



2024 Great Lakes Championship
July 27-28, 2024
ISCYRA and Island Bay Yacht Club
Springfield, Illinois USA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Island Bay Yacht Club (IBYC) 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. US Prescriptions will apply.
- 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 C being sailed unless, due to the width of the venue, Format C is not able to be complied with then leg lengths may not be changed.
- 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.

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 9:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 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 at the IBYC notice board near the Race Committee dock, and on the regatta website.

Communication with Competitors

- 13.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB).
- 13.2. On the water, the Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors and Support Persons via VHF radio on channel 72.
- 13.3. Boats may be hailed by Race Officials by either Bow or Sail number.
- 13.4. [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/PROTEST COMMITTEE. 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

- 5.1. All teams must demonstrate compliance with STCR 31.1.3 prior to the end of measurement, at 9:30 am July 27, 2021.

6. Signals Made Ashore

- 6.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the RC boat and posted on the ONB.
- 6.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signals AP.

7. Schedule

INSERT TABLE FROM NOR, WITH ANY CHANGES NOTED.

- 7.1. 5 races, per STCR 27, races are scheduled.
- 7.2. The RC may change the schedule. 3 races per day may be sailed, per the Format being sailed per STCR 34.3.7.
- 7.3. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flags will be displayed with multiple sounds at least one 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

9.1. The racing area will be in main sailing basin of Lake Springfield.

10. Courses [NP]

10.1. Course "0", Course "1", Course "2", 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.

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 *if used*) will be inflatable yellow marks.

11.3. For Courses "2", "3", and "4", Mark 2 (offset) will be an red cylinder mark.

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

11.5. The starting marks will be the RC signal boat at the starboard end, and port pin end inflatable orange mark.

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

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, to be recorded.

12.2. The starting lines will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC starboard pin- end boat and 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 their bow/*sail* numbers. Boats so notified shall leave the racecourse 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. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position even if the leading boat may have begun the leg.
- 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

- 14.1.1. The finishing line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the finishing Marks *OR* a staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard end and the course side of a nearby finishing Mark on the port end.

15. Penalty System

- 15.1. Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.
- 15.2. After a hearing, penalties for violations of (Class/NoR/SI) rules other than those of RRS Part 2 will be at the discretion of the Jury and may include disqualification.

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 delivered Online on the YachtScoring Event Website by logging into the Owners' Corner (see SI 3.1) and filling 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. Hearings will be held on the 2nd floor of the IBYC building 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. 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.

18.3. To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring inquiry form available online.

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 racecourse before the end of a race shall inform the RC or the JURY/PROTEST COMMITTEE/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]

Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the OA. World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [NP]

22. Official Boats

23.1 Official boats will be marked as follows:

22.1.1. Race Committee Signal Boat: "RC flag"

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. 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 24.1.
- 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.

24. Prizes:

- 24.1. Perpetual Trophies will be awarded according to the Blue Star and Green Star Champions. Series prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first in the Blue and Green Star Championships.
- 24.2. Series prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first through third .

25. Risk Statement:

- 25.1. 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.**

26. Insurance

- 26.1. 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.

27. Media Rights

- 27.1. 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.
