

# 2022 STAR SPRING CHAMPIONSHIP

## Biscayne Bay Yacht Club

2540 South Miami Drive

Miami, Florida 33133

April 28 – May 1, 2022

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1. RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), and the rules of the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association (ISCYRA) as modified by this notice of race, sailing instructions and any subsequent amendment.

1.2 Covid 19 prevention policies of the state and local government, Biscayne Bay Yacht Club (BBYC) and the United States Sailing Center Miami (USSCM) will rank as *rules*.

#### 2. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) 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.

2.2 Two races are scheduled per day. The race committee reserves the option to run a third race, indicated by displaying flag R with one sound at the finish line before the first boat finishes.

#### 3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the south flagpole at BBYC, followed by announcements on VHF channel 72.

3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced by “60 minutes” in Race Signals AP.

#### 4. CLASS FLAG

4.1 The class flag is the Star Class insignia on a white background.

#### 5. COURSES

5.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the number of the course to be sailed, and the magnetic bearing and distance in nautical miles to Mark #1.

5.2 STCR 34.3, Courses 1, 3, and 4 will be used.

## **6. MARKS OF THE COURSE**

6.1 Mark #1 will be a yellow, inflatable cylinder. Mark #2 will be a smaller, neon-green inflatable cylinder. A gate may be laid out at Mark #3, in accordance with STCR 34.4.4, Mark #3 will be yellow inflatable cylinder(s).

6.2 Marks of the course are to be left to port, except for a gate at Mark #3.

## **7. THE START**

7.1 STCR 34.1 will apply. Upon reaching the starting area boats will report by sailing past the stern of the signal vessel until their bow number is hailed by the race committee.

7.2 The starting line will be 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 orange inflatable cylinder.

7.3 The race committee will make announcements and attempt to notify boats identified as OCS on VHF channel 72. Absence of notification, delayed notification and the sequence of notification shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62 and STCR 31.2.6.

7.4 A boat that does not start within four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes STCR 34.7.

## **8. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

8.1 For a change of the next leg of the course, rule 33, the original marks will be used.

8.2 In addition to Race Signals, course changes will be announced on VHF channel 72.

## **9. THE FINISH**

9.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel and a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel at the opposite end, or the course side of an orange inflatable cylinder.

## **10. TIME LIMITS**

10.1 STCR 34.3.7, Format C time limits will apply.

## **11. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD**

11. The official notice board (ONB) will be located on the regatta website at Yacht Scoring. <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15156>

## **12. HEARINGS**

12.1 Boats will notify the race committee signal vessel upon finishing by VHF channel 72 of intent to protest, penalty turns completed, or acceptance of a Scoring Penalty (A yellow flag not required, this changes rule 44.3 (a)(b)).

12.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat *finishes* the final race of the day.

12.3 Protests, acceptance of a Scoring Penalty, or requests for redress will be delivered to a race officer at BBYC within the time limit.

12.4 'Actions of the Race Committee', including the protest time limit, penalties and disqualifications, intent to protest reported, penalty turns reported, and request for redress will be posted on the ONB no later than 30 minutes after the last boat finishes the final race of the day.

12.5 Notices to inform competitors of hearings will be posted on the ONB at Yacht Scoring no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit, informing parties to the time of the hearing. Hearings will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at BBYC. Parties are responsible to have their witnesses ready at the time of hearings. Hearings will be held on the second floor of BBYC.

12.6 After a hearing penalties, with the exception of RRS Part 2, will be at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification. This changes rule 64.2.

12.7 Scoring inquiries may be directed to any race official at BBYC.

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

13.1 US Sailing Appendix V1, PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT will apply.

## **14. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

14.1 A boat that retires from a race for breaking a *rule* that is not exonerated, or that departs the sailing area for any reason, shall notify the race committee on VHF channel 72, if ashore by contacting the race officer by cell phone.

## **15. REGISTRATION & BOAT IDENTIFICATION**

15.1 Check-in for registration and assignment of bow numbers will be at BBYC on Thursday, April 28, from 0900 to 1200 and from 1600 to 1800. (This changes NOR 4.1).

15.2 Boats will be identified by their bow numbers. Boats with adequate existing bow numbers may be registered with these numbers. Boats without bow numbers will be issued numbers and application instructions by the organizing authority when checking-in for registration.

## **16. REPLACEMENT OF CREW**

16.1 There shall be no substitution of a helmsman.

16.2 Substitution of crew may only be allowed with the written permission of the protest committee.

## **17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

17.1 In addition to RRS 3, DECISION TO RACE, the safety of a boat and her entire management shall be the responsibility of the owner or the owner's representative. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage, injury and death. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. The event organizers including the organizing authority, the race committee, Biscayne Bay Yacht Club including member's volunteering their vessels, jury, sponsors or any other organization or official will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury or death of any competitor or *Support Person* as a result of participating in this event. By participating each competitor or *Support Person* agrees to release the race organizers from any liability associated with participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## **18. PRIZES**

18.1 Prize-giving will be at 1700 on Sunday, May 1, at BBYC.

## **19. BERTHING**

19.1 Competitors are responsible for berthing reservation and payment. For the US Sailing Center Miami, contact Pat Downey at: 305-854-1058 or [USSCMiami@bellsouth.net](mailto:USSCMiami@bellsouth.net). See NOR 14.

## **20. EVENT OFFICIALS**

Regatta Chairman:     Bruce Harper     305-586-0112

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