

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR I.S.C.Y.R.A EVENTS

These Sailing Instructions have been set up in accordance with the "Rules Governing Star Class Events and Racing" of the ISCYRA, the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and should be used for District (Blue, Green and Red) Championships of the Star Class. These instructions will be reviewed periodically by the Regatta Management Committee of the ISCYRA.

## 1Rules:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 (RRS) and the Rules of the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association except as any of these are modified by the Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto. *If there are changes to the Notice of Race, note changes where appropriate.*

## 2Notices to Competitors:

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at \_\_\_\_\_. *Enter location of Notice Board.*

- 3Crew Weight:** Crews must comply with class rule 31.1.3 at all times. Crews will be weighed at the beginning of event. *Please state procedure for notification of competitors and location of scale.*

## 4Changes in the Sailing Instructions:

Changes in the Sailing Instructions will be approved by the Jury and the Organizing Authority and will be posted before 0900 hours of the day they will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

## 5Signals Ashore:

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed \_\_\_\_\_. *Insert location of flag pole.*
- 5.2 Code flag "AP" when displayed ashore means that the start has been postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 90 minutes after the lowering of the signal.

## 6Schedule:

- 6.1 Schedule of Races; *Insert the exact dates, races.*
- 6.2 The Race Committee may change the schedule. Format \_\_\_\_, STCR 34.3.7 shall apply.
- 6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6.4 No warning signal will be made after \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_. *Give time and date of last day of racing.*

## 7Racing Area:

The racing area will be \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Specify racing area.*

## 8Course:

- 8.1 Course "1", Course "2", Course "3", or Course "4", STCR 34.3, may be used. The Race Committee signal boat will display the appropriate numeral pennant (or the course number by placard) to indicate the course. The lengths of the legs is described in Format \_\_\_\_, STCR 34.3.7.

- 8.2 The approximate compass bearing from Mark 3 (or Marks 3S and 3P) to Mark 1 will be displayed on the Race Committee signal boat prior to or with the Warning Signal.

8. 3RRS 32 and RRS 33(b) are changed to provide that courses will not be shortened

## 9Marks:

- 9.1 Except as provided for in SI 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5, and 14 marks will be \_\_\_\_\_. *Describe Marks.*
- 9.2 A new mark, when used in accordance with Sailing Instruction 12, will be identified with a black band. If a new mark is subsequently changed, it will be replaced with a mark without a black band. *It is recommended that the changed marks be the same as described in SI 8.1, but with black bands.*
- 9.3 If employed, a "leeward gate" will consist of a pair of \_\_\_\_\_. Boats shall sail between Mark 3S and Mark 3P from the direction of the last mark and pass either Mark 3S to starboard or Mark 3P to port. *It is recommended that the gate consist of marks of a color and shape that differ from those described in SI 8.1.*
- 9.4 For Courses "3" and "4", Mark 2 will be \_\_\_\_\_. *It is recommended that the Mark 2 be of a different color and shape than Mark 1.*
- 9.5 At any mark beginning a downwind leg on courses "0", and "1", the Race Committee may employ an off-set mark. In that case, boats shall pass Mark 1 to port, and then round the off-set mark to port. *Same description as SI 8.4. It is recommended that offset marks be used with large fleets (but only at the beginning of a downwind leg, not a reach) It is also recommended that the practice should be consistent throughout the event.*

## 10Check In:

Prior to the first Warning Signal of the first race a boat sails each day, she shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee signal boat to be recorded. RRS A4.1 is changed to provide that boats not complying with this instruction will receive the same score as a boat not starting without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5. *For reasons of safety, it is recommended that boats be checked in before each race.*

## 11The Start:

- 11.1 The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the Race Committee signal boat and \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Describe starting buoy. For large fleets, it is recommended that the starting line be formed by two anchored boats from which orange flags are displayed.*
- 11.2 RRS A4.2 is changed so that a boat not starting within 10 minutes after the Starting Signal will be scored DNS without a hearing.

## 12Recalls:

- 12.1 The recall number for a boat shall be her sail number.
- 12.2 A Race Committee boat displaying Code flag "G" may pass to windward of the fleet in the event of an abandonment, postponement or general recall which means: "The Race Committee has signaled an abandonment, postponement or general recall. Boats are to return to the starting area immediately."

12.3A Race Committee boat displaying Code flag "X" positioned near Mark 1 will attempt to notify premature starters.

12.4A Race Committee boat displaying a black flag positioned near Mark 1 will attempt to notify boats that have been disqualified in accordance with RRS 30.3. Any boat notified that she has been disqualified shall leave the race course immediately. However, if there are two races scheduled for that day, boats having been disqualified in the first race may stand by in an area outside the race course for the second race.

*This may be deleted for Blue and Green Events. In the event of a general recall, boats disqualified must be notified by the signal boat. (See RRS 30.3)*

### **13Change of Position of the Next Mark:**

To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

### **14The Finish:**

The finishing line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on a Race Committee boat and \_\_\_\_\_. *Describe the finishing buoy. If it will be a race mark (See recommendation SI 10.1 for large fleets) it should be different in color and shape.*

### **15Time Limit:**

15.1The time limit will be as described in Format \_\_\_\_, STCR 34.3.7.

15.2RRS 35 is changed to provide that boats finishing more than 60 minutes after the first boat to finish will

### **16 Protests:**

16.1 Protest forms are available in \_\_\_\_\_. *Enter location of where forms are available.* Protest shall be delivered there within the Protest Time limit.

16.2 Protests must be delivered within one hour of the Race Committee signal boat docking time. Protest Time will be posted on the Notice Board. [The same Protest Time limit applies to all protests by the Race Committee and Jury about incidents they observe in the racing area and to request redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.]

16.3 Notices will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes of the Protest Time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in \_\_\_\_\_ *Enter location.* at the time posted.

16.4 A list of boats that, under instruction 1.3, have acknowledged breaking RRS 42 or have been disqualified by the Jury will be posted before the protest time limit.

16.5 Boats recorded on the finishing list as having not started or not finished will be posted on the Notice Board 1/2 hour before the end of Protest Time. Any boat so notified may request a hearing, which must be

in writing and delivered to the \_\_\_\_\_ *Name the appropriate person and enter location.* within Protest Time.

16.6 RRS 62.2 and 66 are changed to provide that, on the last day of racing, requests for redress and requests to re-open a hearing must be lodged within 1/2 hour of the time final results have been posted.

### **17Scoring:**

17.1The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply; modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with the worst score discarded if more than 4 races are completed. Five (5) races are scheduled, of which three (3) races shall be completed to constitute a series.

*The minimum shall be 3 races scheduled and 3 races completed.*

17.2There will be a Master's Division for skippers aged 50 years and over by the start of the first race. Entrants in this division will be competing for both the Masters' Championship and the overall Championship.

### **18Liability and Safety:**

18.1The safety of a boat and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner and/or entrant.

18.2Competitors leaving the race course before the end of a race shall inform the Race Committee or the \_\_\_\_\_ as soon as possible. Competitors not leaving the dock on a race day shall inform the \_\_\_\_\_. *Identify a shore side location. Insert the Yacht Club telephone number.*

### **19Crew Changes:**

19.1Any request for a change of crew must be submitted to the Organizing Authority in writing prior to 0900 hours on the day of the race for which the change is to be made.

19.2A change of helmsman will not be permitted.

### **20Team and Private Support Boats:**

20.1Team and Private Support Boats shall not be in the racing area or interfere with boats while racing. Should there be a postponement or abandonment, team and private support boats may re-enter the racing area and resume communications until the next Warning Signal is given. *Insert here if you would like the team/support boats to be registered and instructions on how to do so.*

20.2The penalty for breaking this requirement may be disqualification of all boats associated with the team or private support boat.

### **21Boat Storage, Launching and Haul out:**

21.1All boats must be kept at \_\_\_\_\_ commencing on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ hours until the end of the Championship. *Insert location, date and time.*

21.2Boats assigned even numbered bow numbers must remain in the water on even numbered nights commencing on \_\_\_\_\_. Boats assigned odd numbered bow numbers must remain in the water on odd numbered nights commencing on \_\_\_\_\_.

*If facilities are sufficient, delete 20.2 and state "All boats shall be afloat from \_\_\_\_\_ until the end of the regatta. Boats shall not be*

*hailed out during the regatta except with and in accordance with prior written permission of the International Jury."*

**22Radio Communication:**

A boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions (including cellular telephone) while racing.

**23Prizes:**

23.1Prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew, as follows:

Championship Series – 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>.

Master's Division – 1st

Novice Division – 1st

*List how many places will be awarded prizes.*

**24Disclaimer of Liability:**

Participants agree that no person or organization involved in the conduct of this Championship will be

liable for any accident, injury, fatality, or damage or loss of boat or personal property arising out of a participant's preparation for or participation in any on-the-water or on-shore activities (whether social, recreational, launching, hauling, boat storage or otherwise) associated with the Championship. Nothing in these Sailing Instructions or oral statements by the Organizing Authority, their officers, directors or agents, shall modify or otherwise impair the effect of the Waiver of Liability Form, the execution of which is a condition of entry.