



# Star Class North American Championship

**August 16-21, 2021**

**Newport Harbor Yacht Club**  
Newport Beach, California, USA

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Newport Harbor Yacht Club (NHYC) in conjunction with the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association (ISCYRA).

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SIs means it shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This change is added to 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, 76.1, and Appendix R.
  - 1.2.1. The full text of these prescriptions is in Attachment BRAVO.
- 1.3. RRS Appendix P will apply. RRS P2.2 and P2.3 will not apply. RRS P2.1 is changed so that it will apply to the first and subsequent penalties. See also SI 3.3.
- 1.4. STCR 34.3.1 changes RRS 32 to provide that courses will not be shortened.
- 1.5. Per STCR 34.3.1, RRS 33b will apply; leg length may be changed within the parameters of the Format being sailed.
- 1.6. 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.
- 1.7. STCR 35.5 changes RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.8. [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 in the Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. Any change to the SI will be approved by the Principal Race Officer (PRO), and will be posted by 1000 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 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 junior patio right outside the NHYC Race Office and on the regatta website located at <https://2021na.starchampionships.org>.

## 3. Communication with Competitors

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the ONB.
- 3.2. On the water, the Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors and Support Persons via VHF radio on channel 72.**
- 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 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 Jury. 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. Note RRS 37.

## 5 Team Weight

All teams must demonstrate compliance with STCR 31.1.3 prior to 0900 on Wednesday, August 18.

## 6 Signals Made Ashore

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the NHYC.
- 6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 90 minutes" in Race Signals AP.



## 7 Schedule

Monday, August 16	1500 – 1800 hrs.	Registration, Inspection of boats, Weigh-In
Tuesday, August 17	0800 - 1000 hrs. 1030 hrs. 1230 hrs. 1600 – 1800 hrs. 1800 hrs. 1830 hrs.	Registration, Inspection of boats, Weigh-In Tow leaves NHYC Practice Race Registration, Inspection of boats, Weigh-In Deadline for Inspection Opening Ceremony (dress code: Blazer)
Wednesday, August 18	0800 to 0900 <b>0930 hrs.</b> 1000 hrs. 1030 hrs. 1230 hrs. After Racing	Weigh-In ONLY <b>Skippers Meeting</b> 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. <b>1530 hrs.</b> After Racing	Tow leaves NHYC First Warning Signal (2 races scheduled) <b>No Warning Signal After this Time</b> Awards Ceremony

- 7.1 Eight races, per STCR 27, races, are scheduled.
- 7.2 Two races per day are scheduled, per the Format being sailed per STCR 34.3.7. The Race Committee reserves the right to get one race ahead of schedule should expected sailing conditions warrant.
- 7.3 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.



## **8 Class Flag**

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

## **9 Racing Area**

The racing area will be in the Pacific Ocean, west of the Newport Pier. Refer to Attachment Alpha.

## **10 Courses [NP]**

10.1 Course "0", Course "1", Course "3", or Course "4", STCR 34.3, consistent with the Format being sailed, STCR 34.3.7, 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 Mark 1 (Windward) will be an inflatable yellow mark.

11.2 Mark 2 (Gybe, if used) and Mark 3 (Leeward Gate) will be inflatable yellow marks. If one of the Leeward Gate marks is missing, boats shall round the one existing leeward mark to port.

11.3 For Courses "3", and "4", Mark 2 (offset) will be an inflatable green cube.

11.4 At the mark beginning a downwind leg for courses "0", and "1", Mark 2 (offset) will be an inflatable green cube.

11.5 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, it will be replaced by an inflatable red mark.

11.6 The finishing marks will be a RC boat at the starboard end, and a port pin end inflatable red mark.

11.7 Change marks are inflatable red marks, except for the offset marks which shall remain green cubes.

## **12 The Start**

12.1 [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.

12.2 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.



- 12.3 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 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 29.1 and 60.1(b).
- 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.
- 12.5 [NP] [DP] A RC service/mark boat positioned near Mark 1 will attempt to notify any OCS, UFD, or BFD boats by displaying the appropriate starting penalty and displaying their bow numbers. Boats so notified shall leave the race course immediately.

### **13 Changing the Next Leg of the Course**

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 [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.

### **14 The Finish**

- 14.1 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.

### **15 Penalty System**

- 15.1 Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
- 15.1.1. 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.



## 16 Time Limits

16.1 The time limits will be as specified in STCR 34.3.7 and 34.6.3 (see SI 1.6), for the Format being sailed in the Regatta.

## 17 Hearing Requests

- 17.1 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be accessed Online on <https://2021na.starchampionships.org>. There will be a link to the YachtScoring Website. Log into the Owners' Corner and fill out the online form. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 17.2 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.
- 17.3 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 junior patio right outside the NHYC Race Office and parties and their witnesses should report there at the scheduled time.
- 17.4 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 Scoring:

- 18.1 The scoring system is the Low Point System in RRS Appendix A.
- 18.2 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.
- 18.3 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.
- 18.4 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 25.)
- 18.5 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring inquiry form available at the Jury desk.



## **19 Liability and Safety [NP] [DP]**

- 19.1 The safety of a boat and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner and/or entrant.
- 19.2 Competitors leaving the race course before the end of a race shall inform the RC or the Race Office as soon as possible.
- 19.3 Competitors not leaving the dock on a race day shall inform the Race Office.

## **20 Replacement of Crew or Equipment**

- 20.1 Any request for a change of crew shall be submitted to the RC in writing prior to 0930 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.
- 20.2 A change of helmsman will not be permitted.
- 20.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Technical Committee.
- 20.4 Requests for substitution shall be made to the TC at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **21 Event Advertising [NP] [DP]**

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

## **22 Official Boats**

- 23.1 Official boats will be marked as follows:
  - 22.1.1. Race Committee Signal Boat: "RC flag"
  - 22.1.2. Service/Mark boats: "RC flag"
  - 22.1.3. "Jury boats: White flag with "Jury"
- 22.2 [NP] Service/Mark boats may be stationed beyond each mark. At the finish, the mark boat may be stationed at the finishing line. When on station only, each mark boats will display 'a large visible flag or shape'. Failure of a mark boats to be on station or to display her signal will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).



## 23 Support Boats

- 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
- 23.3 [NP] [DP] 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.
- 23.4 [NP] [DP] Coach and support boats associated with a competitor shall register at the Registration Desk during Registration times (see SI 7). Identification flags will be issued to each boat and all such boats should monitor VHF channel 72.

## 24 Haul out Restrictions [NP] [DP]

- 24.1 All boats shall be kept at their assigned locations at NHYC from 1730 on Tuesday, August 17 until the end of the Championship. Boats shall comply with the docking and haul-out plan promulgated by the RC.

## 25 Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools [NP] [DP]

- 25.1 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.

## 26 Prizes:

- 26.1 Perpetual Trophies will be awarded according to STCR 24.
- 26.2 Series prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first through tenth.
- 26.3 An Under 30 trophy will be awarded to the skipper finishing first in the Series for skippers aged 30 or younger before the start of the first race. Competitors in the Under 30 Division also will compete for series prizes.





26.4 A Master's trophy will be awarded to the skipper finishing first in the series for skippers aged 50 through 59 before the start of the first race.

Competitors in the Master's Division also will compete for series prizes.

26.5 A Grand Master's trophy will be awarded to the skipper finishing first in the Series for skippers aged 60 through 69 before the start of the first race.

Competitors in the Grand Master's Division also will compete for series prizes.

26.6 An Exalted Grand Master's trophy will be awarded to the skipper finishing first in the Series for skippers aged 70 or over before the start of the first race. Competitors in the Exalted Grand Master's Division also will compete for series prizes.

26.7 Daily Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

26.8 The OA and the Hosts reserve the right to award additional prizes at their sole discretion.

## 27 Risk Statement:

27.1 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.**

## 28 Insurance

28.1 Boats sailing in this regatta (each 'person in charge' per RRS 46) must be adequately insured and shall hold a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third party liability for racing risks.

## 29 Media Rights

29.1 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.



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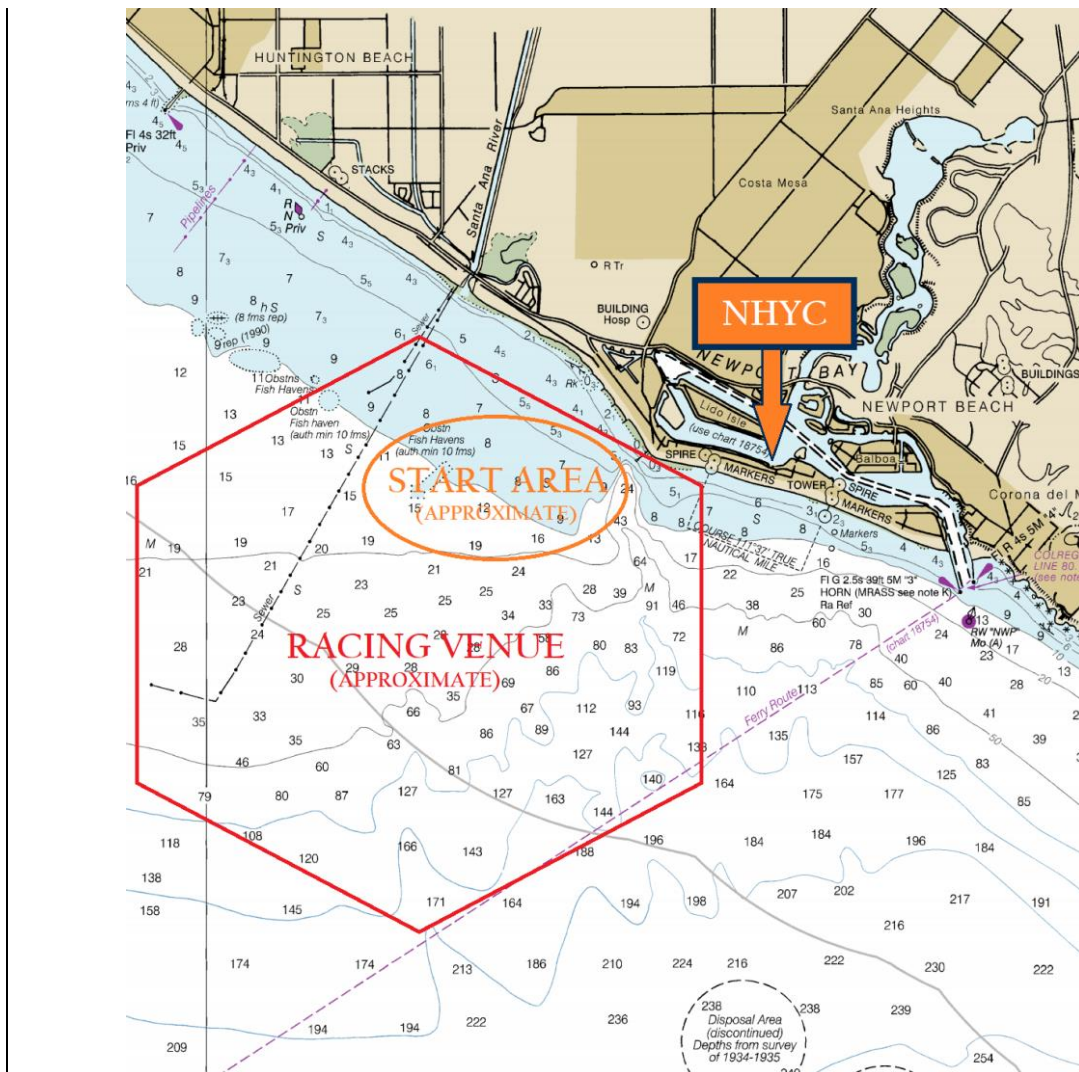
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**Attachments:**

- 1: ALPHA – Harbor location and Racing area;
- 2: BRAVO – U.S. Sailing Prescriptions;
- 3: CHARLIE - On Water Emergency Procedures



## ATTACHMENT ALPHA





## ATTACHMENT BRAVO

### US Sailing Prescriptions that Apply:

**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.*

**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 \(ussailing.org\)](#)



## ATTACHMENT CHARLIE:

### ***Competitor Medical Emergency Information***

#### **Contact Information on the water:**

NHYC Race Committee VHF 72 or VHF 63 (First call - unless life threatening)

Newport Beach Lifeguard VHF 16 (**FIRST CALL IF LIFE THREATENING**)

#### **On-The-Water Procedure:**

The PRO or DRO on the Signal Boat is in charge of coordinating all water rescue/emergency operations. Unless it is a life threatening emergency, contact the PRO or DRO on VHF 72 or VHF 63.

**If it is a life threatening emergency, immediately call for assistance on VHF channel 16.**

The NHYC Dockmaster (VHF 71) or General Manager will take over once the person is put ashore.

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