



INTERNATIONAL STAR CLASS WESTERN HEMISPHERE CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by
The ANNAPOLIS YACHT CLUB
ANNAPOLIS, MD USA
23 - 26 May 2006



NOTICE OF RACE

1 Rules

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* for 2005-2008 (RRS) and the rules of the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association (STCR). The Organizing Authority is the Annapolis Yacht Club in conjunction with the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association (ISCYRA). The host fleet is Annapolis.
- 1.2 Decisions of the International Jury will be final in accordance with RRS 70.4.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix P will apply.
- 1.4 The prescriptions of US SAILING do not apply, except as provided in the prescription to RRS 87. The US SAILING prescriptions to rules 68, 76.1, and 76.3 apply and are stated in full in paragraph 16 below.

2. Alterations to the Racing Rules

- 2.1 RRS 32 will be changed to provide that courses will not be shortened.
- 2.2 RRS 33b will not apply.
- 2.3 RRS 35 will be changed to provide that boats not finishing within 60 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing.
- 2.4 RRS 62.2 and 66 will be changed to shorten the time for requesting redress and the requesting that a hearing be re-opened on the last day of racing.
- 2.5 RRS A4.1 will be changed to provide that a boat failing to check in prior to the warning signal will be scored the same as a boat not starting in that race without a hearing.

3. Advertising

The event is designated Category C, ISAF Regulation 20. Boats may be required to display Event Advertising on the forward part of the hull. Advertising for tobacco products is strongly discouraged.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 Entries eligible in accordance with STCR 21, 26, 29 (29.5 does not apply) and 30 may compete.
- 4.2 Entries shall be submitted on the Official Entry Form not later than 2 May 2006 to the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association Central Office, 1545 Waukegan Road, Glenview, IL 60025-2185 USA, (847) 729-0630 Fax: (847) 729-0718, and to the Annapolis Yacht Club, Star Hemisphere, PO Box 908, Annapolis MD 21404 USA. Fax: (410) 269-8905.
- 4.3 Only skippers and crew eligible to compete under the ISAF Eligibility Code, Regulation 19, shall be eligible to compete in this regatta.
- 4.4 Proof of marine liability insurance (property and injury) in the amount of \$300,000 covering the person in charge (RRS 46) during this regatta is required.

5. Entry Fee

The entry fee of \$400 includes boat and trailer parking, launching, hauling and invitations to social events for skipper and crew. Additional social packages will be available at registration. Checks must be drawn on a United States bank and made payable to Annapolis Yacht Club.

6. Schedule of Races

Races are scheduled Tuesday through Friday in accordance with STCR 34.

7. Disclaimer

The Organizing Authority shall require each competitor to sign a waiver for loss, damage or injury to persons or property occurring in conjunction with the regatta or on the property of the Annapolis Yacht Club. The Organizing Authority, their members, employees, officers and/or agents shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury that may occur to person or property whether ashore or at sea as a consequence of the participation of any boat.

8. Measurement

8.1 Measurement will take place at the Annapolis Yacht Club Sailing Center. Each participating boat shall have a valid Measurement Certificate, and Weight Certificate. Only boats that have completed registration, paid all entry fees, and passed the prescribed measurement check procedure by 1630 hours on 22 May 2006 are entitled to race. The International Jury may order that a boat be re-checked during the regatta.

8.2 Crews shall demonstrate compliance with crew weight limits in accordance with STCR 31.1.3 prior to 0830 hours 23 May 2006. Crews may be re-weighed during the event at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

9. Sail and Bow Numbers

9.1 Each boat shall show the sail number and national letters as indicated on the Official Entry Form and approved by the Measurer.

9.2 Bow numbers will be assigned and given to each participating boat. They shall be affixed to the hull according to the Sailing Instructions.

10. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and online at www.race.annapolisyc.org.

11. Racing Area

Racing will be conducted on the Chesapeake Bay off the mouth of the Severn River.

12. Courses and Procedures

Courses and procedures will be according to STCR 34.

13. Scoring

The Low Point Scoring System, RRS A, will apply, modified so that each series score will be the total of her races scores with her worst score excluded if more than four (4) races are completed. 6 races are scheduled, of which 4 races shall be required to constitute a series, except as provided in STCR 27.2.

14. Berthing and Hauling

14.1 Boats shall be at Annapolis Yacht Club commencing at 1630 hours on 22 May 2006 until the conclusion of racing.

14.2 The Organizing Authority may impose haul-out restrictions.

15. Prizes

15.1 Perpetual Trophies will be awarded according to STCR 24.

15.2 Series prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first through sixth

15.3 Master's trophies will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first in the Series for skippers aged 50 through 59 before the start of the first race. Competitors in the Master's Division will also compete for Series prizes (see 15.2).

15.4 Grand Master's trophies will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first in the Series for skippers aged 60 or over before the start of the first race. Competitors in the Grand Master's Division will also compete for Series prizes (see 15.2).

15.5 Daily prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first through third in each race.

16 US SAILING Prescriptions that Apply

- 16.1 After RRS 68 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."
- 16.2 After RRS 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."
- 16.3 Add RRS 76.3: "US SAILING prescribes that a boat whose entry is rejected or cancelled or a competitor who is excluded from a race or series shall be, upon written request, entitled to a hearing conducted by the protest committee under rules 63.2, 63.3, 63.4 and 63.6."

17 Information

See the regatta website at www.race.annapolisyc.org.

Guest privileges will be established on registration. All areas of the Club will be available for our use. For more information contact Barbara Vosbury: 410-570-3435 (M), Elliott Oldak: 410-268-0162 (H) 410-293-9139 (W), Linda Ambrose: 410-263-9147 (AYC) or Jack Lynch: 410-320-4305 (M).