



2024 Star District 20 Championship

(Blue Star)

Hosted by Coconut Grove Sailing Club
Saturday & Sunday, November 9-10

NOTICE OF RACE

posted September 17 2024

amended October 8 2024

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. The following US Sailing Prescriptions apply: RRS 25.1, 32, 34, 60.3, 61.4, 63.1, 63.2, 64.4(b), 67, 70.5(a), 76.1, 81, 86.3, 88.2, Appendix G and R. These are attached as Addendum A.
- 1.3. Appendix P will apply. RRS P2.2 and RRS P2.3 are deleted.
- 1.4. Appendix T will apply, as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5. If there is a conflict with language and interpretation, English will prevail.
- 1.6. The Sailing Instructions may also change other rules as approved by the ISCYRA if necessary.

2. NOTICE BOARD & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 All regatta notices, Sailing Instructions, amendments, updates and scoring will be available at: https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28706#_newsroom.
- 2.2 The Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than November 6, 2024.
- 2.3 Effective 1800 on November 8, the Official Notice Board (ONB) will be the Star D20 Group on WhatsApp.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. Boats may carry VHF radios for purposes of safety and for receiving Race Committee communication, including notification of OCS boats. Race Committee's failure to notify, delay notification and the order announced will not be grounds for redress.
- 3.2. From a race day's first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency or for a boat that is retiring from a race, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

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. Only skippers and crew eligible to compete under World Sailing (WS) Eligibility Code, Regulation 19, are allowed to compete in this regatta.
- 4.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the on-line application at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28706> not later than 2359 hours EDT Wednesday, November 6, 2024.
- 4.4. Crew names must be identified at on-line registration. If your crew changes before the regatta, you must update the on-site registration.
- 4.5. Only boats which comply with STCR 31.1.3 may be scored for the Blue Star District Championship. All boats will be scored for other event standings.
- 4.6. A Competitor is not entered, is not entitled to race and will not receive a score until: (a) All fees are paid and (b) Proof of Insurance is Provided.
- 4.7. Further, a Competitor is not eligible for the Blue Star District Championship unless crew weigh-in is completed no later than 0915 on November 9, 2024.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee of USD \$300.00 includes the Star Class fee, ~~boat and trailer parking, launching, hauling,~~ and invitations to officially hosted social events for skipper and crew.
- 5.2. A late entry fee of \$50 will be added after October 21st, 2024.
- 5.3. Entry fees are due at time of entry, but not later than November 6 2024, and are payable via credit card on the website checkout form.
- 5.4. Entry fee refunds
 - 5.4.1. Full refund of entry only if canceled prior to October 21, 2024.
 - 5.4.2. 50% refund of entry if canceled prior to October 25, 2024.
 - 5.4.3. No refund if canceled on or after November 1, 2024.
 - 5.4.4. The full entry fee will be refunded if the entry is rejected.

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA. If this rule is broken, WS Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

7. SCHEDULE

Wednesday November 6	2359 hrs. EDT	Entry Deadline
Friday, November 8	1500 – 1800 hrs.	Registration, Inspection of boats, Team Weigh-In
Saturday, November 9	0800 - 0915 0930 hrs. 1000 hrs. 1200 hrs. After Racing	Registration, Inspection of boats, Team Weigh-In Skippers Meeting All boats afloat First Warning Signal (3 races scheduled) Social hour

<p>Sunday, November 10</p>	<p>1055 hrs. 1530 hrs. After Racing</p>	<p>First Warning Signal (3 races scheduled) No Warning Signal After this Time Awards Ceremony</p>
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8. SCORING

- 8.1. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 8.2. 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 A2.1

9. MEASUREMENT

- 9.1. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate. In addition, boats will be checked for equipment required under STCR 31.2.2.
- 9.2. Teams competing for the Blue Star District Championship 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 regatta subject to the exception in STCR 31.1.3.
- 9.3. A boat may be ordered to be re-checked during the regatta.

10. VENUE

- 10.1 Racing will be in Biscayne Bay, approximately 1 to 3 NM SE of the entrance to John A. Brennan Channel. The race area attachment shows the approximate racing venue.

11. THE COURSES

- 11.1. The courses to be sailed will be in accordance with STCR 34.
- 11.2. Courses will be Format C, which may be amended by the Sailing Instructions and approved by the ISCYRA.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

13. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 13.1. Per STCR 31.1.4, boats shall receive no outside assistance from any Support Vessels and or Support Persons once the boat has left the dock for a race day until the last competitor has finished the last race of the day, except in emergency or distress situations.
- 13.1. Support vessels shall fly an OA supplied support flag at all times during the regatta. There will be an \$80 cash or credit card deposit required for this flag
- 13.2. Individual and Support Vessels / coach boats shall register with the OA during registration at the regatta registration office and shall comply with the RRS and the STCR.
- 13.3. Support Vessels and Persons shall carry an operative VHF, monitor the required channels and shall assist the Race Committee pursuant to RRS 37.
- 13.4. The Sailing Instructions and/or the OA may further limit the activities of the Support Vessels.

13.5. 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 be misconduct and/or result in expulsion from the event.

14. BERTHING

14.1 There are no berthing restrictions. Competitors are free to make their own berthing and launching arrangements.

14.2 Competitors may berth and launch Stars at the US Sailing Center (2476 South Bayshore Drive, Miami) at a cost of \$100 for Friday, Saturday and Sunday (3 nights). Contact Pat Downey, Executive Director, 305-854-1058, usscmiami@bellsouth.net for a reservation or information.

14.3 The OA is currently investigating and may have another berthing option for competitors. We will email registrants if and when an alternative becomes available.

15. INSURANCE

15.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent. Proof of insurance shall be shown at Registration.

16. PRIZES

16.1. Prizes will be awarded in accordance with STCR 24.

16.2. Series prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew, depending on the number of entries.

16.3. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in connection with, or prior to, during, or after, the regatta.

18. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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Dave Martin, RC Chair: 206-380-0233 davem@manageinc.com

Nicolaus Pro, District Secretary: 215-596-3088 captainnicpro@gmail.com

Event Website: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28706>

NOR - ADDENDUM A
2024 Star Class North American Championships
US Sailing Prescriptions

Rule 25.1 After rule 25.1 add:

US Sailing prescribes that the race committee shall ensure that the notice of race and sailing instructions are readily available to competitors throughout the event.

Rule 32 After rule 32 add:

US Sailing prescribes that, if the sailing instructions so state, the race committee may display flag A (with no sound) while boats are finishing to signal that there will be no more races conducted that day.

Rule 34 Change rule 34 title to: MARK MISSING; RACE COMMITTEE ABSENT

After rule 34 add:

US Sailing prescribes that, if a finishing mark is missing but another one remains in place, the finishing line is a line through the remaining mark at a 90° angle to the last leg and of the shortest practicable length. If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should at the first reasonable opportunity report to the race committee her finishing time and her position in relation to nearby boats.

Rule 60.3 After RRS 60.3 add

US Sailing prescribes that rule 60.3(b) is changed to:

(b) request redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress;

Rule 61.4 Add RRS 61.4

61.4 Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress

US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

Rule 63.1 After rule 63.1 add:

US Sailing prescribes that:

- (a) No person who brings an incident to the attention of the protest committee or who will give evidence regarding an incident shall, when practicable, be a member of the protest committee for a hearing involving that incident.*
- (b) A request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall, when practicable, be heard by a committee that contains no members of the committee that made the original decision.*

Rule 63.2 After rule 63.2 add

US Sailing prescribes that when redress has been requested or is to be considered for one or more boats:

- (a) Any other boat may participate in the hearing.*
- (b) The protest committee shall make a reasonable attempt to notify all boats of the time and place of the hearing and the reason for the request or for considering redress, and boats shall be allowed reasonable time to prepare for the hearing.*
- (c) The protest committee shall request redress for boats
 - (1) that participate in the hearing, or**

- (2) *that request in writing to do so before the hearing begins, making them parties to the hearing. It need not state a reason for such a request; this changes rule 62.2.*

Rule 64.4(b) After rule 64.4(b) add

US Sailing prescribes that the authority responsible for interpreting the rules of a handicap or rating system is the organization that issued the handicap or the rating certificate involved.

Rule 67 After RRS 67 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 70.5(a) After rule 70.5(a) add

US Sailing prescribes that its approval is required. Go to rules.ussailing.org and click the ‘No Appeal’ link for more information or to obtain approval.

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 81 Add rule 81 after rule 80

81 *INDEMNIFICATION OR HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENTS*

US Sailing prescribes that the organizing authority shall not require a competitor to assume any liabilities of the organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official involved with the event. (This is commonly referred to as an ‘indemnification’ or ‘hold harmless’ agreement.) Go to rules.ussailing.org and click the ‘Indemnification’ link for more information.

Rule 86.3 After rule 86.3 add

US Sailing prescribes that:

(a) *In exception to rule 86.1, an organizing authority may request, and US Sailing may authorize, proposed changes to the racing rules for a specific event. The authorization shall be stated in a letter of approval to the organizing authority, and the letter shall be posted on the official notice board.*

(b) *The proposed rules shall be stated in the notice of race and sailing instructions, and the organizing authority shall promptly report the results of the test to US Sailing. Go to rules.ussailing.org to apply.*

Rule 88.2 After rule 88.2 add

US Sailing prescribes that the notice of race or sailing instructions may change or delete any prescriptions except: this prescription, rule 61.4, Appendix R, and the prescriptions to rules 60.3, 67, 70.5(a) and 76.1.

Appendix G After rule G2 add

US Sailing prescribes that unless otherwise stated in her class rules, the sails of a boat that is not in a World Sailing Class shall comply with rule G1. However, offshore racing boats not in a class that is subject to rule G1 shall carry numbers allotted by US Sailing on mainsails, spinnakers and each overlapping headsail having a luff-perpendicular measurement exceeding 130% of the base of the foretriangle. This rule applies only to a boat whose owner's national authority is US Sailing. Go to rules.ussailing.org and click the 'Sail Numbers' link for the full text of the Sail Numbering System for offshore racing boats in the United States and for an application for a sail number.

APPENDIX R

PROCEDURES FOR APPEALS AND REQUESTS

This appendix is a US Sailing prescription.

See rules 70 and 71. This appendix replaces Appendix R as adopted by World Sailing for the purpose of creating a two-level appeals system. The US Sailing Appeals Committee acts as the national authority under rule 71.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the appeals system and their answers, including advice on how to prepare an appeal, can be found on the US Sailing website. Go to [Appeals - US Sailing](#) and click the 'Appeals FAQ' link.

Appeals FAQ may also be accessed here: [Appeal-FAQ-rev-2.14.19-1.pdf \(ussailing.org\)](#)

ADDENDUM B RACE AREA ATTACHMENT

