



2018 Star North American Championship
California Yacht Club
Marina del Rey, CA
August 14 – 19, 2018



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 Rules:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and in the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association Rules (STCR).
- 1.2 RRS Appendix P will apply.
- 1.3 RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 are changed, to replace “Two Turns Penalty” with “One Turn Penalty” (see STCR 35.5).

2 Notices to Competitors:

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the outside windows of the Gallery Room, downstairs in the California Yacht Club (CYC) clubhouse.

3 Crew Weight:

- 3.1 Crews must comply with STCR 31.1.3 at all times. This rule is not subject to protest by a boat; this changes RRS 60.1.

4 Changes in the Sailing Instructions:

- 4.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SI) will be approved by the Jury and will be posted before 1000 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to 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 on the CYC front lawn.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced by ‘not less than sixty (60) minutes’ in the race signal AP.

6 Schedule:

- 6.1 Registration and Measurement:

Tues.	8/14	1000-1600	CYC clubhouse, downstairs
Wed.	8/15	1000-1600	CYC clubhouse, downstairs
Thurs.	8/16	0800-0900	Late Crew Weigh-In, CYC Gallery Room
- 6.2 Opening Ceremony and Reception:

Wed.	8/15	1800	CYC front lawn
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- 6.3 Schedule of Races:

Wed.	8/15	1400	Practice Race
Thur.	8/16	1225	First Warning Signal, two races scheduled
Fri.	8/17	1225	First Warning Signal, two races scheduled
Sat.	8/18	1225	First Warning Signal, two races scheduled
Sun.	8/19	1225	First Warning Signal, two races scheduled
Sun.	8/19	1500	No initial Warning Signal after this time
- 6.4 Two (2) races are scheduled for each day of racing; however, up to three (3) races may be sailed in one day, provided the championship never gets more than one (1) race ahead of schedule.

7 Class Flag:

- 7.1 The Class Flag will be a red star on a white background.

8 Racing Area:

- 8.1 Racing will be on Santa Monica Bay. The starting area will be approximately 1.5 nautical miles WNW of the Marina del Rey detached breakwater.

9 Course:

- 9.1 Course "0", Course "1", Course "3", or Course "4", STCR 34.3, and Format B, STCR 34.3.7, will be used. The Race Committee (RC) signal boat will display the course, using a numeral pennant, by the warning signal
- 9.2 The RC signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing and distance in nautical miles from Mark 3 (or Marks 3A-3B) to Mark 1, using numeral placards, by the warning signal.
- 9.3 RRS 32 is changed. No course will be shortened (see STCR 34.3.1).
- 9.4 This championship has been designated by the IGC of ISCYRA as a test event to modify STCR 34.3.1: The length of a leg may be changed under RRS 33, within the parameters of STCR 34.3.7, Format B.

10 Marks:

- 10.1 Marks 1 and 2 (for Courses 0 or 1) will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 10.2 A new Mark 1 or 2 (for Courses 0 or 1) will be an orange tetrahedron.
- 10.3 Mark 2 for Courses 3 or 4 will be an orange & white checkered flag buoy.
- 10.4 Mark 3 will be a yellow sphere. Leeward gate marks (Marks 3A-3B) will be yellow spheres.
- 10.5 If the position of Mark 3 or 3A-3B is changed, the original mark(s) will be moved to the new location.
- 10.6 At the mark beginning a downwind leg on Courses 0 or 1, the offset mark will be an orange & white checkered flag buoy.

11 Check In:

- 11.1 Check-in with the RC signal boat is required. After flag L is displayed and prior to the first warning signal each day, boats shall sail past the stern of the RC signal boat to be recorded. Boats not complying with this rule will receive a 20% scoring penalty for the first race of the day, without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

12 The Start:

- 12.1 The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange & white checkered flag is displayed on the RC signal boat at its starboard end and a staff from which an orange & white checkered flag is displayed on the RC line boat at its port end.
- 12.2 The RC may hail boats that are subject to RRS 29.1, Individual Recall, on VHF channel 72, identifying boats using their sail or bow number. See SI 23, Radio Communication.
- 12.3 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS), without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5 (see STCR 34.7).
- 12.4 A RC boat displaying 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 RC boat displaying flag U or a black flag positioned near Mark 1 will attempt to notify boats that have been disqualified under RRS 30.3 or 30.4, respectively. Any boat notified that she has been disqualified shall leave the race course immediately. However, if there are additional races scheduled for that day, boats having been disqualified may stand by in an area outside the race course for the next race.

13 Change of Position of the Next Mark:

13.1 See SI 10.2 and 10.5 for descriptions of change marks.

14 The Finish:

14.1 The finishing line will be between the staffs from which orange & white checkered flags are displayed on a RC boat at both ends.

15 Time Limit:

15.1 RRS 35 and STCR 34.3.7, Format B, are changed. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be two (2) hours.

15.2 RRS 35 and STCR 34.6.3 are changed. Boats not finishing within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF), without a hearing. This changes NOR paragraph 2.6.

16 Protests:

16.1 Protests shall be filed at the Jury Desk no later than sixty (60) minutes after the RC signal boat docks (Protest Time Limit), which time will be posted on the official notice board no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the RC signal boat docks. Protest forms will be available at the Jury desk, downstairs in the CYC clubhouse.

16.2 RRS 62.2 (Redress) is modified as follows:

a. The second sentence of RRS 62.2 is changed to: "If the request is based on an incident in the racing area, it shall be delivered to the Jury desk within the Protest Time Limit for that day."

b. No later than fifteen (15) minutes after the RC signal boat docks, a notice of boats scored per RRS A5 or penalized under SI 11.1 or SI 12.2 for that day will be posted on the official notice board. The deadline for a request for redress based on these scores will be the Protest Time Limit for that day.

c. On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than thirty (30) minutes after the decision was posted.

16.3 No later than fifteen (15) minutes after the Protest Time Limit, a notice of filed protests and requests for redress will be posted adjacent to the Jury desk. This will constitute notice to all parties to a hearing under RRS 63.2.

16.4 Protests and requests for redress will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

16.8 The penalty for breaking SIs 3.1, 12.5, 18.2, 19, 20 or 23 will be at the discretion of the Jury. For infractions of 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.

17.2 Eight (8) races are scheduled, of which four (4) races must be completed and scored to constitute a 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. Competitors not leaving the dock on a race day shall inform a Regatta Chair.

18.3 VHF Channel 72 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 Jury 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 official notice board.

19.2 A change of helmsman will not be permitted.

20 Team and Private Support Boats:

- 20.1 Coach / support boats will be required to register with the Organizing Authority (OA.)
- 20.2 Coach / support 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. All such boats on the course are expected to monitor VHF Channel 72.
- 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 boat 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 OA 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 Boats may be hauled out each night.

22 US Sailing Prescriptions that apply:

- 22.1 US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60.3(b), Right to Protest, 61.4, Fees for Protests, 67, Damages, 76.1, Exclusion of Boats or Competitors, and Appendix R, Appeals, will apply. See NOR Addendum A.

23 Radio Communication:

- 23.1 The RC may use VHF Channel 72 to broadcast information such as: location of the RC signal boat, notification of upcoming starting sequence, the course to be sailed, the approximate compass bearing and distance to the first mark, and Individual Recalls as provide under SI 12.2.
- 23.3 Failure of a boat to receive courtesy broadcasts or timeliness or order of hail for Individual Recalls will not be considered grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 23.3 The use of cellular phones is prohibited except in an emergency. This rule is not subject to protest by a boat; this changes RRS 60.1.

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 described in the NOR.

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.