

# International Star Class Yacht Racing Association Schoonmaker Cup and North American Championships

Davis Island Yacht Club - Tampa, Florida

November 11-16, 2011

Sailing Instructions

## Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) except as any of these are modified by the Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.
- 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 provided in the Prescription to RRS 88; the US Prescriptions to Rules 68, 76.1 and 76.3 apply and are stated fully in paragraph 21 below.
- 2 Notices to Competitors**  
Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located on the west side of the first deck of the Clubhouse next to the Tiki Bar.
- 3 Crew Weight**
  - 3.1 Crews must comply with class rule 31.1.3 at all times. During the series spot weight controls will be carried out. A random selection of three crews per day will be weighed before the protest time limit expires. Crews found to be in violation of the rule shall be subject to disqualification from all races sailed on the day of the violation.
  - 3.2 Daily random crew weighing will take place in the Regatta Room. A selection notice will be posted on the official notice board within 10 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. Crews notified of selection shall present themselves in the Regatta Room for weighing as soon as possible after the notice is posted and no later than the expiration of the protest time limit. Failure to do so shall be deemed to be in violation of class rule 31.1.3. A member of the race committee will do the weighing.
- 4 Changes in Sailing Instructions**  
Changes in the Sailing Instructions will be approved by the Jury 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 Made Ashore**
  - 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the club flagpole located on the point at the entrance to the harbor.
  - 5.2 Code flag "AP" when displayed ashore means that the start has been postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the lowering of the signal. This changes race signals "AP".
- 6 Schedule of Races**

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| <b>Schoonmaker Cup</b>                       |       |  |      |
| <b>Sat.</b>                                  | 11/12 | Competitor Meeting / Lower Deck          | 0900 |
| <b>Sat.</b>                                  | 11/12 | Warning First Race of the Day            | 1100 |
| <b>2011 Star North American Championship</b> |       |  |      |
| <b>Sat.</b>                                  | 11/12 | Competitor Meeting/Dining Room           | 1900 |
| <b>Sun.</b>                                  | 11/13 | Warning 1 <sup>st</sup> race of the day  | 1100 |
| <b>Mon.</b>                                  | 11/14 | Warning, 1 <sup>st</sup> race of the day | 1100 |
| <b>Tues.</b>                                 | 11/15 | Warning, 1 <sup>st</sup> race of the day | 1100 |
| <b>Wed.</b>                                  | 11/16 | Warning, 1 <sup>st</sup> race of the day | 1100 |

**No race will start after 1500 Wednesday 11/16**

- The Race Committee may change the schedule. Races may be sailed earlier than originally scheduled, but not before the day and time scheduled for the first race on 11/13. No more than 3 races per day may be scheduled.
- 7 Class Flag**  
The Class Flag will be a white flag with a red STAR.
  - 8 Racing Area**  
The racing area will be that part of Hillsborough Bay that lies due south of Davis Island Yacht Club.
  - 9 The Courses**
    - 9.1 Course "0", Course "1", Course "3", or Course "4". STCR 34.3, may be used. STCR 34.3.7 Format C will apply. The Race Committee signal boat will display the appropriate numeral pennant 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.
    - 9.4 Lengths of legs of the course will not be changed after the Preparatory Signal.
  - 10 Marks**
    - 10.1 Except as provided for in SI 10.2, 10.3, 10.4, 10.5, and 12.1 marks will be yellow inflatable marks.
    - 10.2 New mark(s) will be orange inflatables. If a new mark(s) is subsequently changed, it will be replaced with the original mark(s).
    - 10.3 The "leeward gate" will consist of a pair of yellow inflatable marks..
    - 10.4 For Courses "3" and "4", Mark 2 will be an orange ball.
    - 10.5 At any mark beginning a downwind leg on courses "0", and "1", the Race Committee will employ an orange ball as an off-set mark. In that case, boats shall pass Mark 1 to port, and then round the off-set mark to port.
  - 11 Check In**  
Prior to the first Warning Signal of the first race a boat sails each day, she shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee signal boat to be recorded. The RC will acknowledge the boat. 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 for the first race of the day. 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 race committee boat at the starboard end and a green inflatable mark at the port end.
    - 12.2 The race committee may set a guide buoy (a small orange mark) near the middle of the starting line. This buoy is not a mark of the course and shall not define the starting line.
    - 12.3 RRS A4.2 is changed so that a boat not starting within 10 minutes after the Starting Signal will be scored DNS without a hearing.
    - 12.4 The race committee signal boat may be protected by a nearby limit mark which shall rank as a starting mark. Boats shall not pass between a limit mark and the nearby committee boat when approaching the line to start. The area between the limit mark and the committee boat

does not rank as an obstruction for the purposes of "RRS" 19 or 20.

- 12.5 In the event of abandonment, postponement or general recall, a Race Committee boat displaying the appropriate flag may pass to windward of the fleet. Boats are to return to the starting area immediately.
- 12.6 A shotgun blast may be used as the sound signal as required for RRS 29.1 and 29.2.
- 12.7 As a courtesy, all recall flags may be repeated by the pin boat. Failure to display these signals or their timing shall not be grounds for redress.
- 12.8 A Race Committee boat displaying a black flag positioned near Mark 1 may attempt to notify boats that have been disqualified in accordance with RRS 30.3 and will display their bow numbers.

### 13 The Finish

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and a nearby orange mark.
- 13.2 Code flag "R" displayed at the finish means "another race will be run; return to the starting area".

### 14 Time Limit

- 14.1 Time limits as per STCR 34.3.7 Format C.
- 14.2 RRS 35 is changed to provide that boats finishing more than 60 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored "DNF" without a hearing this also changes A4 and A5.

### 15 Protests

- 15.1 Protest forms are available in the Regatta Room on the first deck of the Clubhouse and shall be delivered to the Jury Secretary within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 Protests must be delivered within one hour of the Race Committee signal boat docking time.
- 15.3 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Jury will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.4 The RC will post a list of all boats penalized by the RC on the Official Notice Board immediately after their arrival. The time limit for a Request for Redress for these actions is 30 minutes after posting or the close of protest time whichever is later.
- 15.5 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 will be posted as soon as possible within the protest time limit.
- 15.6 Hearings will be held in approximately the order received beginning as soon as possible.
- 15.7 On the last day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
  - (a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day,
  - (b) No later than 20 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66
- 15.8 On the last day of racing, requests for redress and scoring enquiries shall be delivered within protest time or within 30 minutes of the incident or the information being posted, whichever is later.
- 15.9 The Penalty for breaking SI's 18, 19.1, 20, 21, 23 and 24 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.
- 15.10 Penalties for breaking a rule other than those of RRS Part 2 will be determined by the Jury. This changes rule 64.1(a)

### 16 Scoring

The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply, modified so that each series score will be the total of her race scores if fewer than (5) races are completed. Three races are scheduled for the Schoonmaker Cup. Ten

(10) races are scheduled for the North American Championship of which four (4) must be completed to constitute a championship.

### 17 Liability and Safety

- 17.1 The safety of a boat and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner and/or entrant.
- 17.2 Competitors leaving the race course before the end of a race shall inform the Race Committee or the Club Office as soon as possible. Competitors not leaving the dock on a race day shall inform the Club Office.

### 18 Crew Changes:

- 18.1 Any request for a change of crew must be submitted to the International Jury in writing prior to 0900 hours on the day of the race for which the change is to be made. If the International Jury grants permission, it will do so in writing and post such notice on the Notice Board.
- 18.2 Once a crew member has changed, the original crew may not return. There will be no crew exchange on the final day of racing
- 18.3 A change of helmsman will not be permitted.

### 19 Team and Private Support Boats

- 19.1 All support/team boats *must* register with the Race Committee at the time of registration.
- 19.2 In addition to RRS 41 the following shall apply; a yacht shall receive no outside assistance from or have contact with Support/Team boats by radio, cell phone or by other means once she has left the dock for the day until after 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.
- 19.3 Prior to the prep flag for the first race of the day all Support/Team boats shall be anchored in the designated Support/Team Boat Waiting area as identified on the course diagrams. Competitors shall not enter this waiting area. They shall remain there until the finish of the last race of the day.
- 19.4 Should a support/team boat need to leave the support/team boat area prior to the end of the racing that day, he/she must receive clearance from the Race Committee over VHF channel 5 (five).
- 19.5 The penalty(s) for breaking this instruction may be removal from the property of the offending personnel and boats who then shall be denied re-entry to the property, and /or disqualification of all boats associated with the team or private support boats.

### 20 Boat Storage, Launching and Haul out:

All boats must be kept at Davis Island Yacht Club commencing on Saturday, November 12, 2011, at 1000 until the end of the Championship. There are no haul-out restrictions.

### 21 US Sailing Prescriptions That Apply

- 21.1 After RRS 68 add: "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 the 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."

21.2 After RRS 76.1 add: "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."

21.3 Add RRS 76.3: "US SAILING prescribes that a boat whose entry is rejected or cancelled or a competitor who is excluded from a race or series shall be, upon written request, entitled to a hearing conducted by the protest committee under rules 63.2, 63.3, 63.4 and 63.6."

**22 Prizes**

22.1 Perpetual Trophies will be awarded according to STCR 24.

22.2 Series prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first through fifth.

22.3 Master's trophies will be awarded to the top skipper and crew in the Series for skippers aged 50 through 59 before the start of the first race. Competitors in the Master's Division will also compete for Series prizes.

22.4 Grand Master's trophies will be awarded to the top skipper and crew in the Series for skippers aged 60 or over before the start of the first race. Competitors in the Grand Master's Division will also compete for Series prizes.

22.5 Daily prizes will be awarded, number TBD.

**23 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

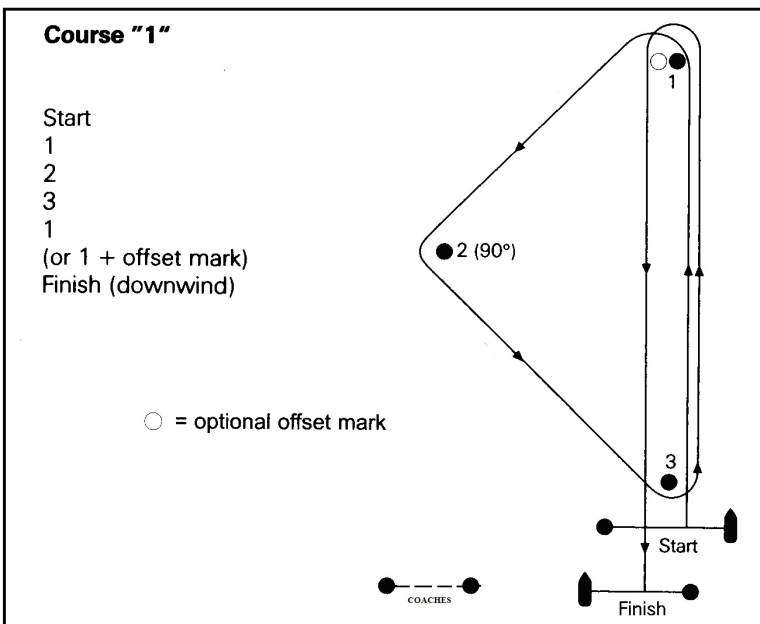
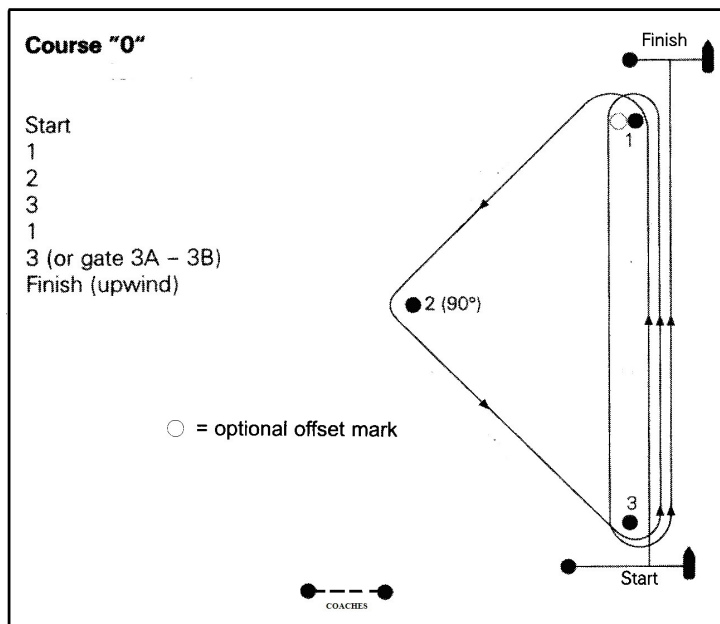
of boat or personal property arising out of a participant's preparation for or participation in any on-the-water or on-shore activities (whether social, recreational, launching, hauling, boat storage or otherwise) associated with the Championship. Nothing in these Sailing Instructions or oral statements 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.

**24 Parking**

With the exception of the area reserved for trailer parking, the parking area surrounding the clubhouse is reserved for club members. All regatta parking is to be on the entrance area east of the warning signs.

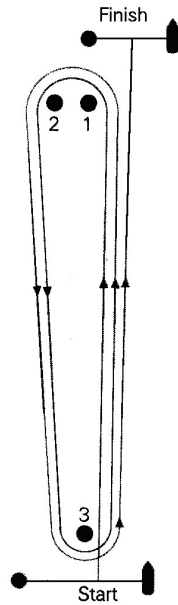
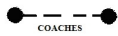
**25 Environmental Concerns**

Any Competitor, Race Official, Jury Member or Support/Team Member who throws any refuse overboard, including but not limited to aluminum cans, plastic items, bottles, etc., is subject to being protested by the Race Committee, Competitors or the Jury. Penalties for competitors may include disqualification. Penalties for other officials, support and coaches may include being reported to their respective MNA. Repeated violations may include expulsion from the property or other actions deemed appropriate by the Jury. Any penalties imposed will be posted on the Official Notice Board.



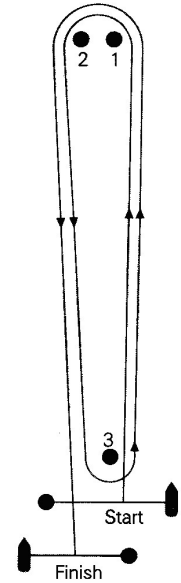
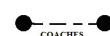
### Course "3"

- Start  
1  
2  
3 (or gate 3A-3B)  
1  
2  
3 (or gate 3A-3B)  
Finish (upwind)



### Course "4"

- Start  
1  
2  
3 (or gate 3A - 3B)  
1  
2  
Finish (downwind)



## Sailing Area

