



The WaterFront Center Frostbiting

Sailing Instructions

November 2026 – January 2027

1 RULES

- 1.1 The frostbite series and regattas will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The WaterFront Center (WFC) is the organizing authority for the frostbiting series and regattas.

2 ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY & FEES

- 2.1 Eligibility is extended to the following classes: C420s and Optimists
- 2.2 Entry shall be made by registering online at: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/EzqjkoiOVS>
- 2.3 Entry fee for the season: \$600 per C420; \$350 per Optimist.
- 2.4 Daily registration is available for \$90/day per C420 and \$75/day per Optimist to those not already registered for the series. Registration closes at 11:59pm the Friday before, and boats will be given out on a first come first serve basis.

3 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS & CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 The official notice board is online: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/EzqjkoiOVS>
- 3.2 Any notices to competitors or changes in sailing instructions will be hailed by the Race Committee on race day either at a skippers' meeting prior to launching or on the water.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 **Series:**
- Nov. 14, Nov. 21, Nov. 28, Dec. 5, Dec. 12, Dec. 19, Dec. 26, Jan. 2, Jan. 9
- 4.2 Launch Rides to c420 docks start at 10:15am
- 4.3 First warning at 1100 hrs.
- 4.4 A race warning may not be signaled after 1400 hrs.
- 4.5 Pre-race cancellations due to poor and unsafe weather conditions will be announced via the WhatsApp Frostbiting Chat and/or email.

5 BOAT IDENTIFICATION

- 5.1 Boat and sail number assignments will be chosen and given out daily.
- 5.2 All boats shall identify themselves to the race committee at the beginning of each race day (Check in with RC).

6 RACING AREA

- 6.1 Racing will take place in West Harbor just North of The WaterFront Center's mooring field.

7 COURSES & MARKS

- 7.1 Courses will be windward leeward courses
- 7.2 Marks shall be inflatable, moveable, drop marks, unless other instructions are provided by the race committee.

8 THE START

- 8.1 Races will be started by using the audible signal racing system as outlined in Appendix U3, 3 long blasts of a horn (or whistle) for three minutes; 2 long blasts for 2 minutes, 1 long & 3 short blasts for 1 1/2 minutes; 1 long blast for 1 minute; 3 short blasts for 30 seconds; 2 short blasts for 20 seconds; 1 short blast for 10 seconds; one blast every second from 5 seconds for the Start.
- 8.2 Recalls will be accompanied by signals and flags. Individual recalls by one short sound, and general recalls by two short sounds. The race committee will attempt to hail premature starters. Failure of the race committee to hail, or a boat's inability to hear a hail shall not be grounds for redress.
- 8.3 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat and an inflatable drop mark.
- 8.4 Optimists will have a separate start from the C420s. The order of starts will be announced by the race committee at the skippers' meeting.

9 CHANGE OF COURSE

- 9.1 Marks may be moved after a start to ensure squareness to the wind, however the race committee will not signal any such mark relocations. Courses may also be shortened if conditions warrant.

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finish line will be between the orange flag on the race committee boat and the finish pin. The finish pin will be the same as the start pin.

11 TIME LIMIT

- 11.1 A 40 minute time limit shall apply for each race.
- 11.2 Any boat not finishing within ten minutes of the finish time of the first boat in that class will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF). This changes RRS rule 35, A4 and A5.

12 PROTESTS

- 12.1 In the event of a foul, the "Two Turn" penalty is modified so that the boat being protested may exonerate itself by making one tack and one gybe. This changes RRS rule 44.1.
- 12.2 A boat intending to protest shall notify the race committee immediately upon finishing. Protests shall be handled with Expedited Hearings heard by sailors chosen by each party involved in the protest; the hearing will be at the WFC building after racing and will be open to all sailors.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 The High-Point scoring system will be utilized for the series, i.e., a point is awarded for each boat she beats plus one. Boats scored as DNC or DSQ will receive zero points; boats scoring DNF or OCS will receive one point. There will be no throw outs for the series. At the end of the series the boat with the highest sum of scores is the winner and the others are ranked accordingly. This changes RRS rule A4.
- 13.2 Series trophy qualification is attained by sailing on three or more of the scheduled days for the series. Any day where racing is canceled at a skippers' meeting and the sailor is in attendance ready to sail, shall be credited as a day.
- 13.3 Those who sign up daily and are NOT signed up for the series will NOT be eligible for series Scoring or trophies.

14 WITHDRAWAL

- 14.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee before leaving the race area.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 15.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.

16 PRIZES

- 16.1 First, second and third place prizes will be awarded for the series. Prizes will be awarded after the last day of racing.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1 Competitors participate in the series and regattas entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta. Sailors will be held monetarily responsible for significant damage to WaterFront Center Boats and equipment.

18 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- 18.1 All sailors must wear life preservers with an attached whistle while on the water.
- 18.2 All boats require a bow line of suitable length for recovery and towing.
- 18.3 At the discretion of The WaterFront Center, racing may be canceled when potentially unsafe conditions exist, i.e., winds at 20+ mph and temperatures in the 20's.
- 18.4 Race Committee will monitor sailors' boat handling to ensure safe racing for all boats frostbiting; any boat seen not being operated in a safe manner will be sent in – no exceptions.
- 18.5 Competitors are reminded that Fundamental Rule 1.1 states: "A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger."

19 RESULTS

- 19.1 Results will be published online each week at:
<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/EzqjkoioVS>

20 MORE INFORMATION

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