

Star Class North American Championship

August 16-21, 2021

Newport Harbor Yacht Club
Organizing Authority (“OA”)
Newport Beach, California, USA



NOTICE OF RACE

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 US Sailing prescriptions will apply: 60.3, 61.4, 67, 76.1, and Appendix R. These are attached as Addendum A.
- 1.3. Appendix P will apply. RRS P2.2 and P2.3 are deleted.
- 1.4. Appendix T will apply, as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5. RRS 35 and A5 are changed to provide that boats not finishing within the time limit will be scored TLE, in accordance with STCR 34.6.3.
- 1.6. A boat that does not start within 10 minutes of the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 1.7. The sailing instructions may also change other rules as approved by the ISCYRA if necessary.

2. NOTICE BOARD & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 All regatta notices, Sailing Instructions, amendments, updates and scoring will be available on the *Yachtscoring* website located at: [2021 Star Class North American Championship](#).
- 2.2 The Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than August 12, 2021.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. Boats may carry VHF radios 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.

- 3.2. From a race day's first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency or for a boat that is retiring from a race, a boat that is racing 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 application at [2021 Star Class North American Championship](#) not later than 2359 hours PDT Wednesday, July 28, 2021. After completing the entry application on *Yachtscoring*, go to the "OWNER'S CORNER" Section and at "MY CREW LIST", input your crew information.
- 4.3. If your crew changes before the regatta, please edit your crew list online the same way. Crew name must be identified at on-site registration.
- 4.4. Entries received after July 28, 2021 will be subject to a late fee.
- 4.5. Only skippers and crew eligible to compete under WS Eligibility Code, Regulation 19, are to compete in this regatta.
- 4.6. A Competitor is not entered, is not entitled to Race and will not receive a score until: (a) All fees are paid; (b) Measurement and crew weight-in are completed not later than 1730 on August 17, 2021; and, (c) Proof of insurance is provided.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee of USD \$500.00 includes the Star Class fee, boat and trailer parking, launching, hauling, and invitations to officially hosted social events for skipper and crew.
- 5.2. Entry fees are due at time of entry, but not later than Wednesday, July 28, 2021 and payable via credit card on the website checkout form.
- 5.3. The fee is not refundable after July 28, 2021, even if the entry is cancelled thereafter or the boat does not show up. Entry fees will only be refunded (i) if the entry is rejected, or (ii) should travel restrictions that are out of the sailor's control be further constrained after the entry fee is paid.

6. OTHER FEES

- 6.1. Support Vessel Berthing Fee of USD\$20.00 per night (no greater than 20 feet)
- 6.2. Support Vessel Crane Fee of USD\$10.00 per lift (2-ton limit)
- 6.3. Food vouchers for support team and family members of competitors will be made available after each race day at a Visiting Yachtsman's guest rate while at Newport Harbor Yacht Club.

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 Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

8. SCHEDULE - Onshore social activities are subject to change or elimination due to evolving public health and safety guidelines and directives.

Wednesday, July 28	2359 hrs. PDT	Entry Deadline
Monday, August 16	1000 – 1800 hrs.	Registration, Inspection of boats, Team Weigh-In
Tuesday, August 17	1000 – 1730 hrs. 1030 hrs. 1230 hrs. 1730 hrs. 1830 hrs.	Registration, Inspection of boats, Team Weigh-In Tow leaves NHYC Practice Race (may have practice starts as well) Deadline for measurement and inspection. Opening Ceremony (dress code: Blazer)
Wednesday, August 18	0930 hrs. 1000 hrs. 1030 hrs. 1230 hrs. After Racing	Skippers Meeting All boats afloat Tow leaves NHYC First Warning Signal (2 races scheduled) Social hour with hosted refreshments
Thursday, August 19	1030 hrs. 1230 hrs. After Racing	Tow leaves NHYC First Warning Signal (2 races scheduled) BBQ at NHYC (dress code: Casual)
Friday, August 20	1030 hrs. 1230 hrs. 1930 hrs.	Tow leaves NHYC First Warning Signal (2 races scheduled) Dinner at NHYC (dress code: Blazer)
Saturday, August 21	1030 hrs. 1230 hrs. 1530 hrs. After Racing	Tow leaves NHYC First Warning Signal (2 races scheduled) No Warning Signal After this Time Awards Ceremony

8.1. Eight (8) races are scheduled.

9. MEASUREMENT & BOW NUMBERS

- 9.1. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate. In addition, boats will be checked for equipment required under STCR 31.2.2.
- 9.2. Teams shall demonstrate compliance with team weight limits in accordance with STCR 31.1.3 prior to end of inspection. Teams will not be subject to reweighing during the regatta subject to the exception in STCR 31.1.3.
- 9.3. A boat may be ordered to be re-checked during the regatta.
- 9.4. Assigned bow numbers will be provided at Registration. Bow numbers shall be affixed to the hull as described in the associated instructions.

10. VENUE

Racing will be in the Pacific Ocean, west of the Newport Pier, Newport Beach, California, USA. The race area attachment shows the approximate racing venue.

11. THE COURSES

- 11.1. The courses to be sailed will be in accordance with STCR 34.
- 11.2. Format C, as may be amended by the Sailing Instructions and approved by the ISCYRA.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

13. SCORING

- 13.1. Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2. The scoring system is the Low Point System of RRS A.
- 13.3. Races completed in the Series.
 - (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (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, which shall change RRS A2.

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 once the boat has left the dock for a race day until the last competitor has finished the last race of the day;
- (a) Except in emergency or distress situations, or
 - (b) Unless pre-race towing is (i) authorized in writing by the OA, (ii) carries an OA supplied green tow flag, and (iii) only if available to all participants.
- 14.2. Support vessels shall fly an OA supplied pink support flag at all times during the regatta.
- 14.3. Individual and Support Vessels / coach boats shall register with the OA during registration at the regatta registration office and shall comply with the RRS and the STCR.
- 14.4. Support Vessels and Persons shall carry an operative VHF, monitor the required channels and shall assist the Race Committee pursuant to RRS 37.
- 14.5. The Sailing Instructions and/or the OA may further limit the activities of the Support Vessels.
- 14.6. All Support Vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the support person at the helm at all times while the engine is running. Failure to comply may be misconduct and/or result in expulsion from the event.

15. BERTHING

Boats shall berth at Newport Harbor Yacht Club commencing not later than 1730 hours on August 17, 2021 until the conclusion of the event.

16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

The OA may enact limitations on haul-outs.

17. INSURANCE

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

18. PRIZES

- 18.1. Prizes will be awarded in accordance with STCR 24.
- 18.2. Series prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew, depending on the number of entries.
- 18.3. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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 connection with, or prior to, during, or after, the regatta.

20. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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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.

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APPENDIX R

PROCEDURES FOR APPEALS AND REQUESTS

This appendix is a US Sailing prescription.

See rules 70 and 71. This appendix replaces Appendix R as adopted by World Sailing for the purpose of creating a two-level appeals system. The US Sailing Appeals Committee acts as the national authority under rule 71.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the appeals system and their answers, including advice on how to prepare an appeal, can be found on the US Sailing website. Go to [Appeals - US Sailing](#) and click the 'Appeals FAQ' link.

Appeals FAQ may also be accessed here: [Appeal-FAQ-rev-2.14.19-1.pdf \(ussailing.org\)](#)

RACE AREA ATTACHMENT

(soundings in fathoms)

[NOAA Chart - 18746 Public](#)

