



2021 STAR WESTERN HEMISPHERE CHAMPIONSHIP
APRIL 22 – 25, 2021
DIAZ MARINE, INC. AND ISCYRA, ORGANIZING AUTHORITY
BISCAYNE BAY YACHT CLUB, HOST
MIAMI, FLORIDA, USA



NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 The Biscayne Bay Yacht Club (“BBYC”) COVID-19 Health Rules document is included in the Rules of the Regatta. This will be posted on the YachtScoring.com Official Notice Board.
- 1.3 The following prescriptions of US Sailing will apply: RRS 61.4, RRS 67, RRS 76.1, and Appendix R. PRESCRIPTIONS WILL BE AN ADDENDUM TO THE NoR.
- 1.4 STCRs change RRS as follows:
 - 1.4.1 STCR 31.2.6 allows boats to carry VHF radios for purposes of safety and for receiving race committee communication, including notification of OCS boats. See also NoR 3.2.
 - 1.4.2 STCR 34.3.1 changes 1) RRS 32 that no course shall be shortened at a Mark, and 2) RRS 33(b) is changed to allow changes to leg lengths within the parameters of the Format being sailed.
 - 1.4.3 STCR 34.6.3 changes RRS 35 and A5 to provide that boats not finishing within the limits established in STCR 34.6.3 after the first boat sails the course and *finishes* within the time limit will be scored TLE as defined in the STCR.
 - 1.4.4 STCR 35.5 changes the Two-Turn penalty in RRS 44.1 and P2.1 to a One-Turn Penalty as defined in RRS 44.2.
- 1.5 Appendices that will apply:
 - 1.5.1 Appendix P will apply as stated in NOR 12.1.
 - 1.5.2 Appendix T1, as amended in the Sailing Instructions, will apply.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at on-line after April 20, 2021.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board will be located at <https://2021whc.starchampionships.org/>.
- 3.2 Boats may carry VHF radios suitable for use in the host venue for purposes of safety and for receiving race committee communication, including notification of OCS boats. Race Committee failure to notify, delay notification, and the order announced will not be grounds for redress.
- 3.3 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Entries are open to all active, life and isolated skippers and must be eligible in accordance with STCR 26.1. Crews must comply with STCR 26.2. Boats must comply with STCR 21.

- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the on-line application at <https://2021whc.starchampionships.org/entry> to the ISCYRA Central Office by April 2, 2021 (see STCR 28.1).
- 4.3 Entries received after April 2, 2021, will be subject to a late fee and must be approved by ISCYRA Continental Committee.
- 4.4 Only skippers and crew eligible to compete under WS Eligibility Code are to compete in this regatta.
- 4.5 A Competitor is not entered and will not receive a score until: (a) All fees are paid; (b) Measurement and crew weight-in are completed; and, (c) Proof of insurance is provided.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee of US\$375.00 includes the Star Class fee, boat and trailer parking, launching, and hauling.
- 5.2 Entry fees are due at time of entry, but not later than April 2, 2021, and payable via credit card on the website entry form.
- 5.3 The late entry fee of US\$425.00 will be assessed entries received after April 2, 2021, given conformance to NoR 4.3.
- 5.4 The fee is not refundable, even if the entry is cancelled later on or the boat does not show up. Entry fees will only be refunded if the entry is rejected. If a competitor will not be able to reach the venue due to COVID-19 related issues (e.g. infection, quarantine, or other restrictions in the home venue of the competitor or of the USA or the State of Florida) beyond the control of the competitor, the fee will be refunded.

6 ADVERTISING

- 6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Advertising Code applies.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1

Thursday, April 22, 2021	1000-1200; 1500 – 1800 hrs.	Registration, Inspection of boats, Team Weigh-In
Friday, April 23, 2021	0800 – 0830 hrs. 0900 hrs. 1055 hrs.	Late Registration, Inspection of boats, Team Weigh-In All boats afloat, Skippers Meeting Warning Signal 1st Race (up to 3 races scheduled)
Saturday, April 24, 2021	1055 hrs.	Warning Signal 1st Race (up to 3 races scheduled)
Sunday, April 25, 2021	1055 hrs. 1400 hrs. After Racing	Warning Signal 1 Race (up to 2 races scheduled). No Warning Signal after this time Awards Ceremony (location TBD)

- 7.2 Up to 8 races are scheduled for Format C.

8 MEASUREMENT

- 8.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate. In addition the following equipment may be inspected or measured: Towline, Paddle, PFDs.
- 8.2 Teams shall demonstrate compliance with team weight limits in accordance with STCR 31.1.3 prior to end of inspection. Registration and Team Weigh-in to be conducted at the USSailing Center. Teams WILL NOT be subject to reweighing during the regatta subject to the exception in STCR 31.1.3.
- 8.3 A boat may be ordered to be re-checked during the regatta.

9 VENUE

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

10 THE COURSES

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

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 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.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 The scoring system is the Low Point System in RRS Appendix A.
- 12.2 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.3 (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.

13 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 13.1 Per STCR 31.1.4, boats shall receive no outside assistance from any Support Vessels and or Support Persons, including towing, 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 OA and available to all participants.
- 13.2 Support Persons vessels shall remain 300 feet outside of the areas where boats are racing, including extensions of the starting line, as well as outside race committee and jury vessels from the time of the first warning signal for the day until all boats have finished and/or retired for the day or the race committee signals an abandonment for the day, or to provide assistance in an emergency. Vessels may receive a warning from the race committee or jury of an impending infringement of this rule before filing a protest under RRS 4.1(b), 60.3(d), 64.5.
- 13.3 Per RRS 37, Support Vessels and persons shall carry a functioning VHF and monitor the required channel and shall assist the Race Committee.
- 13.4 The Sailing Instructions and/or the OA may further limit the activities of the support vessels.

13.5 [DP] 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.

14 BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park.

15 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

16 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of US\$300,000.00 per incident or the equivalent.

17 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in accordance with STCR 24. The OA and the Host reserve the right to award other prizes.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information see the event website at <https://2021whc.starchampionships.org/> or please contact AugieDiaz@msn.com.