

Star Western Hemisphere Championship
Seneca Yacht Club
May 18-23, 2008

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

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 Seneca Yacht Club in conjunction with the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association (ISCYRA). The host fleet is Seneca Lake Star Fleet.

1.1 Decisions of the International Jury will be final in accordance with RRS 70.4.

1.2 RRS Appendix P will apply.

1.3 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 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 be changed to provide that lengths of legs will not be shortened.

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, RRS, Regulation 20. Boats may be required to display Event Advertising on the forward part of the hull. Out of respect to our title sponsor, advertising for tobacco products is strongly discouraged.

4. Eligibility and Entry

4.1 Entries eligible in accordance with STCR 21, 26, 29 and 30 may compete. Qualifications are Log plus Infinity.

4.2 Entries shall be submitted on the Official Entry Form not later than April 29, 2008 to the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association Central Office, 914 Bay Ridge Rd., Suite 220, Annapolis, MD 21403 USA, (443) 458-5733 Fax: (443) 458-5735 and the Seneca Lake Star Fleet, PO Box 544, Geneva NY 14456 Fax (585) 288-5218.

4.3 Only skippers and crew eligible to compete under the ISAF Eligibility Code, RRS, 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 is \$375 if submitted with your entry form on or before April 29, 2008 and \$400 if submitted after April 29, 2008.

The entry fee includes boat and trailer parking, launching, hauling and invitations to social events for skipper and crew. Checks must be drawn on a US bank and made payable to Seneca Lake Star Fleet Club. International wire transfers will be accepted at M&T Bank Swift Code MANTUS33, Lyons National Bank Account #9907247, 399 Exchange Street, Geneva, New York Fax (315) 781-7767 Routing # 022304616, Seneca Lake Star Fleet account #10191898.

6. **Schedule of Races**

Eight (8) races are scheduled, of which four (4) races shall be required to constitute a series except as provided in STCR 27.2.

Sunday	May 18	09:00- 18:00	Registration and Measurement
Monday	May 19	09:00- 18:00	Registration and Measurement
		14:00	Practice Race
Tuesday	May 20	10:00	Race One with Race Two to follow
Wednesday	May 21	10:00	Race Three with Race Four to follow
Thursday	May 22	10:00	Race Five with Race Six to follow
Friday	May 23	10:00	Race Seven with Race Eight to follow

No warning signal will be made after 14:00 on Friday May 23, 2008.

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 Seneca 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 Seneca Yacht Club from 09:00 to 18:00 on May 18-19, 2008. 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 18:00 on May 18, 2008 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 end of measurement on May 18, 2008 at 18:00. 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 Sunday, May 18 2008 during Registration.

11. **Racing Area**

Racing will be conducted north end of Seneca Lake.

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. Eight (8) races are scheduled, of which four (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 Seneca Yacht Club commencing at 18:00 hours on Monday May 19, 2008 until the conclusion of racing.
- 14.2 The Organizing Authority may impose haul-out restrictions.
- 14.3 Competitors shall not moor support boats at Seneca Yacht Club. They may moor support boats at the local marinas within walking distance from Seneca Yacht Club.

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

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

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