



# INTERNATIONAL STAR CLASS YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

## 2024 WESTERN HEMISPHERE CHAMPIONSHIP

Biscayne Bay Yacht Club  
2540 South Bayshore Drive  
Miami, Florida 33133, USA  
April 11-14, 2024

### NOTICE OF RACE

The organizing authority (OA) is the ISCYRA in conjunction with the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club (BBYC).  
The BBYC Regatta Committee is designated as the race committee (RC).

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and rules of the ISCYRA (STCR), except where modified in this notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 1.2. The following US Sailing prescriptions will apply: RRS 60.3, 61.4, 67, 76.1, and Appendix R.
- 1.3. Except for breaking a rule of RRS Part 1 or 2 or RRS 31, the protest committee (PC) may impose a discretionary penalty (DP) less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.2.
- 1.4. Bow numbers shall be supplied by the RC and will be mounted in accordance with the sailing instructions.

#### 2. COMMUNICATION

- 2.1 The official notice board (ONB) is located online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16436>
- 2.2 A competitor may carry a marine channel VHF radio for emergency and race committee communication in accordance with STCR 31.2.6.
- 2.3 The race committee will make broadcasts on VHF channel 72. Failure to receive, delay in notification, and the order of announcements will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

#### 3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. The sailing instructions (SI) will be posted no later than 1 April on the ONB.

#### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. Entries are open to all active, life and isolated skippers eligible in accordance with STCR 26.1. Crew shall comply with STCR 26.2. Boats shall be in compliance with STCR 21.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing entry on-line [https://whc.starchampionships.org/entry/2024\\_whc](https://whc.starchampionships.org/entry/2024_whc)
- 4.3. Skippers and crew must be eligible to compete under the WS Eligibility Code.
- 4.4. A boat is not entered and will not receive a score until: All fees are paid, boat inspection and crew weighing are completed, proof of insurance has been provided, and waiver of liability is signed.

#### 5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee of \$650.00 USD includes the Star Class fee, launching, hauling, trailer storage, morning and post-race beverages, and prize-giving buffet for skipper and crew.
- 5.2 U30 entry fees are \$150.00 USD.



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5.3 Completed entries are due no later than 22 March, 2024.

5.4 Entry fees are payable via credit card on the website entry form.

5.5 A late entry accepted by the OA will be assessed an additional fee of \$100.00 USD.

5.6 There will be a \$50.00 fee for *Support Persons* to be paid at the time of registration, for access to the Club grounds and to participate in social benefits.

5.7 Entry fees may be refunded in the event the boat cannot be delivered to the host venue by 11 April, or health issues for the skipper or crew.

### 6. ADVERTISING

6.1 Advertising will be in compliance with STCR 40.

### 7. SCHEDULE

Thursday, 4/11/2024	08:00 – 12:00	Registration, Inspection, Crew Weighing
	13:30 – 15:30	Practice Starts and Races
	18:30 – 19:30	Opening Ceremony – Heavy Hors d’oeuvres Cash Bar – Blue Blazer
Friday, 4/12/2024	08:00 – 09:00	Late registration, Inspection. Crew Weighing
	09:00	Competitor’s Briefing
	10:55	First Warning Signal (Three Races Scheduled)
Saturday, 4/13/2024	09:00	Competitor’s Meeting
	10:55	First Warning Signal (Three Races Scheduled)
		Star Class Dinner, TBA
Sunday, 4/14/2024	09:00	Competitor’s Meeting
	10:55	First Warning Signal (Two races scheduled)



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- 7.2 Eight races are scheduled, STCR 26.2 Format C.
- 7.3 On Sunday, 14 April, no warning signal shall be made after 14:00 hrs.

### 8. INSPECTION & WEIGHING

- 8.1 Boats will be inspected for equipment, in compliance with STCR 31.1.2.
- 8.2 Two mainsails and two jibs are permitted,
- 8.3 Crew weight shall be in compliance with STCR 31.1.3.

### 9. SAILING VENUE

- 9.1. The venue will be Biscayne Bay, one to three miles southwest of Fl G 2.5s 5M "1".
- 9.2. Boats should exit and enter the marina through navigational channels. It is illegal to sail through designated anchorage areas and boats are subject to a fine for an infraction.

### 10. THE COURSES

- 10.1 The courses will be 0, 1, 3, and 4 as defined by STCR 34.3.1. See APPENDIX **COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS**
- 10.2 A course board on the signal vessel will display the course number and the magnetic bearing and distance to the first mark.

### 11. PENALTY SYSTEM

The One-Turn Penalty *only* shall apply as defined in STCR 35.5.

### 12. SCORING

- 12.1 The scoring system is the Low Point System as defined in RRS Appendix A.
- 12.2 Four completed races are required to constitute the Silver Star Championship, STCR 27.2.
- 12.3 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

### 13. PRIZES

- 13.1 Prizes will be given for:
  - 1. Skipper and crew first place overall.
  - 2. Skipper and crew first through fifth place overall.
  - 3. Skipper and crew first place Junior, Master, Grand Master, and Exalted Grand Master.

### 14. SUPPORT PERSONS AND VESSELS

- 14.1 STCR 31.1.4 shall be in effect. Boats shall receive no outside assistance from any *Support Persons* and support vessels, including towing, once she has left the dock for the day until their finish of the last race of the day, except in the case of emergency or towing supplied by the RC and available to all boats.
- 14.2 Registered *Support Persons* will comply with the event's rules, to have *access to BBYC with food and beverage privileges* and to avoid on the water penalties to competitors under RRS 60.3(d).
- 14.3 *Support Persons* will monitor VHF channel 72 while on the water, and if requested will assist the RC.



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- 14.4 Support vessels will display an identification flag received at registration from first warning signal until all races for the day are completed.
- 14.5 *Support Persons* may not launch their vessels or store trailers on BBYC club grounds. Registered Support Persons may dock only on the Club's west seawall, excluding the Florida State Conservation vessel's reserved space.

### 15. BERTHING AND PARKING

- 15.1 The first 25 boats to complete entry will have space assigned on the blacktop near the two hoists at BBYC.
- 15.2 Additional competitor's boats should arrange storage at the Miami Sailing Center. For these boats, the entry fee will include payment to MSC for storage from 11 to 14 April inclusive.
- 15.3 Registered boats may arrive at BBYC beginning Tuesday, 9 April, and will depart no later than Monday, 14 April or be charged a storage fee.
- 15.4 No vehicle parking is permitted on Club grounds except for Members with vehicle decals. Special nearby parking arrangements are available for non-club members.

### 16. RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
- 16.2 To complete entry for this event, every owner, competitor, crew, *Support Person*, and coach shall sign the Waiver of Liability on Yacht Scoring.

### 17. INSURANCE

To complete entry, each boat and registered support vessels shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent and provide confirmation on the event website at Yacht Scoring.

### 18. CONTACTS

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