



MIAMI STAR WINTER SERIES

Coral Reef Yacht Club, Miami, Florida

November 2014 to January 2015

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1. 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).
- 1.2. US Sailing Prescriptions 88.2, 61.4, 67, and 76.1 will apply.
- 1.3. RRS 35 will be changed to provide that boats not finishing within 30 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing.
- 1.4. RRS 44 will be changed to indicate that the penalty for breaking a Rule of Part 2 will be a one turn penalty including one tack and one jibe.
- 1.5. RRS 62.2 and 66 will be changed to shorten the time for requesting redress and the requesting that a hearing be re-opened on the last day of racing.
- 1.6. RRS A4.1 will be changed to provide that a boat failing to check in prior to the warning signal of their first race of each day will be scored the same as a boat not starting in that race without a hearing.
- 1.7. RRS A8 will be change to indicate that for the Winter Series "Ties will be broken using the Mid-Winter Series score.
- 1.8. STCR 31.2.6 will be amended to allow VHF radios to be carried on all boats for the sole purpose to listen into actions of the Race Committee and to transmit in the event of an emergency. The RC will attempt to notify all boats that are OCS by VHF radio. Failure to do so by RC shall not be grounds for redress.
- 1.9. If there is conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.10. It shall be each competitor's sole responsibility to properly affix and maintain the bow numbers assigned and provided at registration/check-in.

2 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS Notices will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located in the north breezeway of the Coral Reef Yacht Club.

3 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day they are to take effect, except that any changes in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the CRYC flag staff.
- 4.2. When Flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with not less than "60 minutes" after the "AP" is lowered. This changes "Race Signals".

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1. Registration/Check-In on the first day of each event between 0830 - 0930 hours.
- 5.2. A Skippers meeting will be conducted on the first day of each event at 0930 hours.
- 5.3. Race schedule:
 - Schoonmaker Cup - Saturday and Sunday November 22 & 23, 2014.
 - Commodores Cup/District 20 Championship – Saturday and Sunday December 13 & 14, 2014.
 - Levin Memorial – Saturday & Sunday January 3 & 4, 2015.
 - Walker Cup – Thursday and Friday January 8 & 9, 2015.
 - Star Mid-Winters – Thursday through Sunday January 8, 9, 10, 11, 2015.
- 5.4. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of the Schoonmaker Cup, Commodores Cup/District 20 Championship, and Levin Memorial, each Saturday is **1125** hours and **1055** hours each Sunday. For these events, no warning will be made after 1400 on Sunday. No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Sunday.
- 5.5. For the Walker Cup and Star Mid-Winters the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day will be **1125** hours.
- 5.6. For the Schoonmaker Cup, Commodores Cup/District 20 Championship, and Levin Memorial, up to five races each are scheduled.
- 5.7. For the Walker Cup and Star Mid-Winters there will be up to 8 races scheduled.

6 CLASS FLAG The Class flag will be a white flag with the Star Class insignia.

7 RACING AREA The racing area will be on Biscayne Bay one to three miles south of the entrance to Dinner Key Channel.

8 COURSES

- 8.1. Course "0", Course "1", Course "3", or Course "4", STCR 34.3, Format C, STCR 34.3.7 may be used.
- 8.2. No later than the warning signal the Race Committee signal boat will display the appropriate the course number, bearing and distance to the first mark by placard to indicate the course to be sailed.

9 MARKS

- 9.1. Marks of the course shall be red inflatable marks.
- 9.2. Marks for the start and/or finish shall be yellow inflatable mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on a port end race committee mark boat.

10 THE START

- 10.1. The race committee will sound a series of short horn sounds to alert competitors the warning will be displayed within one minute.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and a nearby mark or staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee mark boat on the port end.
- 10.3. RRS A4.2 is changed so that a boat not starting within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE: To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark (or the finish line) to the new position.

12 THE FINISH: The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and a nearby mark or staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee mark boat at the port end.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM:

- 13.1. The penalty for breaking a Rule of Part 2 will be a one turn penalty including one tack and one jibe. This changes RRS 44.
- 13.2. Boats finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat finish will be a scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 34, A4 and A5.
- 13.3. Boats not complying with SI 17.1 will receive for their first race of the day the same score as a boat that did not start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

14 TIME LIMIT: The time limit will be as described in STCR 34.3.7 Format C.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS:

- 15.1. Protests will be made in writing on forms available from the front desk at the CRYC. The Protest Time Limit shall be one (1) hour after the docking time of the Race Committee Finish Boat. The Docking Time will be posted on the Official Notice Board. Protests shall be delivered to the front desk at the CRYC within the appropriate time limit. This changes RRS 61.3.
- 15.2. Requests for redress will be made in writing on forms available from the front desk at the CRYC and must be delivered to the front desk at the CRYC within the Protest Time limit or thirty minutes after the incident, whichever is greater. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 15.3. The Protest Time Limit shall be one (1) hour after the docking time of the Race Committee Finish Boat for protest or request for redress by the Race Committee or Jury about incidents they observe in the racing area. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.4. Within the protest time limit, the Race Committee shall post the bow numbers or sail numbers of all of the boats that are disqualified or penalized under RRS 29, RRS 30, and /or SI 17.1.
- 15.5. A notice fulfilling the requirements of RRS 63.2 will be posted not later than 30 minutes following the expiration of the protest time limit.
- 15.6. On the last day of the regatta, 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 or;
 - b. If the party was informed of the decision that day, no later than thirty (30) minutes after the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision. This changes RRS 66.

16 SCORING:

- 16.1. Low point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply.
- 16.2. One race must be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 16.3. There are no dropped scores. This changes RRS A2.
- 16.4. For the Winter Series: The Low Point Scoring System, RRS A, will apply. Points shall be determined from the finishing place at each regatta. The sum of the best three of the four - 2 DAY regattas, plus the Mid-Winter regatta place multiplied times two, will determine the winner of the Winter series.
- 16.5. For the Winter Series "Ties will be broken using the Mid-Winter Series score. This Changes RRS A8.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS:

- 17.1. Prior to the warning signal of their first race of each day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the race committee signal boat on starboard tack and hail her bow or sail number until acknowledged by the race committee.

17.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee, the jury or the receptionist at Coral Reef Yacht Club as soon as possible.

17.3. A boat requiring assistance shall signal by waving extended arms.

18 EVENT ADVERTISING: Boats may be required to display Event Advertising on the forward part of the hull.

19 TRASH DISPOSAL: Trash may be put aboard support and race committee boats.

20 TEAM AND PRIVATE SUPPORT BOATS:

20.1.1. Coach 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 shall monitor channel 71 during the race.

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. The Penalty for breaking 20.1 or 20.2 will be at the discretion of the jury up to and including disqualification of all boats associated with the team or private support boat.

20.4. A yacht shall receive no outside assistance from support or coach boats while racing. Towing to and from the race course area is permitted.

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION:

21.1. STCR 31.2.6 will be amended to allow VHF radios to be carried on all boats for the sole purpose to listen into actions of the Race Committee and to transmit in the event of an emergency.

21.2. In the event of an individual recall, bow numbers or sail numbers or identification of a yacht or yachts which are identified as OCS may be announced on VHF 71. Failure of a yacht to see or hear her recall notification, and 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 60.1b.

22 PRIZES:

22.1. Weekend and Mid-Winter Regatta prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing 1st through 3rd and the top Grand Masters skipper aged 60 or older before the start of the first race and his crew regardless of age which did not place 1st through 3rd.

22.2. The Star Winter Series prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing 1st through 3rd, the top Junior skipper not placing 1st through 3rd in the series which is aged 35 or younger throughout the series and his crew regardless of age, and the top Grand Masters skipper not placing 1st through 3rd in the regatta which is aged 60 or older before the start of the first race in the series and his crew regardless of age.

22.3. Perpetual trophy, which shall remain in CRYC's custody, will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first in the Star Winter Series.

22.4. The Organizing Authority and/or Race Committee reserve the right to provide additional prizes.

23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, the race committee, the ISCYRA, and the sponsors will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

24 INSURANCE: Boats sailing in this regatta must be adequately insured against third party liability for racing risks (minimum \$300,000 coverage). Proof of insurance will be requested at registration.