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Meet the Class Officers

<u>International Officers</u>			
<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>Fleet</i>
President	J. William Allen	20	Biscayne Bay
Vice President Western Hemisphere	Claude Bonanni	20	Tampa Bay
Vice President Eastern Hemisphere	Paolo Insom	14	Forte Dei Marmi
Secretary	John Chiarella	12	Lake Sunapee
Treasurer	Bert Collins	2	Annapolis
Executive Director	Barbara Beigel-Vosbury	2	Annapolis
<u>Commodores</u>			
<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>Fleet</i>
Commodore	Sir Durward Knowles	20	Nassau
Vice Commodores	Harry H Adler	7	Rio de Janeiro
	Dierk Thomsen	13	Kieler
Rear Commodores	Larry Scott	12	Western Lake Ontario
	John M. MacCausland	2	Cooper River
	Carlo Rolandi	14	Salerno
<u>Continental Vice Presidents</u>			
<i>Continent</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>Fleet</i>
North America	1 st VP: Tom Londrigan Jr	4	Lake Springfield
	2 nd VP: Rick Peters	5	Santa Monica Bay
Europe	1 st VP: Alexander Hagen	13	Kieler
	2 nd VP: Tibor Tenke	17	Oreghegy
South America	1 st VP: Gastão Brun	7	Rio de Janeiro
	2 nd VP: Alberto Zanetti	18	Olivos
Australia	1 st VP: Phillip R. Baker	11	Lake Macquaire
	2 nd VP: Iain Murray	11	Lake Macquaire



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Brief Class History

The original Star design was requested by George A. "Pop" Corry, designed by Francis Sweisguth, and built by Ike Smith. During the winter of 1910-1911 Smith built 22 Stars, the first of their class. Shortly thereafter, the Star boat became very popular and attracted several new sailors, one of which was George W. Elder.

In 1914, Elder bought a Star and became very involved in the planning of Star events. In 1916 Elder presented an outline for organizing a class for the Star boat and its sailors, with dreams of one day becoming an international organization. The Star Class officially became organized in 1922 and in the following year held its first World Championship.

Over the next few decades the Star Class continued to evolve. Originally the Star Class officers included a president, a commodore, an executive committee, both class and fleet secretaries. During 1948, Elder added continental presidents and vice presidents, an international president to manage the continental presidents, and changed the commodore position to an elected officer instead of an appointed officer. In the following year, Elder created the Judiciary Board and in the early 1950's added the Technical Committee.

The Star Class has maintained the same basic structure over the years. Today the International Star Class consists of 22 Class officers, a Class Management Committee, and an International Governing Committee. The Class' daily affairs are managed by an Executive Director and Executive Assistant.

Many of the common elements of racing sailboats today were developed in the Star Class. These include flexible spars (1937) and the circular boom vang track (1960's). The builders of the Star were the first to transition from wooden boat production to fiberglass production without wood boats becoming noncompetitive and obsolete.

In 2011 the Star celebrated her 100th birthday, a milestone not achieved by many other designs. Her evolution over these 100 years has been admittedly slow but the process of change rests in the members of the Class with an eye to the future without losing the past.





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The Star Boat

The Star is one of the most prolific keelboats in the world for a reason: it is an incredible boat to sail. It is the oldest Olympic class, having first been used in competition in 1932, and still at the heart of that competition today. Supported by a worldwide association the Star as a class is one of the best organized in sailing, with over 8,400 yachts built over its 100 year history and 2000-plus actively racing today.

Principal dimensions of the Star include:

	Metric Units	US Standard Units
Hull Length	6922 mm 4724 mm water line	22.71 ft 15.49 ft at waterline
Hull Width	1734 mm at deck 1372 mm at chine	5.68 ft at deck 4.50 ft at chine
Hull Weight	671 kg	1479.3 lbs
Keel Weight	478 kg	1054.91 lbs
Mast Height	9652 mm from point B	31.66 ft from point B
Draft	1.0 M	3.3 ft
Sail Area	26.5 Sq M	285 Sq Ft





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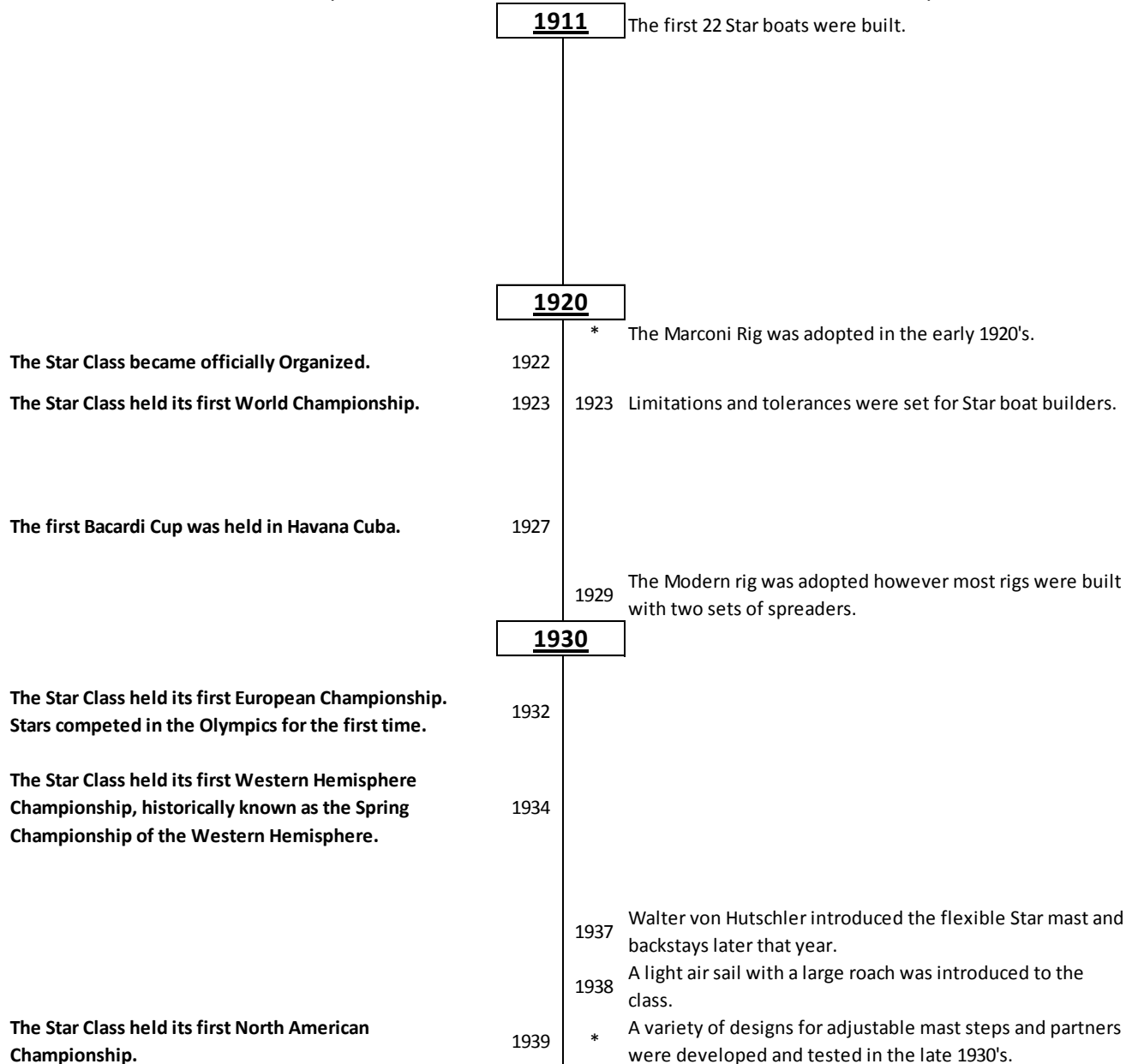
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International Star Class Milestones

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1940

M. Burnham (skipper) and Lowell North (crew) won the Star World Championship. They remain the youngest sailors to have won the regatta. This was the first of 5 times Lowell North won the Worlds.

1945

In the mid 1940's most Star sailors changed to the modern rig with only one set of spreaders.

1948

The Olympic Regatta introduced a new scoring system that included "drop races."

The International Star Class elected its first European President, Enrique Conill, who remained president until 1951.

1949

1950

Skip and Mary Etchells won the Star World Championship. Mary Etchells remains the only woman to win the Star World Championship.

1951

A. Straulino and N. Rode won the Star World Championship and a Gold Medal in the Olympics.

1952

A. Straulino and N. Rode won the Star World Championship.

1953

A. Straulino and N. Rode won the Star World Championship and a Silver Medal at the Olympics.

1956

The Star Class held its first South American Championship.

1957

L. North won his 2nd Star World Championship (first as a skipper). His crew was J. Hill.

The annual Bacardi regatta was moved from Cuba to Miami, FL.

1958

L. North won his 3rd Star World Championship. His crew was M. Carlile.

1959





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L. North won his 4th Star World Championship. His crew was T. Skahill.

B. Buchan won his 1st Star World Championship. His crew was D. Knight.

1960

1961

* In the late 1960's the Star Class adopted the circular boomvang track

1967

The Star Class held its first Eastern Hemisphere Championship, historically known as the Spring Championship of the Eastern Hemisphere.

L. North and P. Barrett won a Gold Medal at the Olympics.

1968

1969 The "Olympic" course, or "Course O," was added to the list of courses Race Committees could use at a Star regatta.

B. Buchan won his 2nd Star World Championship. His crew was C. Sutter.

1970

*Fiberglass boats were just approved by the Technical Committee and aluminum spars were being discussed.
*The 2 part jib sheet also began to appear during the 1970's.

L. North won his 5th Star World Championship. P. Barrett crewed for North.

1973

1975 "Course 3" was added to the list of courses the Race Committee could use at a Star regatta.

1980

1981 Hiking vests became legal in the Star Class.

B. Buchan won a Gold Medal in the Olympics with Crew S. Erickson.

1984

B. Buchan won his 3rd Star World Championship. His crew was S. Erickson.

1985

M. Reynolds and H. Haenel won Silver Medals in the Olympics.

1988

T. Grael and M. Ferreira won Bronze Medals in the Olympics.





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T. Graef won the Star World Championship with crew M. Ferreira.

1990

M. Reynolds and H. Haenel won Gold Medals in the Olympics.

1992

M. Reynolds and H. Haenel won the Star World Championship.
T. Graef and M. Ferreira won their first Gold Medal in the Olympics.

1995

1996

1994 "Course 4" was added to the list of courses the Race Committee could use at a Star regatta.

M. Reynolds and M. Liljedahl won the Star World Championship and Gold Medals in the Olympics.
T. Graef and N. Falcao won Bronze Medals in the Olympics.

2000

T. Graef and M. Ferreira won Gold Medals in the Olympics.

2004

2010

The Star Class celebrates its 85 year relationship with Bacardi at the Bacardi Cup in Miami, FL.

Present

2011 The Star Boat celebrated its 100th Birthday with events held in North America and Europe.





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District Information

There are currently 20 districts in the Star Class. District information including the region, number of fleets, and a brief history are listed below.

<u>District Number</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u># of Fleets</u>
1	Atlantic coast of North America, North of New York City	7
2	Atlantic Coast of North America, South of New York City	5
3	Coast of the Gulf of Mexico, Except Florida	3
4	Great Lakes and other inland waters of the American and Canadian Midwest	13
5	California	7
6	Pacific North West	5
7	Brazil	7
9	France, Switzerland and Monaco	17
10	Sweden, Finland, Poland, Norway, Iceland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and Russia	8
11	Australia	3
12	Lakes of Northeast United States and Eastern Canada	9
13	British Isles, Denmark, Northern Germany and Poland	19
14	Italy and Greece	27
15	Spain and Portugal	8
17	Austria, Belarus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Georgia, Southern Germany, Hungary, Slovakia, Slovenia, Russia and Ukraine	27
18	Argentina and Chile	3
20	Caribbean Islands and Florida	4
21	Rocky Mountain States, USA	3





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<u>Event Type</u>	<u>Event Name</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Date</u>
 Gold Star	Star World Championship		
 Silver Star	Eastern Hemisphere Championship		
 Silver Star	European Championship		
 Silver Star	North American Championship		
 Silver Star	South American Championship		
 Silver Star	Western Hemisphere Championship		
 Blue Star	District Championship	*District Championship Dates and Host Yacht Clubs change yearly and are organized by the District officers.	
 Green Star	District Novice Championship	* District Championship Dates and Host Yacht Clubs change yearly and are organized by the District officers.	

***Note:** See the International Star Class website (www.starclass.org) for a full, detailed schedule of events.





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<u>Month</u>	<u>Event Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Year First Held</u>
January	Darke De Mattos	7	1945
March	Bacardi Cup	20	1927
April	Gulf Lipton Trophy	3	1928
	Jahnke	3	1939
May	Hammond-Perken	17	1958
	Walker-Meyers-Knowles	20	1934
	Howard Lippincott Sr. Memorial	2	1969
	Gull Lake Tulip Time Tune-up	4	1954
	Rollins Bowl	5	1962
June	Arms White Regatta	1	1949
	Tomahawk Series	12	1958
	Kiel Week	13	1931
	Emilio Benetti Trophy	14	1965
July	Max Kastinger Memorial	17	1963
	Miller Memorial	2	1932
	King of Spain	5	1978
August	Ned Hay Memorial	1	1959
	Chesapeake Bay Lipton Trophy	2	1926
	Santa Barbara Lipton Trophy	5	1924
	Lake Sunapee Open	12	1965
September	Bedford Pitcher	1	1949
	Nutmeg Trophy	1	1952
	J. Holt Thomas Memorial Regatta	4	1969
	Lake George Open	12	1962
October	Oktoberfest Regatta	17	1962
	Oxford Fall Windup	2	1951
	Calvin Paige	5	1963
November	Taçá Royal Thames	7	1978
December	Nice Christmas Regatta	9	1960





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Media Resources

Updates will be distributed to members, the general public and media personnel through a variety of media outlets (listed below). If your organization would like to be added to our distribution list please contact Laura Beigel at lbeigel@starclass.org.

Star Class Log Book: The Star Class Log Book is a written record of the Class Rules, historical recording of champions, a record of the past years regattas and is published annually and mailed to the membership in April.

Starlights Magazine: Starlights Magazine is a glossy print magazine featuring the most recent of Class activities and is published twice a year, generally in the spring and fall.

eStarlights Magazine: eStarlights Magazine is published approximately eight times per year and sent to the membership via email. Sign up to receive eStarlights is on the home page of our website, at the very bottom on the right hand side and is not limited to members.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ISCYRA The Star Class Facebook account will share pictures, reports and other correspondences regarding the Class's Championships.

Twitter: www.twitter.com/ISCYRA Twitter will be used to release short messages, updates and links to followers. The Star Class's Twitter account is connected to its Facebook account and will share similar messages.

You Tube: www.youtube.com/starclassint The Star Class will add any video footage to its You Tube channel either during or following the event.

International Star Class Website: www.starclass.org The Star Class updates its website daily with reports, results and links to pictures of the event. Updates can be sent to the Star Class Webmaster Melinda Berge at mberge@starclass.org.

Pinterest: www.pinterest.com/iscyra Pinterest will be used to post pictures and videos of the sailors before, during, and after the event, and will be gathered from several different websites.





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Media Coverage

Star Class regatta reports and results will be posted on the International Star Class's web page, Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube accounts. Daily reports from events along with results, pictures and videos will be posted for viewing by the general public, class members, and media personnel interested in writing about the Star Class or our events. Writers, photographers, and videographers should feel free to submit any records, or links to such records, they took of the Star Class to be posted on one of the class's social media pages. Any and all reports submitted are greatly appreciated. Reports will be shared to increase circulation and publicity for both the class and the reporter.