



## 2023 STAR CLASS WESTERN HEMISPHERE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Organizing Authority is the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association (“ISCYRA”)  
in conjunction with the Cleveland Yachting Club

September 9 – 14, 2023  
The Cleveland Yachting Club  
200 Yacht Club Drive  
Rocky River, Ohio 44116 USA

### NOTICE OF RACE

The notation “[NP]” in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). All times are US Eastern time. All fees are USD.

#### 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, 76.1, Appendix R. These are attached as Addendum A.
- 1.3 The sailing instructions may also change other rules as approved by the ISCYRA if necessary.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

#### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be posted to the CYC Center Isle Notice board. No later than September 8, 2023.

#### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is located at CYC Center Isle.
- 3.2 Boats may carry VHF radios suitable for use in the host venue for purposes of safety and for receiving race committee communication, including notification of OCS boats. Race Committee failure to notify, delay notification, and the order announced will not be grounds for redress.
- 3.3 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

#### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Entries are open to all active, life and isolated skippers and must be eligible in accordance with STCR 26.1. Crews must comply with STCR 26.2. Boats must comply with STCR 21.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the on-line <https://whc.starchampionships.org/> Entries received after 8/11/2023 will be subject to a late fee of \$100 USD be approved by ISCYRA
- 4.3 Only skippers and crew eligible to compete under the WS Eligibility Code are to compete in this regatta.

4.4 “Boats and competitors of clubs or organizations affiliated to Russia (RUS) or Belarus (BLR) national authorities are not eligible to enter in accordance with the World Sailing Statement Concerning the Situation in Ukraine ([www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org)) and the United States Sailing Association Statement Concerning Ukraine ([ussailing.org](http://ussailing.org)).

4.5 A Competitor is not entered and will not receive a score until: (a) All fees are paid; (b) Measurement and crew weigh-in are completed; and, (c) Proof of insurance is provided.

**5. FEES**

5.1 The entry fee of \$500.00 USD and includes the Star Class fee, boat and trailer parking, launching, hauling, and invitations to social events for skipper and crew.

5.2 U30 entry fees are \$125 and must be paid by 8/11/2023.

5.3 Entry fees are due at time of entry, but not later than 8/11/2023 and payable via credit card on the website checkout form.

5.4 The late entry fee penalty of \$100 USD will be assessed in addition to the entry fee for entries received after 8/11/2023 given conformance to NOR 4.3.

5.5 The fee is not refundable, even if the entry is cancelled later on or the boat does not show up. Entry fees will only be refunded if the entry is rejected or if 30 day written advanced notice is given to the OA.

**6. OTHER FEES:**

6.1 Additional Social Event Participation wristbands are available for purchase.

**7. ADVERTISING**

7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Advertising Code applies.

**8. SCHEDULE**

DAY 1 – Saturday 9/9	10:00 – 16:30 hrs.	Registration, Inspection of boats, Team Weigh-In
DAY 2 – Sunday 9/10	09:00 – 13:30 hrs.	Registration, Inspection of boats, Team Weigh-In
	13:00 18:30	Practice Race Opening Ceremony (dress code: Blazer)
DAY 3 – Monday 9/11	1100 hrs.	Warning Signal for first race of the day.
	After Racing	2nd Race to follow (2 races scheduled) Social hour with snacks and beverages
DAY 4 – Tuesday 9/12	11:00 hrs.	Warning Signal for first race of the day.
	After Racing 18:30	2nd Race to follow (2 races scheduled) Social hour with snacks and beverages

		Steak Roast @ CYC Center Isle
DAY 5 – Wednesday 9/13	11:00 hrs.  After Racing	Warning Signal for first race of the day.  2nd Race to follow (2 races scheduled)  Social hour with snacks and beverages
DAY 6 – Thursday 9/14	11:00 hrs.  14:00 hrs.  18:30	Warning Signal for 1st Race of the day.  Latest time for last Warning Signal  Awards Banquet with Dinner @ CYC Clubhouse (Blazer Required)

8.1 Seven races are scheduled *The OA may choose to run up to three races in one day.* The OA may change the # of races that are sailed per day. The OA may change the start time of the races, but it will be announced before 18:00 hrs. the prior day. There will be no warning after 14:00 hrs. on Thursday.

## 9. MEASUREMENT

- 9.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate. Sail royalty button and safety equipment will be inspected.
- 9.2 Sail royalty button numbers shall be provided for the permitted two mainsails and two jibs.
- 9.3 Teams shall demonstrate compliance with team weight limits in accordance with STCR 31.1.3 prior to the end of inspection. Teams will not be subject to re-weighing during the regatta (for Gold) as described in the SIs OR (for all others) subject to the exception in STCR 31.1.3.
- 9.4 A boat may be ordered to be re-checked during the regatta.

## 10. VENUE

- 10.1 **Latitude 41 29.514 degrees N by longitude 081 50.338 degrees W.** is the location of the mouth of the Rocky River. The racing will be between 0.5 NM to 3.5 NM north of the Rocky River Harbor entrance.

## 11. THE COURSES

- 11.1 The courses to be sailed will be in accordance with STCR 34.3.

## 12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 STCR 35.5 changes the Two-Turn penalty in RRS 44.1 and P2.1 to a One-Turn penalty.

## 13. SCORING

- 13.1 The scoring system is the Low Point System in RRS Appendix A.
- 13.2 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.3 (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 13.4 (b) 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.
- 13.5 RRS A5.3 will be in effect. *(This is a new rule in the 21-24 RRS.)*

## 14. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 14.1 Per STCR 31.1.4, boats shall receive no outside assistance from any Support Vessels and or

Support Persons, including towing, 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.

14.2 Support vessels shall be marked with a flag given to them at Registration.

14.3 Individual and support/coach vessels shall register with the OA during registration at the regatta registration office and shall comply with the RRS and the STCR.

14.4 Per RRS 37, Support Vessels and persons shall carry a functioning VHF and monitor the required channel and shall assist the Race Committee.

14.5 The Sailing Instructions and/or the OA may further limit the activities of the support vessels.

14.6 [DP] All Support Vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall always remain attached to the support person at the helm while the engine is running. Failure to comply may be misconduct and/or result in expulsion from the event.

## **15. BERTHING**

15.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are on shore at the South End of the Cleveland Yachting Club

## **16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

16.1 Boats can be hauled out at the regatta at any time.

## **17. RISK STATEMENT**

17.1 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.**

## **18. INSURANCE**

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

## **19. PRIZES**

19.1 Prizes will be given as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Overall. 1<sup>st</sup> for Master. 1<sup>st</sup> for Grand Master. 1<sup>st</sup> for U-30. 1<sup>st</sup> for Exalted Grand Master

19.2 Daily 1<sup>st</sup> will be awarded at the end of each day.

19.3 The OA reserves the right to award additional prizes at its sole discretion.

## **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

19.4 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.

## **20. MEDIA RIGHTS**

20.1 Skippers and competitors automatically grant to the OA, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event, where their image or name may appear.

20.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment, and positioning equipment as specified and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

20.3 Boats may be required to carry a tracking device system on board while racing.

## **21. FURTHER INFORMATION**

21.1 For further information please contact Regatta Chairman, Richard Wilber @ 216/533-5326 or email: [sobstadmw@aol.com](mailto:sobstadmw@aol.com)

## **22. OTHER INFORMATION NOT PART OF THE NOR**

22.1 Advance boat drop off and storage may be available on a limited basis. Please contact the Regatta Chairman for availability and to make arrangements.

22.2 Private housing may be available on a limited basis. Please contact Brian Cruse at: [crusertoo@aol.com](mailto:crusertoo@aol.com).

22.3 All Regatta Participants are invited to compete in the CYC Pennel Cup Regatta held the weekend prior (Labor Day Wknd). The CYC Race Committee will be the OA and the dates are Sunday 9/3/2023 and Monday 9/4/2023. Details will become available by 9/1/2023 and if interested in participating, please contact the Regatta Chairman.

## **NOR – Addendum A- US Sailing Prescriptions**

Rule 60.3 - After RRS 60.3 add: US Sailing prescribes that rule 60.3(b) is changed to: (b) request redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress; Rule 61.4 - Add RRS 61.4: 61.4 Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress. Rule 67 - After RRS 67 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. Rule 76.1 - 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.