



2022 Star North American Championship

June 13-18, 2022

Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club
in conjunction with the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association (ISCYRA).
Annapolis, Maryland, USA
<http://www.annapolisyc.com/racing/regattas>

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the sailing instructions (SIs) or notice of race (NoR) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the SIs or NoR means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The following U.S. Sailing Prescriptions will apply: 60.3, 61.4, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1, and Appendix R.
- 1.3 STCR 34.3.1 changes RRS 32 to provide that course will not be shortened.
- 1.4 Per STCR 34.3.1, RRS 33b will apply; leg length may be changed within the parameters of the Format being sailed.
- 1.5 STCR 34.6.3 changes RRS 35, RRS A5, and RRS A10 to provide those boats not finishing within the stated time in the STCR after the first boat sails the course and finishes within the time limit will be scored "TLE" as defined therein.
- 1.6 STCR 35.5 changes RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.7 [NP][DP] While racing, boats shall display bow numbers. The OA will supply the numbers and instructions for their application. Competitors are responsible for maintaining their bow numbers visible on both sides of the bow.

2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the SI will be approved by the Principal Race Officer (PRO) and will be posted no later than 2 hours before the first scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. Failure to post notices on the regatta website will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which is electronic and located at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14894>
- 3.2 The race office can be reached by telephone at 410-858-4964 or by email at raceoffice@annapolisyc.org. Forms can be found online at <https://www.annapolisyc.com/racing/raceoffice>
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channel 72. This includes announcements and confirmation of race committee signals before, during, and after racing.
- 3.4 Boats may be hailed by Race Officials by either Bow or Sail number.
- 3.5 [DP] Failure of any information to be given or received shall not be grounds for redress. Information gathered on any other VHF channel or RC communication channel shall not be grounds for redress, except when a request for redress under this instruction is initiated by the RC or the Protest Committee. These changes are added to RRS 62.1.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 TEAM WEIGHT

5.1 All teams must demonstrate compliance with STCR 31.1.3 prior to 0900 on Wednesday, June 15.

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1 Signals flown ashore will be flown from flagpole at the AYC Clubhouse.

6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 90 minutes” in Race Signals AP.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

7.1

Day 1 Monday, June 13	1000-1800	Registration, Inspection of boats, Crew Weigh-In
Day 2 Tuesday, June 14	1000-1800 1300 1830 AYC Sailing Center 2 nd Floor	Registration, Inspection of boats, Crew Weigh-In Practice Race Opening Ceremony & Competitors’ Briefing (dress code: Blazer)
Day 3 Wednesday, June 15	0800-0900 1100 After Racing AYC Sailing Center	Late Crew Weigh-in First Warning (Two races scheduled) Social hour with snacks and beer
Day 4 Thursday, June 16	1100 After Racing 1830 AYC Main Clubhouse	First Warning (Two races scheduled) Snacks and beer Dinner at Main Clubhouse (dress code: Blazer)
Day 5 Friday, June 17	1100 After Racing	First Warning (Two races scheduled) Social hour with snacks and beer
Day 6 Saturday, June 18	1100 1400 After Racing AYC Sailing Center 2 nd Floor	First Warning Signal. (2 races scheduled) Latest time for last Warning Signal Awards Party and Trophy Presentation

7.2 Eight races, per STCR 27, are scheduled.

7.3 Two races per day are scheduled, per the Format being sailed per STCR 34.3.9. The Race Committee reserves the right to get one race ahead of schedule should expected sailing conditions warrant.

7.4 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flags will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

7.5 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1400.

8 CLASS FLAG

8.1 The Class Flag will be a white flag with a red star.

9 RACING AREA

9.1 The racing area will be in the Chesapeake Bay off the mouth of the Severn River.

9.2 Approximately 60 minutes prior to the first scheduled warning signal, the race committee will announce the approximate location of the starting area on VHF radio.

10 THE COURSES

10.1 Course "0", Course "1", Course "3", or Course "4", STCR 34.3, consistent with the Format being sailed, STCR 34.3.9, will be used.

10.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal vessel will display the course and the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.

11 MARKS

11.1 The starting marks will be the RC signal boat at the starboard end, and a port pin end boat. In the event a mark boat is unavailable to serve as the port pin boat, it will be replaced by a lime green cylinder.

11.2 Mark 1a will be a lime green cylinder. All other marks of the course will be orange cylinders. Change marks used in accordance with SI 13 will be orange cylinders with a dark colored band.

11.3 The finishing marks will be a RC boat at the starboard end, and a port pin end lime green cylinder.

11.4 The race committee signal vessel may set a stand-off buoy. When present, this stand-off buoy, the line attaching it to the race committee vessel, and the race committee vessel are all part of the starting or finishing mark.

12 THE START

12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

12.2 [DP] Prior to the first warning signal of the first race of the day, boats shall sail on starboard tack by the stern of the RC starboard-end boat, displaying flag L, to be recorded and verbally acknowledged by the RC.

12.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC starboard end boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC port pin end boat, or the course side of a starting mark buoy.

12.4 A boat not starting within ten (10) minutes after the starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" (DNS), without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1. A5 and STCR 34.7.

13 RECALLS

13.1 In the event of an individual recall, the bow or sail numbers or other identification of any boat or boats that are identified as OCS may be announced on VHF Channel 72. Failure of a boat 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 will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

14 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

14.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee 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.

14.2 [NP] In addition to signaling the change from a RC service/mark boat, the RC will attempt to announce the change on VHF Channel 72 as boats approach the RC service/mark boat signaling the change. A boat may not seek redress for failure to hear such an announcement. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15 THE FINISH

15.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard end and the course side of a nearby finishing Mark on the port end. This changes Race Signals, Blue Flag.

16 PENALTY SYSTEM

16.1 Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.

- 16.1.1 Appendix T1 (b) is changed to read; A Post-Race Penalty is a Scoring Penalty equal to 30% of the score for DNF, or 50 % of the difference between the boat's finishing position in the race and the score for DNF, whichever is less. The Scoring Penalty is calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.

17 TIME LIMITS

- 17.1 The time limits will be as specified in STCR 34.3.9 and 34.6.3 (see SI 1.5), for the Format being sailed in the Regatta.
- 17.2 Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A11.

18 PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, SCORING INQUIRIES

- 18.1 Protest forms, scoring inquiry forms, and penalty acceptance forms can be found online at <https://annapolisyc.com/racing/raceoffice>. They shall be delivered to the race office by email: raceoffice@annapolisyc.org or in person at the Jury Secretary's Desk outside of the Protest Room on the 3rd floor of the AYC Sailing Center. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 18.2 The protest time limit shall be one (1) hour after the docking time of the RC finish vessel. The protest time limit will be posted on the ONB.
- 18.3 Notices will be posted on the ONB no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. The Jury Desk will be located on the third deck of the AYC Sailing Center.
- 18.4 Within the protest time limit, the RC shall post the bow numbers or sail numbers of all of the boats that are disqualified or penalized under RRS A5.1.
- 18.5 The race committee will post a list of race committee scoring actions no later than the protest time limit.

19 SCORING

- 19.1 The scoring system is the Low Point System in RRS Appendix A.
- 19.2 Rule A5.3 will apply which changes Rule A5.2 so that a boat that came to the starting area but did not start, did not sail the course, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area, and a boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series.
- 19.3 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score discarded when more than four (4) races are completed.
- 19.4 There will be an Under 30 division, a Master's division, a Grand Master's, and an Exalted Grand Master's divisions. Entrants in these divisions also will be competing for the overall Championship. (see also SI 24.)

20 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 20.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race, or leaves the racing area between races, shall notify the race committee or race office (see SI 3) at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 20.2 [NP] [DP] A boat shall not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial ships, tugs, or barges. Boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation. The US Coast Guard, ship captains, and bay pilots have been encouraged to report any incident they observe.
- 20.3 A boat without way may use any means of propulsion to avoid commercial traffic that is under way provided: (a) the boat does not gain an advantage; (b) use of the propulsion is the boat's only means of avoiding the commercial traffic; and (c) the boat submits a report to the race office (in writing or by e-mail to raceoffice@annapolisyc.org) by the protest filing deadline describing the incident and the boat's actions.
- 20.4 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for SI 20.2 based on information received from any source. A written statement from the US Coast Guard, a ship captain, or a bay pilot will be accepted as evidence without the author present. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, 61.3, and 63.6.

21 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 21.1 Any request for a change of crew shall be submitted to the PRO in writing prior to 0930 on the day of the race for which the change is to be made. If the PRO grants permission, it will do so in writing and post such notice on the official notice board.
- 21.2 A change of helmsman will not be permitted.
- 21.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Technical Committee (TC).
- 21.4 Requests for substitution shall be made to the TC at the first reasonable opportunity.

22 EVENT ADVERTISING [NP] [DP]

- 22.1 If required, boats shall display event advertising supplied by the OA. World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

23 SUPPORT BOAT

- 23.1 [DP] Coach boats, support boats and private spectator boats are expected to monitor VHF channel 72 and to render assistance to a boat in danger when requested by the boat, or at the request of the RC or Jury. See RRS 37.
- 23.2 [NP] [DP] Coach boats, support boats and private spectator boats shall stay 100 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal until all boats have finished racing, except as provided in SI 23.1 [NP] [DP]
- 23.3 A boat shall receive no outside assistance from coach boats, support boats or private spectator boats 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.
- 23.4 [NP] [DP] Coach and support boats associated with a competitor shall register at the Registration Desk during Registration times. Identification flags will be issued to each boat and all such boats should monitor VHF channel 72.

24 PRIZES

- 24.1 Prizes will be awarded in accordance with STCR 24.
- 24.2 Overall trophies will be awarded to the top five boats.
- 24.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 25.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

26 INSURANCE

- 26.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

27 MEDIA RIGHTS

- 27.1 By participating in the event competitors automatically grant to the OA and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

28 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 28.1 Visiting Sailors may obtain guest cards at Event registration.
- 28.2 For more information contact:
 - Event Co-Chair: Shane Zwingelberg, Syzz@erols.com, 410-935-8072
 - Event Co-Chair: Allan Terhune, Jr., allan.terhune@gmail.com , 732-644-1051
 - AYC Harborside Director: Linda Ambrose, lambrose@annapolisyc.org, 410.858.4964