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### **2011 Star Class Western Hemisphere Championship Sailing Regatta Comes to the Land of Lincoln**

Springfield, IL – The International Star Class Yacht Racing Association (ISCYRA) has selected Lake Springfield and the Island Bay Yacht Club in Springfield, Illinois, as host of the 65<sup>th</sup> Western Hemisphere Championship regatta June 6 through June 11, 2011.

The annual Star Class Western Hemisphere Championship is raced in venues throughout North and South America awarding a “silver star” to the skipper and crew who earns the best record of finishes in a series of races over the course of the week long event.

Competitors race a Star Class sailboat, which is 22-foot Olympic-class keelboat celebrating a milestone 100 years of competitive racing in 2011. Past champions of the Western Hemisphere Championship, which started in 1934, include America’s Cup veterans, Olympic medalists and World Champions such as Dennis Connor of San Diego, Paul Cayard of San Francisco, Lowell North of San Diego, John Kosteki of San Francisco, Vince Brun of San Diego, Mark Reynolds of San Diego, Ross MacDonald of Vancouver, Eric Doyle of San Diego and Mark Pickel of Germany.

The Island Bay Yacht Club has a historic association with the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association. The club became a fleet charter member of ISCYRA when the yacht club was first established in 1938. Island Bay's Star fleet membership includes 1993 World Champion Joe Londrigan who first learned to sail on the inland waters of Lake Springfield. Seven native sons of Springfield, Illinois, are lifetime ISCYRA members—more than any other fleet in the world.

"The International Star Class is proud that the 2011 Western Hemisphere Championship will be raced in the U.S. heartland and the city Abraham Lincoln called home," said Bill Allen, ISCYRA president. "I have sailed many races on Lake Springfield and know the competition will be strong and hospitality world class."

For more information about the Star Class visit [www.starclass.org](http://www.starclass.org), click on schedules to find a link to regatta details.

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## **2011 [SPONSOR NAME] Western Hemisphere Championship Schedule of Events**

### **Monday, June 6**

Measurement and Registration - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### **Tuesday, June 7**

Measurement and Registration - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Practice Race – Warning Signal - 11:55 a.m.

Opening Ceremonies, IBYC back lawn - 6 p.m.

Reception: Arentzen Residence - 7 p.m.

### **Wednesday, June 8**

Breakfast available IBYC Dining Room

Races Warning Signal - 10:55 a.m.

Races to follow

GPS Lunch program, 12:00 pm

Apres Races Reception, IBYC Trophy Room

[SPONSOR NAME] Reception: Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum – 7 p.m.

### **Thursday, June 9**

Breakfast available IBYC Dining Room

Races Warning Signal - 10:55 a.m.

Races to follow

GPS Lunch program, 12:00 pm

Apres Races Reception, IBYC Trophy Room

Open Evening

**Friday, June 10**

Breakfast available IBYC Dining Room

Races Warning Signal - 10:55 a.m.

Races to follow

GPS Lunch program, 12:00 pm

Apres Races Reception, IBYC Trophy Room

[SPONSOR NAME] IBYC Awards Dinner and Final Race Pre-View 7 p.m.

**Saturday, June 11**

Breakfast available IBYC Dining Room

Races Warning Signal - 10:55 a.m.

Races to follow

GPS lunch program, 12:00 pm

Apres Races Reception, IBYC Trophy Room

Awards Ceremony: IBYC Dining Room



Star sailing on Lake Springfield