



BISCAYNE BAY
YACHT CLUB

**Liam Gunn O'Keefe
Memorial Fund**

2026 C420 Team Race Midwinter Championship

NOTICE OF RACE

January 17-19, 2026

Biscayne Bay Yacht Club (BBYC) and Liam Gunn O'Keefe Memorial Fund (LGO)
Coconut Grove, Miami, FL

1. Dates and Venue

- 1.1 The 2026 C420 Team Race Midwinter Championship will be held with racing on Saturday, January 17, 2026, through Monday, January 19, 2026. The venue will be the BBYC at 2540 S Bayshore Dr, Miami, FL 33133.

2. Organization and Rules

- 2.1 The regatta will be organized by the BBYC and LGO in conjunction with the Club 420 Association and will be sailed under the Club 420 Association Rules and "rules" as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2 Appendix D will apply.
- 2.3 No contestant 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 at Goddard Memorial Park for the event. Penalties for a violation of the prohibition may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the regatta. The hearing officers may also recommend further action under Rule 69. The officers for a hearing regarding a violation of this prohibition will consist of the Chief Judge, acting as chairperson of the hearing and the Jury. The Event Chairperson shall serve ex-officio as a non-voting member of the panel and will have a right to express his or her views during the course of the hearing process.
- 2.4 A team will consist of a maximum of eight competitors. Skippers and crews are permitted to rotate positions and boats within their team but shall only sail with two competitors per boat at any time.

3. Eligibility & Entry

- 3.1 Competitors are required to be current members of the Club 420 Association and must not turn 20 during the 2026 calendar year and may not have competed in or a competitor in a Collegiate Sailing event. Collegiate Sailing events are defined

as any events sanctioned by the Intercollegiate Sailing Association including and not limited to competition weekends and practices.

- 3.1.1 Registration opens on October 24, 2025, at 12:00 EDT.
 - 3.2 Team Registration: A team may consist of a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 8 competitors. Each competitor shall complete a registration form and requisite waivers. Team registration is not complete until 6 competitors with valid Club 420 Association memberships have paid.
 - 3.3 Specific Individuals: Teams must specify actual competitors with valid Club 420 membership numbers. Teams will not be confirmed until 6 competitors with valid Club 420 Association memberships have paid.
 - 3.4 Registration Substitution: Confirmed teams may switch up to 2 competitors following confirmation of their registration. Except for exceptional circumstances, a confirmed team wishing to make changes to their registration after January 1 may forfeit their entry. Forfeiture of registration is at the sole discretion of the Regatta Chairman, Chief Umpire, and Chief Scoring Official.
 - 3.5 Entry Fees: The entry fee is \$175 per person if payment and the registration are completed online by December 17, 2025. Registrations completed between December 18 and by January 16, 2025 must pay \$200 per person.
 - 3.6 Team Limit: This regatta is capped at 18 teams, admitted on a first-come first-served basis. After 18 teams have entered, a waitlist will be created. A team's entry is not considered complete until entry fees for at least 6 competitors with valid Club 420 memberships have been paid online.
 - 3.7 Refunds: For a completed team that is registered, and then withdraws from the regatta prior to December 18, 2025, a full refund less the processing fee will be issued. For teams withdrawing after December 16, no refund will be issued. Individuals on an incomplete team will receive full refunds less processing fees.
4. **Format of the Regatta.** The exact format for this regatta will be described in the Sailing Instructions, and the format for each day will be announced at the Skipper's meeting. The intention is to have a Swiss league style robin followed by a knock-out elimination for the top tier of teams.

5. Schedule

Friday, January 16	
1600-1800	Check in
Saturday, January 17	
0800	Late Check in
0900	Competitor Meeting
1030	First Warning
Sunday, January 18	
0900	Competitor's Meeting
1030	First Warning
Monday, January 19	
0900	Harbor Start
1030	First Warning
1430	No Warning Signal After
Immediately After Racing	Awards Ceremony

6. Racing

6.1 Racing shall be in Biscayne Bay.

7. Course

7.1 A "Digital N" course will be used and described in the Sailing Instructions.

8. Sailing Instructions

8.1 Sailing Instructions will be available online on ClubSpot

9. Umpiring and Protests

9.1 This regatta will be umpired in accordance with RRS D2.

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, 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 Competitors who are US citizens or US residents must wear a US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD), properly secured at all times, from dock to dock except when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Competitors who are citizens or residents of another country 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.

10.3 A whistle shall be attached by a lanyard to the PFD. The lanyard shall be long enough to permit the sailor to use the whistle while wearing the PFD. Competitors not complying with this instruction shall be given a penalty of five (5) points for each race in which they have failed to observe this instruction.

10.4 All boats may be subject to a safety/inspection check based on the C420 Class Rules. The inspection checklist can be found here: [Inspection Checklist](#).

11. Liability

11.1 Participants compete entirely at their own risk. All competitors and their parent/guardian must sign a waiver if the competitor is under 18.

12. Trophies

12.1 Awards will be provided to each of the top three finishers.

13. Designated Adult

13.1 Each competitor under 18 shall identify in writing a parent or adult representative that shall be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.

13.2 For each competitor under 18, it is the competitor's parents' (or designated adult) decision to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks.

13.3 The 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. Boats and Trailer Drop-off

14.1 Boats can be dropped off onsite. Staff will provide direction on parking in the adjacent parking lots.

15. Additional information

For additional information contact: Alana Marks, ed@club420.org