



Star North Americans
Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station
September 28- October 2, 2016

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
FOR I.S.C.Y.R.A EVENTS

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 is changed to permit the hail of a protested boat to be either sail number or bow number.
- 1.3 Star class Rule 31.2.6 has been modified to allow boats to carry a VHF radio.

2 Notices to Competitors:

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station.

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 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 Signals Ashore:

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the main flagpole at Belmont Station.
- 5.2 Code flag "AP" 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. This changes RRS Race Signals.

6 Schedule:

6.1 Registration and Measurement:

Tues.	9/27	1000-1730	Belmont Station
Tues.	9/27	1800	All boats with even numbered bow numbers shall be afloat
Wed.	9/28	0800-0930	Belmont Station
Wed	9/28	0900	Competitors meeting Belmont Station

6.2 Schedule of Races:

Wed.	Sept 28	2 races
Thur.	Sept 29	2 races
Fri.	Sept 30	2 races
Sat.	Oct 1	1 race
<u>Sun</u>	<u>Oct 2</u>	<u>Reserve Day</u>

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

6.4 No warning signal is scheduled after 1430 on Oct 2.

7 Class Flag:

7.1 The Class Flag shall be the Star Class Flag.

8 Racing Area:

8.1 Racing will be on Lake Michigan, east of the Belmont Harbor entrance. Addendum A shows the location of the racing area.

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 Except as provided for in SI 10.2, 10.4, 10.5, and 14.1 marks will be Orange Tetrahedrons.

10.2 A new mark shall be a Yellow Tetrahedron. If a new mark is subsequently changed, it will be replaced with an Orange Tetrahedron.

10.3 If deployed, a "leeward gate" will consist of a pair of Orange Tetrahedrons.

10.4 For Courses "3" and "4", Mark 2 will be a White Tetrahedron.

10.5 At any mark beginning a downwind leg on courses "0" and "1", the Race Committee may set an offset mark. In that case, boats shall pass Mark 1 to port, and then round the offset mark to port.

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. RRS A4 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 also changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

12 The Start:

12.1 The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the Race Committee signal boat and a staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the Port end boat.

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.

- 12.3 Boats on the course side at the start may be courtesy hailed by the race committee on the designated VHF channel, identified using their bow number. Errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts or hails are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 12.4 A Race Committee boat displaying Code Flag "G" may pass to windward of the fleet in the event of an abandonment, postponement or general recall which means: "The Race Committee has signaled an abandonment, postponement or general recall. 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 black flag positioned near Mark 1 will attempt to notify boats that have been disqualified in accordance with RRS 30.3 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 races scheduled for that day, boats having been disqualified in the first race may stand by in an area outside the race course for the second 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 mark may not yet be in position.

14 The Finish:

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on a Race Committee boat and a White Tetrahedron.

15 Time Limit:

- 15.1 The time limit will be as described in STCR 34.3.7, Format B.
- 15.2 RRS 35, A4 and A5 is changed to provide that boats finishing more than 60 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing.

16 Protests:

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the protest desk inside of Belmont Station and shall be delivered there.
- 16.2 Protests must be delivered within one hour 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 and 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 Sailing Barge at the time posted.
- 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 or not finished 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:
 - (a) Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) 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 SIs: 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 for skippers aged 50 years and over by the start of the first race. Entrants in this division will be competing for both the 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 or a Safety Boat as soon as possible. Competitors not leaving the dock on a race day shall inform the Regatta Manager.
- 18.3 VHF Channel 73 will be the designated channel for courtesy broadcasts.

19 Crew Changes:

- 19.1 Any request for a change of crew must be submitted to the Protest Committee in writing prior to 0900 hours on the day of the race for which the change is to be made. If the 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 Coach boats will be required to register with the Organizing Authority.
- 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.
- 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 Haul-Out Restrictions:

- 21.1 All boats with even bow numbers shall be afloat by 1800 Tuesday September 27, 2016.
- 21.2 Boats with Even numbers will haul on Wednesday Sept 28 and Friday Sept 30. Boats with Odd bow numbers will haul on Tuesday Sept 27 and Thursday Sept 29.

22 US Sailing Prescriptions that apply:

- 22.1 US Sailing Rule 67, Damages, and Rule 76.1, Exclusion of Boats or Competitors. See NOR Addendum B.

23 Radio Communication:

- 23.1 A boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions (including cellular telephone) while racing.

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 to Third
Grand Master – First
Exalted Grand Master- First

25 Disclaimer of Liability:

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.

ADDENDUM A Race Area

