

Star Class North American Championship

April 8 – 12, 2025



Pass Christian Yacht Club
Pass Christian, Mississippi, USA



NOTICE OF RACE

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[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee. The notation [NP] means that a violation is not protestable by a boat. This changes rule 60.1, 60.4(a)(2) and 61.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing of 2025-2028* (RRS).
- 1.2. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Pass Christian Yacht Club (PCYC) as sanctioned by the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association (ISCYRA).
- 1.3. The following US Sailing Prescriptions will apply: the Preamble to RRS Part 5, RRS 63.1, 65.1, 76.1 and Appendix R. These are attached as Addendum A.
- 1.4. Appendix P will apply. RRS P2.2 and P2.3 are deleted.
- 1.5. Appendix T1 will apply, as modified by the sailing instructions.
- 1.6. 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.
- 1.7. [DP][NP] Vakaros RaceSense System will be used for this event and is required to be mounted per Star Class guidelines, and operational at all times while racing with the Star firmware. Each boat shall provide their own Vakaros Atlas 2 with Star RaceSense and shall deliver the unit to the Vakaros Rep prior to the first day of racing to confirm software and offsets are operating correctly and that units are fully charged. The device shall be turned on at least 30 minutes prior to the first scheduled warning signal of the day and remain turned on a minimum of 15 minutes after the last boat has finished the final race of the day. **For information purposes only:** Atlas 2 devices will display countdown timer, distance to the line, and an OCS notification if you are on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal. Signals displayed on the race committee vessel shall take precedence for both starts and finishes.
- 1.8. Video, photo/and or electronic data relating to either starting or finishing shall not be accepted as evidence in either a scoring review, redress hearing, or protest hearing. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 1.9. Failure of an Atlas 2 or the RaceSense system shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat or Protest Committee. This changes RRS 41(c), 60.5(b), 61.1(a), 61.1(c) and 61.4(b)(1).
- 1.10. In accordance with STCR 34.7, 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 60.5(b), A4 and A5.
- 1.11. The sailing instructions may also change other rules as approved by the ISCYRA if necessary.

2. NOTICE BOARD & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. All event notices, sailing instructions, amendments, updates and scoring will be available on <https://na.starchampionships.org/>, the ONB, located at: 2025 Star Class North American Championship.
- 2.2. The sailing instructions will be posted no later than April 1, 2025.



3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. STCR 31.2.6 allows, and is strongly recommended, for VHF radios to be carried on all boats for the sole purpose to listen to the actions of the race committee and to transmit in the event of an emergency on a specific channel designated in the sailing instructions. The race committee will attempt to notify all boats that are OCS by VHF radio. Failure to do so by the race committee, the order of the hail, or the failure to receive the hail shall 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 <https://na.starchampionships.org/> on the event website, together with the required fee, to the ISCIRA Central Office by 1700 on April 1, 2025.
- 4.3 Entries received after 1700 on April 1, 2025, will be subject to a late fee.
- 4.4 Only skippers and crew eligible to compete under World Sailing (WS) Eligibility Code, Regulation 19, are to compete in this regatta.
- 4.5 A Competitor is not entered and will not receive a score until: (a) all fees are paid; (b) the liability waiver is signed (c) measurement and crew weigh-in are completed not later than 1800 on April 8, 2025; and (d) proof of insurance is provided.

5. FEES & REGISTRATION

- 5.1 The entry fee of \$500.00 (\$250 for U30 Teams) is due by 1700 on April 1, 2025, and includes the Star Class fee, boat and trailer parking, launching, hauling, and invitations to social events for skipper and crew.
- ~~5.2 Entry fees are due at time of entry and payable via credit card on the website checkout form.~~
- 5.3 The late entry fee of \$75.00 will be assessed for entries received after April 1, 2025, given conformance to Notice of Race 4.3.
- 5.4 A full refund of entry fees will be given only if the entry is canceled prior to April 1, 2025, or if the entry is rejected.
- 5.5 A 50% refund of entry fees will be given if the entry is canceled after April 1, 2025.
- 5.6 ~~The An Atlas 2 Unit linked to a current Vakaros RaceSense Subscription is required for racing. Units are available for rental, at a fee of \$105.00 \$10.00/day (\$40.00 for four days of racing,) for those entrants who do not own their own units, rental units are available at <https://vakaros.com/products/racesense-atlas-2-rental> payable when registering online.~~
- 5.7 The entry fee for U30 Teams shall be half the amount in Notice of Race 5.1, excluding half the rental fee of the Atlas 2 if required.

6. OTHER FEES

Support Vessel Berthing Fee of \$20.00 per night on space available basis (no greater than 20 feet). Launching is available at the Pass Christian Yacht Club. Locations will be included in competitor information.

7. ADVERTISING



Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA. If this rule is broken, WS's Regulation 20.9.2 (Advertising) applies.

8. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8.1 Eight (8) races are scheduled.

Tuesday, April 8	1000-1730 hrs. 1230 hrs. 1730 hrs. 1830 hrs.	Registration, Inspection of boat, Team Weigh-In Start of first practice race Deadline for measurement and inspection. Opening Ceremony at PCYC (dress code: Blazer)
Wednesday, April 9	0830-1000 hrs. 1230 hrs. After Racing	Coffee and breakfast bar First Warning Signal (2 races scheduled) Dinner at PCYC (dress code: Casual)
Thursday, April 10	0830-1000 hrs. 1230 hrs. After Racing	Coffee and breakfast bar First Warning Signal (2 races scheduled) Dinner at PCYC (dress code: Casual)
Friday, April 11	0830-1000 hrs. 1230 hrs.	Coffee and breakfast bar First Warning Signal (2 races scheduled)
Saturday, April 12	0830-1000 hrs. 1230 hrs. 1530 hrs. After Racing	Coffee and breakfast bar First Warning Signal (2 races scheduled) No Warning Signal After this Time Awards Ceremony (dress code: Blazer)

8.2 A competitors' meeting will be held the morning of each race day at (location TBA) and (time TBA).

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 Mississippi Sound, just south of the Pass Christian Yacht Club in Pass Christian, MS, USA.

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

Per STCR 35.5, the only penalty that will apply under RRS 44.1 will be the “One-turn Penalty” as defined in RRS 44.2.

13. SCORING

13.1 The scoring system is the Low Point System in RRS Appendix A.

13.2 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.3 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. This changes 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, including towing, once she has left the dock for the day until the last competitor has finished 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 display a flag provided by the OA at all times during the event.. A deposit of \$25 will be taken 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 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 be kept in their assigned places at the Pass Christian Yacht Club & Pass Christian Marina from 0900 hrs. on Tuesday, April 8 until the end of the event.

16. 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.

17. 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 OA.

18. 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.



19. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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**NOR - ADDENDUM A –
2025-2028 US Sailing Prescriptions
2025 Star North American Championship**

Add to the preamble to Part 5:

US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

Add to rule 63.1(b):

US Sailing prescribes that when redress has been requested or is to be considered for one or more boats:

(a) Any other boat may participate in the hearing.

(b) The protest committee shall make a reasonable attempt to notify all boats of the time and place of the hearing and the reason for the request or for considering redress, and boats shall be allowed reasonable time to prepare for the hearing.

(c) The protest committee shall call a hearing to hear the request for redress and to consider redress for any other boats that

(1) participate in the hearing, or

(2) request in writing to do so before the hearing begins.

Add to rule 65.1:

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 monetary 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 monetary 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 monetary 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.



Add to rule 76.1:

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 under 'Exclusion' at ussailing.org/rules.

APPENDIX R

This appendix is a US Sailing prescription.

See rules 70, 71 and 72. This appendix replaces Appendix R as adopted by World Sailing for the purpose of creating a two-level appeals system. This appendix shall not be changed by the notice of race or sailing instructions.

*The US Sailing Appeals Committee acts as the national authority under rules 70, 71 and 72. Appeals, requests by protest and association appeals committees for confirmation or correction of their decisions, and requests for interpretations of the **rules** shall be made in compliance with this appendix.*

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 ussailing.org/appeals and click the 'Appeals FAQ' link.

