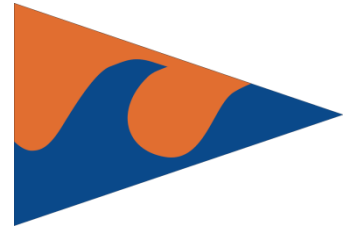




**Star Mid-Winter Regatta
January 10, 11, 12 & 13, 2013
Sailing Instructions**



District 20 MIAMI STAR WINTER SERIES 2012-2013

Coral Reef Yacht Club
Coconut Grove, Florida, USA
November 2012 to March 2013

1. RULES

The race will be governed by the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Rules of the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association (STCR), except as altered by these sailing instructions.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located in the north breezeway of the Coral Reef Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day they are to take effect, except that any changes in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole at Coral Reef Yacht Club. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after AP is lowered.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. The Race Committee may change the schedule. No more than 2 races per day may be sailed as per STCR 34.3.7 Format C.

5.2. No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Sunday.

5.3. Regatta Schedule;

Thursday, January 10, 2013

Registration

0900 to 1000 hours

Skippers Meeting 0930 to 0945 hours
Warning, Race 1 **1125 hours**
Race 2 To follow

Friday, January 11, 2013
Warning, Race 3 **1125 hours**
Race 4 To follow
Event Dinner (free, cash bar) 1930 hours

Saturday, January 12, 2013
Warning, Race 5 **1125 hours**
Race 6 To follow

Sunday, January 13, 2013
Warning, Race 7 **1055 hours**
Trophy Presentation About 90 minutes after RC Signal boat docks.

6. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on Biscayne Bay one to three miles south of Dinner Key Channel.

7. COURSES

7.1. Course "0", Course "1", Course "3", or Course "4", STCR 34.3, Format C, STCR 34.3.7 may be used. The Race Committee signal boat will display the appropriate the course number by placard to indicate the course.

7.2. The course, approximate compass bearing from the starting line to the first mark and distance to the first mark will be displayed from the Race Committee signal boat.

7.3. The number of legs of the given course will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.2.

7.4. The lengths of legs of the course will not be changed after the Preparatory Signal, This changes RRS 33

8. MARKS

Marks of the course shall be red inflatable marks. Marks for the start or finish shall be yellow inflatable mark or staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee mark boat on the port end.

9. CHECK IN

Prior to the first race each day, each boat shall sail pass aft of the race committee signal boat on and hail her bow or sail number until acknowledged by the race committee. 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.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The race committee will sound a series of short horn sounds to alert competitors the warning will be displayed within one minute.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and a nearby mark or staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee mark boat on the port end.
- 10.3. RRS A4.2 is changed so that a boat not starting within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing.

11. THE FINISH

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

12. TIME LIMIT

- 12.1. The time limit will be as described in STCR 34.3.7 Format C.
- 12.2. RRS 35, A4 and A5 are changed to provide that boats finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing.

13. PENALTY FOR BREAKING A RULE OF PART 2

- 13.1. The penalty for breaking a *Rule* of Part 2 is changed in that if a boat breaks a *Rule* of Part 2 her penalty will be a one turn penalty including one tack and one jibe. (This changes *Rule* 44)

14. PROTESTS:

- 13.1. Protest forms are available at the front desk at the entrance to the Coral Reef Yacht Club. Protest shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 13.2. Protests must be delivered within one hour of the Race Committee signal boat docking time. The 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.

13.3. 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 location identified at the time posted.

13.4. Boats recorded on the finishing list as having not started or not finished will be posted on the Notice Board ½ hour before the end of protest time. Any boat so notified may request a hearing, which must be in writing and delivered to the Jury's secretary within the protest time limit.

13.5. On the last day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

13.5.1. Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;

13.5.2. No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed.

13.6. 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 rule 62.2.

15. SCORING

14.1. Low point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply.

14.2. The Race Committee will attempt to run seven races of which one must be completed to constitute a regatta

14.3. There are no dropped scores which changes Appendix A 2.

16. SOCIAL

All competitors are invited to dinner on Friday January 11 at 7:30 pm. The cost of the dinner is included in your registration. Cash bar for adult beverages will be available.

17. TROPHIES

Mid-Winter Regatta prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first through third and for the top Masters skipper aged 50 or older and top Grand Master skipper aged 60 before the start of the first race in the series and crew regardless of age.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

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.A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee, the jury or the receptionist at Coral Reef Yacht Club as soon as possible.

18.3.A boat requiring assistance shall signal by waving extended arms.

19. TEAM AND PRIVATE SUPPORT BOATS:

19.1. 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.

19.2. 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.

19.3. The Penalty for breaking 17.1 or 17.2 will be at the discretion of the jury up to and including disqualification of all boats associated with the team or private support boat.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATION:

19.1. STCR 31.26 will be amended to allow VHF radios to be carried on all boats for the sole purpose to listen into actions of the Race Committee and to transmit in the event of an emergency.

19.2. In the event of an individual recall, bow numbers or sail numbers or identification of a yacht or yachts which are identified as OCS may be announced on VHF 71. Failure of a yacht 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 redress. This changes RRS 29.1 and 60.1b.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

Participants agree that no person or organization involved in the conduct of this Regatta 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 Regatta. 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.