



**V O L V O
P E N T A**

2023 Star North American Championship

Powered by Volvo Penta

May 29 – June 3, 2023

Organizing Authority (OA):

The International Star Class Yacht Racing Association (ISCYRA)
in conjunction with the
Royal Vancouver Yacht Club (RVYC)
Vancouver, British Columbia, CAN

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race (NoR) or Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
All times are Pacific Daylight Savings Time (PDT).

- 1 RULES
 - 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the Rules of the ISCYRA (STCR).
 - 1.2 The Canadian prescriptions that apply will be posted on the event website.
 - 1.3 Appendix G3 will apply.
 - 1.4 Appendix P will apply. RRS P2.2 and P2.3 are deleted. RRS P2.1 will apply to all penalties described therein.
 - 1.5 Appendix T Arbitration will apply.
 - 1.6 The sailing instructions may also change other rules as approved by the ISCYRA.
 - 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

- 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
 - 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be posted to the Official Notice Board no later than May 24, 2023.

- 3 COMMUNICATION
 - 3.1 The Official Notice Board is located at na.starchampionships.org.
 - 3.2 [DP] Boats shall carry VHF radios suitable for use in the host venue for the primary purpose of safety, and additionally for receiving race committee courtesy communication, including notification of OCS boats. Race Committee failure to notify, delay notification, and the order announced will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

- 3.3 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.4 The OA may provide and require boats to carry live tracking devices. If so, boats shall not view tracking data while racing.

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 on the [event website](#) with the required fee by 1700 on Wednesday, May 17, 2023.
- 4.3 Entries received after 1700 on May 17, 2023, will be subject to a late fee of USD \$50.
- 4.4 Entries will not be accepted after 1700 Monday, May 22, 2023
- 4.5 Only skippers and crew eligible to compete under WS Eligibility Code are to compete in this event.
- 4.6 A competitor is not entered and will not receive a score until: (a) All fees are paid; (b) Inspection and crew weigh-in are completed no later than 1800 on Tuesday, May 30, 2023; and, (c) Proof of insurance is provided.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is USD \$500, or USD \$125 for skippers under age 30. Fees include the Star Class fee, boat and trailer parking, launching, hauling, and invitations to social events for skipper and crew.
- 5.2 The fee is non-refundable, except entry fees will be refunded if the entry is rejected or should travel restrictions that are out of the competitor’s control be implemented after the entry fee is paid.

6 ADVERTISING

- 6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA. If this rule is broken, World Sailing’s Advertising Code applies.

7 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DAY 1 Monday May 29	1000 – 1700	Check in, inspection, crew weigh-in
DAY 2 Tuesday May 30	0800 - 1630	Check in, inspection, crew weigh-in
	1200	Practice race
	1630	Inspection, weigh-in deadline
	After racing	Hosted refreshments
	1800	Opening Ceremony & competitor briefing RVYC Jericho – Main floor (Blazer requested)

DAY 3 Wednesday May 31	0800 - 0900 0800 - 1000 1200 After racing	Late crew weigh-In Coffee and breakfast bar First warning signal. 2 races scheduled Hosted refreshments
DAY 4 Thursday June 1	0800 - 1000 1200 After racing	Coffee and breakfast bar First warning signal. 2 races scheduled Hosted refreshments
DAY 5 Friday June 2	0800 - 1000 1200 1800	Coffee and breakfast bar First warning signal. 2 races scheduled Event dinner (Blazer requested)
DAY 6 Saturday June 3	0800 - 1000 1200 1500 After racing	Coffee and breakfast bar First warning signal. 2 races scheduled No initial warning signal after this time Hosted refreshments Awards ceremony (Blazer requested)

8 MEASUREMENT & BOW NUMBERS

- 8.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate. In addition, boats will be checked for equipment required under STCR 31.2.2. Sail royalty buttons shall be installed on the permitted two mainsails and two jibs.
- 8.2 Teams shall demonstrate compliance with team weight limits in accordance with STCR 31.1.3 prior to the end of inspection. Teams will not be subject to re-weighing during the event subject to the exception in STCR 31.1.3.
- 8.3. A boat may be ordered to be re-checked during the event.
- 8.4. Assigned bow numbers will be provided at registration. Bow numbers will be affixed by the OA.

9 VENUE

- 9.1 The racing area will be in English Bay. See Attachment A.
- 9.2 The event venue will be at RVYC Jericho Station.

10 THE COURSES

- 10.1 The courses to be sailed will be in accordance with STCR 34.3.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

12 SCORING

- 12.1 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 (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. This changes RRS A2.

13 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 13.1 In accordance with 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 breakdown or emergency and/or towing supplied by the OA and available to all participants.
- 13.2 Support vessels shall carry a flag provided by the OA. A deposit of \$20 will be taken at registration.
- 13.3 Individual and support / coach vessels shall register with the OA during registration at the event office and shall comply with the RRS and the STCR.
- 13.4 [DP] In accordance with RRS 37, Support Vessels and persons shall carry a functioning VHF radio and monitor the required channel and shall assist the Race Committee when requested.
- 13.5 The Sailing Instructions and/or the OA may further limit the activities of the support vessels.
- 13.6 [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 result in a misconduct report to the jury.

14 BERTHING

- 14.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places on the dock at RVYC Jericho Station from 0900 on Tuesday, May 30 until the end of the event.

15 RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to racing 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.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authorities, Royal Vancouver Yacht Club and ISCYRA, will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event

17 INSURANCE

- 17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of CAD \$1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

18 PRIZES

- 18.1 Prizes will be awarded in accordance with STCR 24.
- 18.2 Overall trophies will be awarded to the top five boats.
- 18.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

19 MEDIA RIGHTS

19.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Star Class, the OA, and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

20.1 Non-RVYC members may obtain guest accounts at event registration.

20.2 For more information contact:

Event Chair: Bruce Long at bflong@mac.com; 778-837-2512

RVYC Sailing Director: Colm Webb at colm.webb@royalvan.com; 604-362-8208.

Attachment A

