day shall inform the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club at phone# 305-858-6303 or Regatta Chairman Bruce Harper at phone number 305-586-0112.

**19 Crew Changes:**

- 19.1** 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 International Jury grants permission, it will do so in writing and post such notice on the Notice Board.
- 19.2** A change of helmsman will not be permitted.

**20 Team and Private Support Boats:**

- 20.1** Coaches and coach boats shall be required to register with the race committee during registration and display a provided numbered flag while on the water.

- 20.2** Coach boats 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. Coaches and coach boats shall monitor VHF 72 at all times while on the water.
- 20.3** Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay 100 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the Warning Signal until all boats have finished racing.
- 20.4** 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
- 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 boat.

**21 Radio Communication:**

- 21.1** STCR 31.2.6 has been amended for this Championship to allow VHF radios to be carried on all boats for the sole purpose of receiving information from the Race Committee and transmitting in case of an emergency. The use of cell phones is prohibited except in an emergency.

**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 ó 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place.  
Masters Division ó 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
Grand Masters Division ó 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

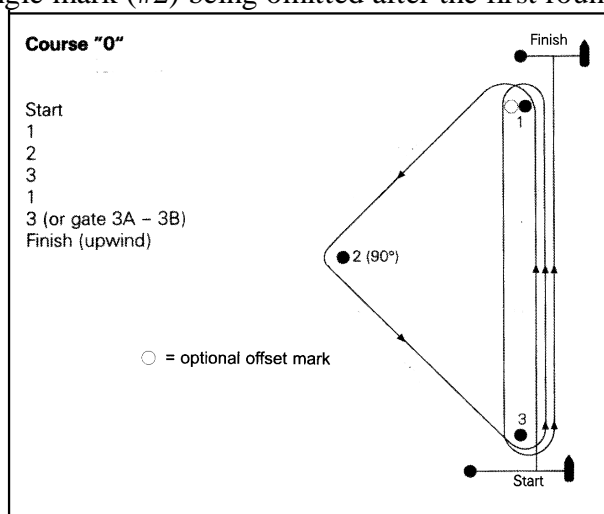
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**A1. COURSE DIAGRAMS:**

A1.1 Course 0, 1, 2, 3 and 4 are described below. No course may be shortened.

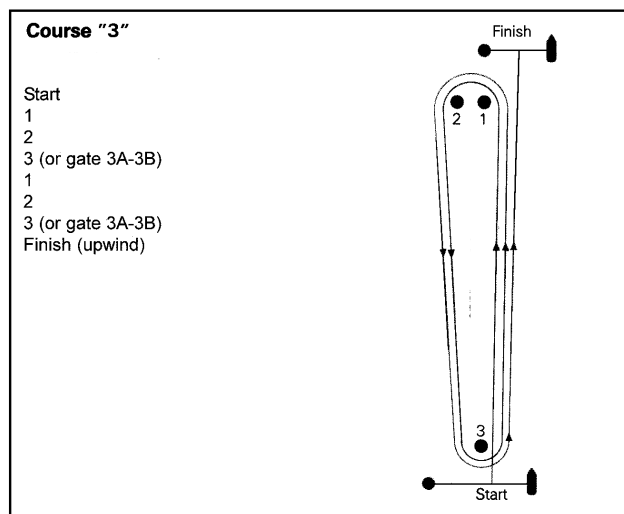
**Course "0".**

An isosceles right angled triangle, followed by a windward (with offset mark), leeward (with gate), and finishing on a final windward leg, the right angle mark (#2) being omitted after the first round.



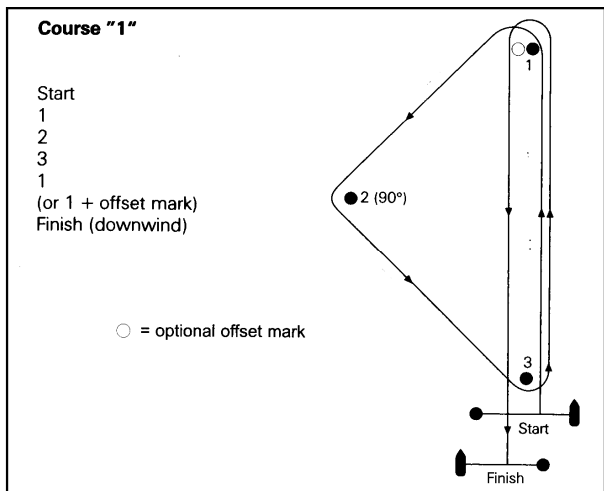
**Course "3".**

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 "1".**

An isosceles right angled triangle, followed by a windward (with offset), leeward (with gate), finishing downwind at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> lap. The right angle mark (#2) being omitted after the first round.



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> lap.

