NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES
1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by the *Racing Rules of Sailing*, the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing) and the rules and By-Laws of the Club 420 Association.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY
2.1. The regatta is open to boats meeting the requirements of the Club 420 class rules.
2.2. All competitors (both skipper and crew) must be current members of the Club 420 Association.
2.3. Individuals who will be twenty-two years or older in 2023 are not eligible to compete in this regatta. Eligible boats may only enter by completing the online entry form and paying the entry fee of $375 before July 11 at 0830 EDT. Entry fees are non-refundable on or after July 11 at 0900 EDT.
2.4. Registration will open on April 25, 2023 at 1200 EDT. The registration fee is $375.
2.5. All refunds are subject to a reasonable administrative fee that covers the OA’s non-refundable credit card and electronic waiver fees.
2.6. A late fee of $50 will be assessed for any entries received on or after July 11 at 0900 EDT.
2.7. All competitors must sign a Sail Newport “Release of Liability” located on the event website to participate in the regatta. Those competitors under the age of 18 must have their “Release of Liability” form signed by a parent or guardian.
2.8. No registration will be considered complete until all fees, required forms and signatures are received.
2.9. This event will have an entry cap of 130 boats after which a wait list will be formed. The OA and Club 420 Class may choose to expand the event beyond this if demand and space allow.

3. FEES
3.1. The entry fee is $375 if received before or on July 11 at 0830 EDT.
3.2. Entry fees are non-refundable on or after July 11.
3.3. All refunds are subject to a $25 administrative fee.
3.4. A late fee of $50 will be assessed for any entries received on or after July 11 at 0900 EDT.

4. SCHEDULE
4.1. Competitors may arrive at Sail Newport no earlier than Friday, July 21 at 0900 EDT
4.2. **DATE** | **TIME** | **EVENT**
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Sunday, July 23 | 1200-1800 | Check in
Monday, July 24 | 0800 | Coaches meeting, 60 Fort Adams Drive
 | 0815 | Competitors meeting, 60 Fort Adams Drive
 | 0900 | Harbor Start
 | 1030 | First Warning
Tuesday July 25 | 0900 | Harbor Start
 | 1030 | First Warning
 |  | Dinner after racing
Wednesday, July 26 | 0900 | Harbor Start
 | 1030 | First Warning
 |  | Snacks and drinks after racing
Thursday, July 27  0900  Harbor Start  
1030  First warning  
Thursday, July 27  1430  No warning signal after this time.  
Award Ceremony Immediately after racing.  
Snacks and drinks after racing  
2200  All boats and trailers must be removed from Fort Adams State Park. Any boats, trailers or cars will be removed at the owner’s expense

4.3.  16 races are scheduled.  
4.4. The race committee may run up to four races per day provided that they do not get more than one race ahead of schedule.

5.  MEASUREMENT  
5.1. Every skipper must complete and submit a signed Inspection Checklist prior to participation in the regatta at check-in. These forms will also be available at the check-in desk.  
5.2. All boats are subject to safety inspection at any time during the regatta.

6.  SAILING INSTRUCTIONS  
6.1 Sailing instructions will be available on the event website.

7.  VENUE  
7.1. The intended racing area will be in Narragansett Bay North of the Pell Bridge or Rhode Island Sound south of Brenton Reef.  
7.2. Attachment A shows the approximate location of the racing areas.

8.  COURSES  
8.1. A Trapezoid course will be run and will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

9.  SCORING  
9.1. The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will be used.  
9.2. One race must be completed to constitute a regatta. If the fleet is split into divisions, a race consists of all divisions completing a course with results that may be scored. This changes A2.  
9.3. If more than 80 boats are registered, the fleet may be divided into divisions.  
9.4. When four or less races are completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.  
9.5. When five or more races are completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.  
9.6. If the Fleet is divided into divisions, there will be a Qualifying Round and a Medal Round attempted. If fewer than five races have been completed before the start of competition on the last race day, then the regatta will remain in the Qualifying Round format. If five or more races have been completed in the Qualifying Round before the start of the last day, there will be a Medal Round.  
9.7. Scores from the Qualifying Round will carry forward into the Medal Round.

10.  SAFETY  
10.1. Parents/guardians/or competitors 18 or over at the time of the start of the event are responsible for the safety of the competitors. It is the responsibility solely of the parent(s) of the competitors, or in the instance of the competitor who is 18 or over, the competitor, to decide if the competitor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. Parents of competitors under 18 not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their child.  
10.2. All competitors shall wear either a US Coast Guard approved PFD, or a PFD approved by the country of their citizenship or residence, properly secured at all times, from dock to dock except when temporarily
adding or removing clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFD’s do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. The ‘Y’ flag will not be flown. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4.

11. COACH AND SPECTATOR BOATS (SUPPORT BOATS)
11.1. All coach and spectator boats must register before racing begins and must always prominently fly a designated flag provided by the OA while in the water.
11.2. Coach (and spectator if enough flags available) boats are required to register online or with the Race Office and pay a $30 deposit for a support boat flag. Failure to return the flag at the end of the regatta will result in forfeiture of the deposit.
11.3. All coach and spectator boats are considered safety boats and at the direction of the OA or race committee, and will render aid if requested.

12. PRIZES
12.1. Top five (5) for the gold fleet
12.2. Top three (3) for the silver fleet
12.3. The top placing Junior team in which both skipper and crew are under 17 throughout 2023.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY
13.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this regatta participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3 Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, the Club 420 Association or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this race. By participating in this regatta, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor’s participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

14. OTHER REQUIREMENTS
14.1. If a competitor under the age of 18 is not accompanied by a parent or legal guardian during all activities of the regatta, then the parent or legal guardian shall name a “Designated Adult” of 18 years or older, through entry in the online registration process and shall be present at all times in their absence and who will supervise the minor competitor at all times to assure his/her safety. This Designated Adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.
14.2. For each competitor under 18, it is the competitor's parents, legal guardian or Designated Adult’s decision to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race. The adult(s) supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks.
14.3. A competitor age 18 or older retains all responsibilities for himself or herself.
14.4. No competitor shall use, either on or off the water, alcoholic beverages (beer, wine or distilled spirits) or use any controlled substance (marijuana, cocaine, etc.) the possession of which is unlawful. This prohibition is in effect during the entire event, from date and time of arrival through date and time of departure from Sail Newport. Penalties for a violation of the prohibition may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the regatta. A hearing may be held in accordance with the RRS.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOLLOWS:
2023 C420 North American Championship
July 23-27, 2023
Organizing Authority (OA): Sail Newport in conjunction with the Club 420 Association
ATTACHMENT A – RACING AREAS
Discover Newport

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