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## STAR CLASS SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 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 P is changed to permit the hail to a protested boat to be either sail number or bow number.
- 1.3 The prescriptions of the national authority, US Sailing, do not apply, except as noted in SI 22 below.

### 2 Notices to Competitors:

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (Notice Board) located in the breezeway adjacent to the Snack Bar at Coral Reef Yacht Club (CRYC).

### 3 Crew Weight:

- 3.1 ISCYRA rule 31.1.3, Crew Weight, will not be in effect.

### 4 Changes in the Sailing Instructions:

- 4.1 Changes in the Sailing Instructions (SI) will be approved by the International Jury (Jury) and the Organizing Authority (OA) 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 on the flagpole located at Coral Reef Yacht Club.
- 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 removal. This changes RRS Race Signals.

### 6 Schedule:

#### 6.1 Schedule of racing:

3/7	Monday	1155 - one race scheduled
3/8	Tuesday	1155 - one race scheduled
3/9	Wednesday	1155 - one race scheduled
3/10	Thursday	1155 - one race scheduled
3/11	Friday	1155 - one race scheduled
3/12	Saturday	1055 - one race scheduled – No warning signal made after 1300 hours.

- 6.2 The schedule above is subject to change due to weather conditions. Changes will be posted in accordance with SI 4.

### 7 Class Flag:

- 7.1 The class flag will be a red star on a white background.

### 8 Racing Area:

- 8.1 The racing area is circle "Charlie" approximately 3 NM to 4 NM south of Dinner Key Channel. See location on chart.

### 9 Courses:

- 9.1 Course "0", Course "1", Course "3", or Course "4", STCR 34.3, Format A, STCR 34.3.7 may be used.
- 9.2 The Race Committee signal boat will display the course number with the distance and approximate magnetic bearing to the Mark 1 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 33(b).

### 10 Marks:

- 10.1 Inflatable marks will be used for the course. A description of these marks will be posted on the Notice Board before racing begins.
- 10.2 A gate may be employed at Mark 3. Boats shall sail between the gate marks and round either mark.



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**10.3** For courses “0” and “1” an offset mark will be set at Mark 1 for all legs.

#### **11 Check In:**

**11.1** Prior to the first Warning Signal of each race, boats shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee (RC) signal boat to be recorded. RRS A4.1 is changed to provide that boats not complying with this instruction will receive a score as a boat not starting without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

#### **12 The Start:**

**12.1** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard-end RC signal boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port-end RC pin boat.

#### **OR**

A mid-line RC boat may be employed. If a RC mid-line boat is employed it will be the signal boat. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard-end RC boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the mid-line RC signal boat, and between a staff displaying an orange flag on the mid-line RC signal boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port-end RC boat. These are two separate starting lines. If a mid-line boat is employed, the RC will not use RRS 30.1.

**12.2** The RC boat at the port end and starboard end, if a mid-line RC signal boat is used, may display the same signals as those displayed on the RC signal boat. Only the RC signal boat will make sound signals. Failure to display or incorrect timing from the RC boat at the port end or starboard end, if a mid-line RC signal boat is used, shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

**12.3** A boat not starting within 10 minutes after the Starting Signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

**12.4** The recall number for a boat will be her bow number.

**12.5** A RC boat displaying flag “G” may pass to windward of the fleet which means: “The Race Committee has signaled an abandonment, postponement or general recall. Boats are to return to the starting area immediately.”

**12.6** A Race Committee boat displaying flag “X” positioned near Mark 1 will attempt to OCS boats and will display their bow numbers.

**12.7** 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. The same procedure applies for boats disqualified in accordance with flag “U” (see below) and flag “U” will be displayed. Any boat notified that she has been disqualified shall leave the race course immediately.

**12.8** If flag “U” has been displayed as the Preparatory Signal, no part of a boat’s hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her Starting Signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed, or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal.

#### **13 Changing the Next Leg of the Course:**

**13.1** To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

#### **14 The Finish:**

**14.1** The finishing line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat at the starboard end and a nearby inflatable mark or the staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat at the port end.

#### **15 Time Limits:**

**15.1** The time limit will be as described in STCR 34.3.7 Format A.

**15.2** RRS 35, A4 and A5 are 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 Jury desk inside the main lobby at Coral Reef Yacht Club.

**16.2** Protests must be delivered to the Jury secretary within one hour of the RC signal boat docking time. The protest time will be posted on the Notice Board. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by



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the RC 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 Notice Board 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearing in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at Coral Reef Yacht Club in order received.

**16.4** Boats scored as having not started or not finished will be posted on the Notice Board within 30 minutes before the end of protest time. Any boat may request a scoring inquiry, which must be in writing and delivered to the RC within the protest time limit.

**16.5** On the last day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered: Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; or, no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed. This changes RRS 66.

**16.6** 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 RRS 62.2

### **17 Scoring:**

**17.1** The Low Point System will be used except, when four (4) or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**17.2** Six races are scheduled. Three completed races are required to constitute a series.

**17.3** Penalties for violations of the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and the Racing Rules of Sailing, which are not a Part 2 or Part 3 infringement, are at the discretion of the Jury and may include disqualification.

**17.5** Scores will be posted on the Notice Board at CRYC.

**17.6** Boats failing to meet the time limit of SI 15.2 will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing.

### **18 Safety Regulations, Retiring:**

**18.1** Each owner/skipper shall familiarize and share with their crew the safety protocol and first-aid notice found in the skipper bag.

**18.2** Boats in need of assistance from the RC will wave an extended arm in the direction of any RC boat or call on VHF 71 (see SI 23.1).

**18.3** Boats retiring from racing will notify a RC boat or, if not practical, inform the front desk at Coral Reef Yacht Club.

### **19 Replacement of Crew or Equipment:**

**19.1** A change of helmsman is not permitted.

**19.2** Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Jury. Once a crewmember has changed, the original crew may not return. There shall be no crew change on the final day of racing.

### **20 Team and Private Support Boats:**

**20.1** Coach boats and private spectator boats are expected to monitor VHF 71 and render assistance to a boat in danger when requested by the boat, or at the request of the RC or Jury.

**20.2** 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.

**20.3** 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

**20.4** The penalty for breaking SI 20.1, 20.2 or 20.3 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 – Berthing:**

**21.1** There are no haul out or berthing restrictions.

### **22 US Sailing Prescriptions That Apply:**

#### **RRS 61.4: Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress**

US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.



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### **RRS 67: DAMAGES**

US Sailing prescribes that:

- a. A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.
- b. A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
- c. A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by these rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

### **RRS 76.1: Exclusions Of Boats Or Competitors**

US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.

### **23 Radio Communications:**

**23.1** ISCYRA 31.2.6, Electronic Equipment, is amended to allow VHF radios to be carried on all boats for the sole purpose to listen to the actions of the RC and to transmit in the event of an emergency.

**23.2** In the event of an individual recall, bow numbers or sail numbers of a yacht or yachts which are identified as OCS may be announced on VHF 71. Failure of a yacht to hear a recall notification, 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 60.1(b) and 62.

### **24 Prizes:**

**24.1** A prize for the first place boat in the series for the Masters Division (skippers age 50 through 59 before the start of the first race);

**24.2** A prize for the first place boat in the series for the Grand Masters Division (skippers age 60 and above before the start of the first race);

**24.3** A prize for the first place boat in the series for the Exalted Grand Master (skippers age 70 and above before the start of the first race)

**24.4** Competitors in the Master's Division, Grand Masters and Exalted Division will also compete for series prizes;

**24.5** Prizes for the first, second, third, fourth and fifth place boats in the series; and,

**24.6** The perpetual Bacardi Cup for the first place skipper and the Tito Cup for the first place crew in the series.

### **25 Trash Disposal, Clothing and Extra Sails:**

**25.1** Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and RC boats.

**25.2** The race committee will not accept items of clothing or sails.

### **26 Disclaimer of Liability:**

**26.1** Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers, including the OA, CRYC, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official, will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of practice for or participation in this event on the water or ashore. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law. Rule 82, a US Sailing Prescription, will not apply to the event.