



2012 Western Hemisphere Championship
Annapolis, MD USA
14-19 May 2012



NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

The Regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (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.

- 1.1 Decisions of the International Jury will be final in accordance with RRS 70.5.
- 1.2 RRS Appendix P will apply.
- 1.3 The prescriptions of the national authority, US Sailing, do not apply except as provided in the prescription to RRS 88. The US Prescriptions to Rules 68, 76.1 and 76.3 apply and are stated fully in Attachment 1.
- 1.4 RRS 32 will be changed to provide that courses will not be shortened.
- 1.5 RRS 33b will not apply.
- 1.6 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.
- 1.7 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.
- 1.8 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.

2. Advertising

Boats may be required to display Event Advertising on the forward part of the hull. Advertising for tobacco products is strongly discouraged.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 Entries eligible in accordance with STCR 21, 26, 29 and 30 may compete. Qualifications are Log plus Infinity.
- 3.2 Entries shall be submitted on the Official Online Entry Form not later than 26 April 2012. Entry shall be made online at www.annapolisyc.org.
- 3.3 Only skippers and crew eligible to compete under the ISAF Eligibility Code shall be eligible to compete in this regatta.
- 3.4 For the purpose of RRS A Scoring: A competitor is not considered an entry until: (a) All fees are paid and (b) Measurement is completed.

4. Fees

The entry fee includes boat and trailer parking, launching, hauling and invitations to social events for skipper and crew. The entry fee must be paid by 7 May 2012 and is non-refundable after this date. When payment is received by 26 April 2012 the fee is \$450.00 US. When payment is received after 26 April the fee is \$525.00 US. Checks must be drawn on a United States bank and made payable to Annapolis Yacht Club.

5. Schedule

- 5.1 Registration and measurement: Monday 14 May 2012 0900-1700; Tuesday 15 May 2012 0900-1600.
- 5.2 Schedule of Races: Wednesday-Saturday 16-19 May 2012.
- 5.3 The schedule time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1100.
- 5.4 No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Saturday 19 May 2012.

6. Measurement

- 6.1 Measurement will take place at the Annapolis Yacht Club Sailing Center. Each participating boat shall have a valid Measurement Certificate in the current owner's name, and Weight Certificate. Only boats that have completed registration, paid all entry fees, and passed the prescribed measurement check procedure by 1600 on 15 May 2012 are entitled to race. The International Jury may order that a boat be re-checked during the regatta.
- 6.2 Crews shall demonstrate compliance with crew weight limits in accordance with STCR 31.1.3 prior to 1600 on 15 May 2012. Crews may be re-weighed during the event at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 6.3 Each boat shall show the sail number and national letters as indicated on the Official Entry Form and approved by the Measurer.
- 6.4 Bow numbers will be assigned and given to each participating boat. They shall be affixed to the hull according to the Sailing Instructions.

7. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available during registration and will be posted on the event website.

8. Venue

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

9. Courses

Courses will be according to STCR 34.

10. 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.

11. Berthing

Boats shall be at the Annapolis Yacht Club Sailing Center commencing at 1600 hours on 15 May 2012 until the conclusion of racing.

12. Haul-out Restrictions

The Organizing Authority may impose haul-out restrictions.

13. Team and Private Support Boats

A yacht shall receive no outside assistance from support boats or otherwise once she has left the dock for the day until the finish of the last race of the day, except in the case of emergency and/or towing supplied by the organizer and available to all participants.

14. Prizes

- 14.1 Perpetual Trophies will be awarded according to STCR 24.
- 14.2 Series prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first through fifth.
- 14.3 Other awards for first place skipper and crew in the following categories: Master (aged 50-59), Grand Master (aged 60-69), Exalted Grand Master (aged 70 and older), Junior (under age 25, Woman, Classic (<7300)).
- 14.4 Prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew finishing first through third for each day.

15. 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.

16. Insurance

Boats sailing in this regatta must be adequately insured against third party liability for racing risks. Proof of same may be requested.

17. Information

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

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Guest privileges will be established on registration. All areas of the Club will be available for your use.

.ATTACHMENT 1

Applicable US SAILING Prescriptions to the Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 68 After rule 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.*

Rule 76.1 After rule 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.

Rule 76.3 Add rule 76.3

- 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.*