

2011 Star Class North American Championship

Davis Island Yacht Club

Tampa, Florida

November 11-16, 2011

NOTICE OF RACE

1 Rules

The Regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the rules of the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association (STCR). The Organizing Authority is the Davis Island Yacht club in conjunction with the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association (ISCYRA). The host fleet is the Tampa Bay Star Fleet.

1.1 Decisions of the International Jury will be final in accordance with RRS 70.4.

1.2 RRS Appendix P will apply.

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 16 below.

1.4 RRS 32 will be changed to provide that courses will not be shortened.

1.5 RRS 33b will not apply.

1.6 RRS 35 will be changed to provide that boats not finishing within 60 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing.

1.7 RRS 62.2 and 66 will be changed to shorten the time for requesting redress and requesting that a hearing be re-opened on the last day of racing.

1.8 RRS A4.1 will be changed to provide that a boat failing to check in prior to the warning signal of the first race of the session will be scored the same as a boat not starting in that race without a hearing.

2 Advertising

Boats may be required to display Event Advertising on the forward part of the hull. Advertising for tobacco products is strongly discouraged.

3 Eligibility and Entry

3.1 Entries eligible in accordance with STCR 21, 26, 29 and 30 may compete. Qualifications are Log plus Infinity.

3.2 Entries shall be submitted on the Official Online Entry Form not later than October 24, 2011 to the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association Central Office and the Davis Island Yacht Club (organizing authority) at the following website:

<http://www.starclass.org/2011NorthAmericanEntry.php>

3.3 Only skippers and crew eligible to compete under the ISAF Eligibility Code shall be eligible to compete in this regatta.

3.4 For the purpose of RRS Appendix A Scoring: A competitor is not considered an entry until: (a) All fees are paid and (b) Measurement is completed.

3.5 Proof of marine liability insurance (property and injury) in the amount of \$300,000 covering the person in charge (RRS 46) during this regatta is required.

4 Fees

A discount fee of \$425.00 will be assessed for all contestants that pre-pay. This fee includes boat and trailer parking, launching, hauling, all Race Committee functions, Fast Break Breakfast each race morning, coupons for regatta shirt to both skipper and crew, and invitations to designated social events for skipper and crew. A fee of \$500 will be charged at the time of registration so as to encourage pre-payment. Pre-payment is strongly encouraged to allow for event planning. Checks must be drawn on a United States bank and made payable to Davis Island Yacht, 1315 Severn Ave, Tampa, Florida 33629. Entry fees must be received by the close of business on October 24, 2011 to enjoy the discount.

5 Schedule

Monday, October 24, 2011		Entry Deadline
Friday, November 11	0900-1700	Registration and Measurement

Saturday November 12	0900-1600 1100 1900	Registration and Measurement Ding Schoonmaker Cup (See separate NOR) Welcome Reception, Opening Ceremonies & Competitor's Meeting
Sunday, November 13	0800 1100	Fast Break Breakfast First Warning Signal of the 2011 North Americans
Monday, November 14	0800 1100 After Racing	Fast Break Breakfast First Warning Signal Midweek Party
Tuesday, November 15	0800 1100 hours	Fast Break Breakfast First Warning Signal
Wednesday, November 16	0800 1100 After Racing	Fast Break Breakfast First Warning Signal Awards Presentation
No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Wednesday, November 16.		

6 Measurement

- 6.1 Measurement will take place at Davis Island Yacht Club. Each participating boat shall have a valid Measurement Certificate in his/her name, and Weight Certificate. Only boats that have completed registration, paid all entry fees, and passed the prescribed measurement check procedure by 1600 on Saturday November 12, are entitled to race. The International Jury may order that a boat be re-checked during the regatta.
- 6.2 Crews shall demonstrate compliance with crew weight limits in accordance with STCR 31.1.3 prior to 1600, Saturday, November 12. Crews may be re-weighed during the event at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 6.3 Each boat shall show the sail number and national letters as indicated on the Official Entry Form and approved by the Organizing Authority.
- 6.4 Bow numbers will be assigned and given to each participating boat. They shall be affixed to the hull according to the Sailing Instructions.

7 Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available during registration and may be posted on the event website.

8 Venue

Racing will be conducted on Hillsborough Bay south of Davis Island Yacht Club.

9 Courses

Courses will be according to STCR 34.

10 Scoring

The Low Point Scoring System, RRS A, will apply, modified so that each series score will be the total of her races scores if fewer than five (5) races are completed.

11 Berthing

Boats shall be at Davis Island Yacht Club commencing at 1600 hours on Saturday, November 12 until the conclusion of racing.

12 Haul-out Restrictions

The Organizing Authority may impose haul-out restrictions.

13 Team and Private Support Boats

A yacht shall receive no outside assistance from support boats or otherwise once she has left the dock for the day until all boats have finished the last race of the day, except in the case of emergency and/or towing supplied by the organizer and available to all participants.

14 Prizes

- 14.1 Perpetual Trophies will be awarded according to STCR 24.
- 14.2 Series prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first through fifth
- 14.3 Master's trophies will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first through third 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 (see 14.2).
- 14.4 Grand Master's trophies will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first through third 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 (see 14.2)

15 Disclaimer

The Organizing Authority shall require each competitor to sign a waiver for loss, damage or injury to persons or property occurring in conjunction with the regatta or on the property of Davis Island Yacht Club. The Organizing Authority, their members, employees, officers and/or agents shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury that may occur to person or property whether ashore or at sea as a consequence of the participation of any boat.

16 Applicable US Sailing Prescriptions

- 16.1 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."
- 16.2 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."
- 16.3 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."

17 Information

See the regatta website at www.henrymoore.org/2011starNA (available after June 21, 2011).

Host Club

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There is a very limited amount of private housing, both land and boats, available of a first come, first served basis. Please contact the Regatta Chairman.