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## 2023 International Star Class North American Championship

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**May 29 – June 3, 2023**

**Royal Vancouver Yacht Club  
Vancouver B.C. Canada**

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** v9.2

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The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club (RVYC) as sanctioned by the International Star Class Racing Association

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the Sailing Instructions (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 current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. Canadian Prescriptions to RRS 61.2 and RRS 67 shall apply. The full text of these prescriptions is located on the Official Notice Board (ONB) at [RRS.org](https://www.rrs.org). Click on RRS link or see also Attachment A for QR link to Official Notice Board.
- 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.
- 1.4. RRS Appendix T as changed in SI 13.1.1, will apply.
- 1.5. Star Class Rules (STCR) 34.3.1 changes RRS 32 to provide that courses will not be shortened.
- 1.6. Per STCR 34.3.1, RRS 33b will apply; leg length may be changed within the parameters of the Format being sailed.
- 1.7. STCR 34.6.3 changes RRS 35, RRS A5, and RRS A10 to provide that boats not finishing within the stated time after the first boat sails the course and finishes within the time limit will be scored "TLE" as defined therein.
- 1.8. STCR 35.5 changes RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.9. **[NP][DP]** While racing, boats shall display bow numbers that the OA will supply and affix. Competitors are responsible for maintaining their bow numbers for the duration of the event.





## **2. Changes in the Sailing Instructions**

- 2.1. Any change to the SIs will be approved by the Race Officer (RO) and will be posted by 1000 on the day it will take effect. In the case of a postponement ashore, any change will be posted 15 minutes before the removal of 'AP' ashore. Any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 2.2. Any amendments to the SIs will be posted on the ONB located at [RRS.org](https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org) . Click on RRS link or see also Attachment A for QR link to Official Notice Board.

## **3. Communication with Competitors**

- 3.1. Event website is located at <https://na.starchampionships.org>.
- 3.2. The ONB is located at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/6181/event> Click on https links or see also Attachment A for QR link to Official Notice Board.
- 3.3. The Regatta Office is located ground floor of RVYC Jericho clubhouse.
- 3.4. On the water, the Race Committee (RC) intends to monitor and communicate with competitors and Support Persons via VHF radio on channel 67.
- 3.5. 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 PC. These changes add to RRS 62.1.
- 3.6. Boats may be hailed by either bow number or sail number.

## **4. [DP] Code of Conduct**

- 4.1. 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 1630 Tuesday, May 30 or by exception with RC approval between 0800-0900 Wednesday, May 31.

## **6. Signals Made Ashore**

- 6.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the north side of the RVYC Jericho clubhouse and posted on the ONB.
- 6.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than sixty (60) minutes" in RRS Race Signals AP.

## **7. Schedule**

- 7.1. Eight (8) races, per STCR 27, are scheduled.
- 7.2. Two (2) races per day are scheduled. Three (3) races per day may be sailed, per STCR 34.3.9, Format B. The RC reserves the right to get one race ahead of schedule should expected sailing conditions warrant.
- 7.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1200. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the practice race is 1200.



- 7.4. 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.
- 7.5. No warning signal will be made after 1500 Saturday, June 3.

## **8. Class and Course Flags**

- 8.1. The Class Flag will be a white flag with a red star.
- 8.2. Per STCR 34.3 the following courses may be used: (See SI 26)
  - 8.2.1. Course "3" (five legs w upwind finish)
  - 8.2.2. Course "4" (four legs w downwind finish)
  - 8.2.3. Course "6" (W-R-L-W-R-L (finish at mark 3))
  - 8.2.4. Course "7" (W-R-L-W-R-L-W (finish upwind at mark 1))
- 8.3. No later than the warning signal, the RC vessel will display the course, the approximate compass bearing and distance to the first mark.

## **9. Marks**

- 9.1. Mark 1 (Windward) will be an inflatable yellow mark.
- 9.2. Mark 1a (offset) will be an inflatable orange mark.
- 9.3. Mark 2 (Reach) will be an inflatable yellow mark.
- 9.4. Mark 3 (Leeward Gate *[if used]*) will be inflatable yellow mark(s).
- 9.5. The port end starting mark if used, will be an orange/white checked mark.
- 9.6. The port end finishing mark will be a blue/white checked mark.
- 9.7. Change marks are inflatable green marks.

## **10. The Start**

- 10.1. **[DP]** Prior to the first warning signal of the first race of the day, boats shall check in by sailing on starboard tack by the stern of the RC vessel displaying flag L.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard end RC vessel and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end RC vessel or, if used, the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 10.3. In the event of an individual recall, the bow or sail numbers of boats that are identified as OCS may be announced via VHF (SI 3.2). Failure of equipment, 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 VHF will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b), and RRS 62.1.
- 10.4. The RC shall attempt to notify boats identified as UFD or BFD subject to 30.4, via VHF (SI 3.2) with the bow/sail numbers to be scored UFD or BFD for the race in progress. Boats so notified shall leave the race course immediately. If necessary, the RC may also display bow numbers of identified boats at the weather mark to ensure all boats have access to this information.



10.5. Per STCR 34.7, 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, RRS A5.

**11. [NP] Changing the Next Leg of the Course**

11.1. 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. In addition to signaling the change from a RC vessel, the RC will attempt to announce the change on VHF (SI 3.2) as boats approach the RC vessel signaling the change.

**12. The Finish**

12.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

**13. Penalty System**

13.1. Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.

13.1.1. Appendix T1 (b) is changed to read; A Post-Race Penalty is a Scoring Penalty equal to 30% of the score for DNF. The Scoring Penalty is calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c).  
However, RRS 44.1(a) applies.

13.1.2. **[DP]** After a hearing, penalties for violations of the *rules* other than those of RRS Part 2 will be at the discretion of the PC and may include disqualification.

**14. Time Limits**

14.1. The time limits will be as specified in STCR 34.3.9, Format B and are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Leg	Finish Window	Target Time	Time Limit
Forty (40) Min	Forty-five (45) Min	Ninety (90) Min	Three (3) Hrs

14.1.1. 1<sup>st</sup> Leg: Forty (40) minutes for the first boat to sail the 1<sup>st</sup> leg.

14.1.2. Finish Window: Forty-five (45) minutes for boats still racing to finish after 1<sup>st</sup> boat to sail the course and finish.

14.1.3. **[NP]** Failure to meet the race Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

14.2. If no boat has sailed the course and finished within the race time limit, the race shall be abandoned.



## **15. Hearing Requests**

- 15.1. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered electronically (SI 1.2) by filling out the online form. See Attachment A for QR link. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2. Assistance may be found in the Regatta Office on the ground floor of the RVYC Jericho Clubhouse.
- 15.2. The protest time limit shall be 45 min after the docking time of the RC vessel. The protest time limit will be posted on the ONB.
- 15.3. 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 in the Chart Room on the second floor RVYC Jericho clubhouse. All parties and their witnesses are responsible to report there at the scheduled time.
- 15.4. Within the protest time limit, the RC shall post the bow numbers or sail numbers of all boats that are disqualified or penalized under RRS A5.1.

## **16. Scoring:**

- 16.1. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score when more than four (4) races are completed.
- 16.2. To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring inquiry form available online. See Attachment A for QR link to ONB.

## **17. [NP] [DP]Liability and Safety**

- 17.1. The safety of a boat and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner and/or entrant.
- 17.2. Competitors leaving the racecourse before the end of a race shall inform the RC via (604) 908-3119 or [racecommittee@rvan.ca](mailto:racecommittee@rvan.ca) as soon as possible.
- 17.3. Competitors not leaving the dock on a race day shall inform the RC.

## **18. Replacement of Crew or Equipment**

- 18.1. Any request for a change of crew shall be submitted to the RC or the Technical Committee (TC) 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 ONB.
- 18.2. A change of helmsperson will not be permitted.
- 18.3. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall be made in writing to the TC at the first reasonable opportunity and will not be allowed unless authorized by the TC. If the TC grants permission, it will do so in writing and post such notice on the ONB.

## **19. [NP] [DP]Event Advertising**

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



## **20. Official Vessels**

20.1. Official vessels will be marked as follows:

20.1.1. RC signal vessel: "RC flag"

20.1.2. PC: Green flag with black "J"

20.1.3. VIP/Press: Red flag with white "PRESS"

20.2. **[NP]** A stake vessel may be stationed beyond Mark 1 and will display 'a large visible orange flag or shape'. Failure of the stake vessel to be on station or to display her signal will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **21. Support Vessels**

21.1. **[NP] [DP]** Coach and support vessels associated with a competitor shall register with the OA. Identification flags will be issued to each vessel, and all such vessels shall monitor VHF (SI 3.2) and are expected to be connected to a functioning engine shut-off switch at all times while underway.

21.2. **[DP]** Coach, support, and private spectator vessels are expected to render assistance to a boat in danger when requested via VHF (SI 3.2) by the boat or at the request of the RC or PC. See RRS 37.

21.3. **[NP] [DP]** Coach, support, and private spectator vessels shall stay a minimum of 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 21.2.

21.4. **[NP] [DP]** A boat shall receive no outside assistance from coach, support, or private spectator vessels once she has left the dock for the day until she finishes the last race of the day, except in the case of emergency and/or towing supplied by the OA and available to all participants.

## **22. [NP] [DP] Haul out Restrictions**

22.1. All boats shall be kept at their assigned locations at the RVYC Dry Dock from 1630 Tuesday, May 30 until the end of the Championship. Boats shall comply with the docking and haul-out plan promulgated by the OA.

## **23. Prizes:**

23.1. Perpetual Trophies will be awarded according to STCR 24.

23.2. Series prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first through fifth.

23.3. Master's trophies will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first through third 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.

23.4. Grand Master's trophies will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first through third 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.



- 23.5. Exalted Grand Master's trophies will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first through third 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.
- 23.6. U-30 trophies will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first in the series for both skipper and crew under age 30 before the start of the first race. Competitors in the U-30 Division also will compete for series prizes.
- 23.7. A complete list of Trophies to be presented during the Star North American Championship will be published on the Official Notice Board.

#### **24. Risk Statement:**

- 24.1. 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.**

#### **25. Media Rights**

- 25.1. 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.





## 26. Courses

**Course "3"**  
 ★ See STCR 34.3.9 for approximate leg distances  
 ★ See STCR 34.4.5 for 1a offset requirement

**Start**  
 1  
 1a  
 3 (or gate 3s / 3p)  
 1  
 1a  
 3 (or gate 3s / 3p)  
**Finish** (upwind)

**Course "4"**  
 ★ See STCR 34.3.9 for approximate leg distances  
 ★ See STCR 34.4.5 for 1a offset requirement

**Start**  
 1  
 1a  
 3 (or gate 3s / 3p)  
 1a  
**Finish** (downwind)

**Course "6"**  
 ★ See STCR 34.3.9 for approximate leg distance

**Start**  
 1  
 2  
 3 (or gate 3s / 3p)  
 1  
 2  
 3 (or gate 3s / 3p)  
**Finish** (off wind)

**Course "7"**  
 ★ See STCR 34.3.9 for approximate leg distance

**Start**  
 1  
 2  
 3  
 1  
 2  
 3  
**Finish** (upwind)





## Attachment A - Links to Public Information

Regatta officials are using a web-based program to assist with the management of this regatta. It provides electronic forms for such actions as scoring inquiries, protests, equipment substitutions, etc. And it provides for electronic communication with competitors if competitors have provided an email and/or telephone number accepting SMS. Competitors will be notified electronically of protest time limits, confirmation of a protest filing, scheduled hearing times, etc. This electronic system allows competitors to move freely about the event and remain in contact with relevant officials. And all competitors have electronic access to the scoring inquiries, jury decisions, etc. The jury and parties reserve the right to limit public access to certain decisions.

### Submit Request for Hearing



### Submit Scoring Inquiry



**NOTICE:** When submitting a protest, request or report, the procedure (as set forth in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Sailing Instructions) remains unchanged.

### Official Notice Board



### Hearing Schedule



### Hearing Decisions



### Scoring Inquiry Decisions

