

2023 STAR WESTERN HEMISPHERE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Organizing Authority is the Cleveland Yachting Club as sanctioned by the International Star Class Racing Association (ISCYRA).

September 9-14, 2023

The Cleveland Yachting Club
200 Yacht Club Drive
Rocky River, Ohio 44114 USA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the notice of race (NoR) or sailing instructions (SIs) 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 NoR or SIs 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) and ISCYRA Class Rules.
- 1.2 The following US Sailing prescriptions will apply: 60.3, 61.4, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1, 88.2 and Appendix R. These are attached as Attachment A.
- 1.3 STCR 34.3.1 changes RRS 32 to provide that courses will not be shortened.
- 1.4 Per STCR 34.3.1, RRS 33(b) will apply; leg length may be changed within the parameters of Format B.
- 1.5 STCR 34.6.3 changes RRS 35, RRS A5, and RRS A10 to provide that 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 so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.7 [NP][DP] While racing, boats shall display bow numbers in accordance with STCR 40.1. 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.
- 1.8 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted by 0900 on the day it will take effect, unless flag AP has been displayed ashore, see SI 3.6, in which case it will be posted 30 minutes before AP is lowered. 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 ground for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 2.2 Any change to the SI will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located on the regatta website at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15758>

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located on the regatta website at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15758>
- 3.2 On the water, the Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors and Support Persons via VHF radio on channel 71.
- 3.3 Boats may be hailed by Race Officials by either Bow or Sail number.
- 3.4 [DP] Failure of any information to be given or received on the water via VHF radio shall not be grounds for redress. Information gathered on any VHF channel or RC communication channel shall not be grounds for redress, except

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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(a).

- 3.5 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the CYC Center Isle.
- 3.6 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in Race Signals AP.

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 the end of registration per SI 6.1.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1

DAY 1 – Saturday 9/9	1000 -1630	Registration, Inspection of boats. Team Weigh-In
DAY 2 – Sunday 9/10	0900 – 1330 1300 1830	Registration, Inspection of boats. Team Weigh-In Practice Race Opening Ceremony (dress code: Blazer)
DAY 3 – Monday 9/11	0830 1100 After Racing	Competitors Briefing Warning Signal for first race of the day. 2 nd race to follow (2 races scheduled). Social hour with snacks and beverages
DAY 4 – Tuesday 9/12	0830 1100 1830	Competitors Briefing Warning Signal for the first race of the day. 2 nd race to follow (2 races scheduled). Social hour with snacks and beverages followed by Steak Roast @ CYC Center Isle
DAY 5 – Wednesday 9/13	0830 1100 After Racing	Competitors Briefing Warning Signal for the first race of the day. 2 nd race to follow (2 races scheduled). Social hours with snacks and beverages
DAY 6 – Thursday 9/14	0830 1100 1400 1830	Competitors Briefing Warning Signal for the first race of the day (1 race scheduled). Latest time for a warning signal

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		Awards Banquet with Dinner @ CYC Clubhouse (Blazers Required)
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- 6.2 Up to seven (7) races are scheduled.
- 6.3 No more than three (3) races per day may be sailed.

7. CLASS FLAG

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

8. VENUE

- 8.1 The location of the racing areas will be on the waters of Lake Erie near the mouth of the Rocky River. Racing will be between 0.5nm to 3.5nm north of the Rocky River Harbor entrance.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1 The courses to be sailed will be in accordance with STCR 34.3, per the Continental Committee. See Appendix B for course diagrams.
- 9.2 The regatta will be sailed as a Format B event in accordance with STCR 34.3.9.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 Turning Marks will be Orange Tetrahedrons.
- 10.2 The starting marks will be the RC signal vessel at the starboard end, and port end RC vessel or Yellow Cylinder.
- 10.3 In the event that only one buoy is set as a leeward Mark 3, that Mark shall be left to port.
- 10.4 Change marks will be Yellow Tetrahedrons.
- 10.5 In the event of a subsequent change the original Marks will be used.

11. THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard end RC vessel and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end RC vessel or the Course side of a Yellow Starting Mark.
- 11.3 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 via VHF. 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 29.1 and 60.1(b) and NoR 3.2.
- 11.4 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 and A5.
- 11.5 [DP] A RC vessel displaying code flag G may pass to windward of the fleet in the event of an abandonment, postponement or general recall which means, "The RC has signaled an abandonment, postponement or general recall. Boats shall return to the starting area immediately."
- 11.6 [NP] [DP] A RC vessel positioned near Mark 1 may attempt to notify any OCS, UFD, or BFD boats by displaying flag X and displaying their bow/sail numbers. Boats so notified shall leave the race course immediately. Failure to notify such a boat is not grounds for redress. This modifies rule 62.1.

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12. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC 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.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC vessel and a staff displaying a blue flag on a RC vessel or the course side of a yellow cylinder.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 If no boat has passed the first mark within 40 minutes, the race will be abandoned.
- 14.2 The race time limit is 180 minutes.
- 14.3 Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat in her class 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 and A5.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 Appendix T applies as modified herein:
- 15.1.1. Appendix T1 (b) is changed to read; A Post-Race Penalty is a Scoring Penalty equal to 20% of the score for DNF if accepted during Protest Time, or 30% after and prior to a Hearing, up to 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) and 44.1(b) apply.
- 15.1.2. Appendix T2, T3, and T4 are deleted.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 The scoring system is the Low Point System in RRS Appendix A.
- 16.2 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.4 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 Protest forms are available on the Event Website and at the protest committee office. Protests shall be delivered to the protest committee office within the protest time limit.
- 17.2 As the RC signal vessel docks the RC will indicate the docking time on the official notice board. Protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC docking time.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearing in which they are parties. Hearings will be held in protest committee room, located at CYC Center Isle.

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- 17.4 Notices of protest by the RC or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.5 The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed by the protest committee will be DPI.
- 17.6 If the RC posts a list of boats scored OCS, UFD, or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than one hour after the protest time limit. This changes RRS 62.2.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Any request for a change of crew shall be submitted to the RC in writing prior to 0900 on the day of the race for which the change is to be made. If the RC grants permission, it will do so in writing and post such notice on the official notice board.
- 18.2 A change of helmsman will not be permitted.
- 18.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Protest or Technical Committee.

19. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 19.1 Official boats will be as described at the Competitor's Meeting.

20. SUPPORT BOATS

- 20.1 [DP] Coach boats, support boats and private spectator boats are expected to monitor VHF channel 71 and to render assistance to a boat in danger when requested by the boat, or at the request of the RC. See RRS 37.
- 20.2 [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 20.3.
- 20.3 [NP] [DP] Per STCR 31.1.4, 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 and/or towing supplied by the OA and available to all participants.
- 20.4 [NP] [DP] Coach and support boats associated with a competitor shall register with the OA. Identification flags will be issued to each boat and all such boats should monitor VHF channel 71.

21. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 21.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the Championship.

22. LIABILITY AND SAFETY

- 22.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, see RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, regatta officials, volunteers, and staff, 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.
- 22.2 The safety of a boat and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner and/or entrant.
- 22.3 [NP][DP]Competitors leaving the race course before the end of a race shall inform the RC or the Race Office as soon as possible.
- 22.4 [NP][DP]Competitors not leaving the dock on a race day shall inform the race office.

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23. RISK STATEMENT

- 23.1 RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is 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.

24. INSURANCE

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

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ATTACHMENT A

The following US Sailing prescriptions will apply: 60.3, 67, 76.1, 88.2, and Appendix R.

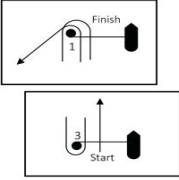
- A1. US Sailing prescribes that RRS 60.3(b) is changed to: (b) request redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress;
- A2. After rule 76.1 add: "US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible 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. "However, an organizing authority or race committee may exclude a competitor who is a citizen of, or holds a World Sailing ID as an MNA member of, a country listed on the US Sailing website at <https://www.ussailing.org/exclusion>."
- A3. 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. Not 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 or risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.
- A4. US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee show 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.
- A5. US Sailing prescribes that the notice of race or sailing instructions may change or delete any prescriptions except, this prescription, rule 61.4, Appendix R, and the prescriptions to rules 60.3, 67, 70.5(a), and 76.1.
- A6. The full text of Appendix R will be available upon request.

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ATTACHMENT B – COURSES

Star Class Courses (STCR 34.3 and 34.4)

In case of small regattas, the starting line may be set up at mark 3 and the finishing line at mark 1



Courses 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4 are diagramed as described in STCR 34.3 and modified allowed by STCR 34.4.

In Gold and Silver events, Course 0, 1, 3, or 4 shall be used. Course 2 may be used in Silver events if requested by the sponsoring fleet and approved by the Continental Committee. In Blue and Green events Course 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4 shall be used.

No course may be shortened during Gold, Silver, Blue, or Green events.

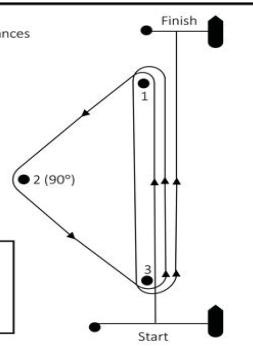
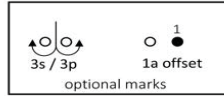
In Red events and Qualifications, the above courses are not mandatory and may be shortened.

Course "0"

★ See STCR 34.3.9 for approximate leg distances
★ See STCR 34.4.5 for 1a offset guidance

Start

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 1 (or 1 + 1a offset)
- 3 (or gate 3s / 3p)
- Finish (upwind)

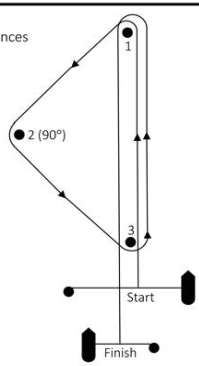
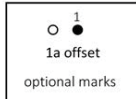


Course "1"

★ See STCR 34.3.9 for approximate leg distances
★ See STCR 34.4.5 for 1a offset guidance

Start

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 1 (or 1 + 1a offset)
- Finish (downwind)

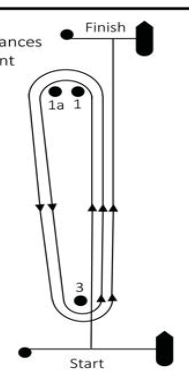


Course "3"

★ See STCR 34.3.9 for approximate leg distances
★ See STCR 34.4.5 for 1a offset requirement

Start

- 1
- 1a
- 3 (or gate 3s / 3p)
- 1
- 1a
- 3 (or gate 3s / 3p)
- Finish (upwind)

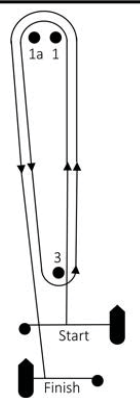
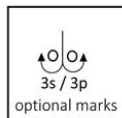


Course "4"

★ See STCR 34.3.9 for approximate leg distances
★ See STCR 34.4.5 for 1a offset requirement

Start

- 1
- 1a
- 3 (or gate 3s / 3p)
- 1a
- Finish (downwind)



Course "6"

★ See STCR 34.3.9 for approximate leg distance

Start

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 1
- 2
- 3
- Finish (off wind)

