



Coconut Grove Sailing Club – Miami, Florida

Sophia Cup, Inaugural

February 21-22, 2026



NOTICE OF RACE

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Abbreviations: OA - Organizing Authority | RC - Race Committee | RRS - Racing Rules of Sailing | NOR - Notice of Race | SIs - Sailing Instructions | ONB - Official Notice Board | CGSC - Coconut Grove Sailing Club

All hours are expressed in Eastern Daylight Savings Time (EDST).

1. RULES

- a. The OA and Host of the Regatta is the Coconut Grove Sailing Club.
- b. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- c. [DP] Personal Flotation Devices: RRS 40.1 applies and is modified hereafter. PFDs shall be US Coast Guard approved, except competitors traveling from another country may wear an appropriately sized PFD approved by a regulatory body for use in the competitor's country of origin. The preamble to Part 4 will not apply.
- d. Rule 90.3(e), Time Limit on Changes to Race or Series Scores, will apply.
- e. Class rules regarding qualifying events and championships will not apply.
- f. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is replaced by the following: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or

2. ADVERTISING

- a. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- a. The Regatta is open to the following classes and divisions that meet the obligations of their Class Rules and their National Authority, including current membership.
 - i. Optimist Championship (Red, White, and Blue) Fleet -- The Red, Blue and White Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first scheduled day of racing, February 21, 2026.
 - ii. Optimist Green Fleet -- The Green Fleet is intended for less experienced sailors and will include opportunities for learning and competition.
 - iii. Youth ILCA -- All ILCA 4 and ILCA 6 rigs are welcome. Sailors are free to choose their rig size at registration, depending on their fitness level, height, age and weight but shall not change their selected rig size after registration.
 - iv. Club 420 -- The Club 420 class is invited for the 2026 event.
- b. After 100 RWB or Green fleet sailors have registered, later registrants may be waitlisted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- c. The inaugural event is limited to girls only. The OA intends that future events will include adult women. Age limits for the inaugural event:
 - i, Competitors in the Opti Classes shall have been born on or after January 1, 2011
 - ii, Competitors in the ILCA and C420 Classes shall have been born on or after January 1, 2007
- d. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration through Clubspot:
<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/3ZVLSJqER1>
- e. Entry fees are determined by payment date and time, not by registration time.
- f. To be accepted, each registration must have completed medical information and online waivers (including a parental consent form)
- g. Entries will be accepted online until 11:59 pm on February 18, 2026.
- h. No entries will be accepted on regatta days.

4. COMPETITORS' REGISTRATION FEES & REFUND POLICY

- a. Fees to all classes, include all taxes, and are determined by payment date and time.
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| Jan 08 - Feb 08 | Online Early Bird Entry Fee | \$110 ⁰⁰ - Opti, ILCAs
\$160 ⁰⁰ - C420s |
| Feb 09 - Feb 18 | Online Regular Entry Fee | \$125 ⁰⁰ - Opti, ILCAs
\$175 ⁰⁰ - C420s |
- b. **Fees include berthing at CGSC, Continental Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, a Saturday dinner, and a Regatta shirt for each competitor. Competitors must provide for their own lunch, as lunches will not be supplied.**
- c. 100% refund (less \$15 processing fee) if the regatta is canceled due to State, County, or City guidelines.
- (i) All other refund requests should be emailed to CGSCrace@gmail.com.
 - (ii) Refunds will be processed by submitted date as follows:
 - 75% refund if written request received by February 1, 2026
 - 50% refund if written request received between February 2 - February. 8, 2026
 - No refunds will be issued after February. 8, 2026
 - A refund charge of \$25⁰⁰ will be applied to cover the administrative expenses.
 - (iii) There will be no new registrations accepted after February 18, 2026.

5. SPECTATOR, SUPPORT & COACH VESSELS

- a. Each coach and support (parent & spectator) vessel must check-in at the Regatta Desk and receive a coach or support vessel ID flag (\$80 credit card or cash deposit)
- b. There is no berthing available at CGSC for non-CGSC coach and support vessels.
- c. Each support vessel shall have a working VHF radio, an anchor suitable for anchoring in the waiting area and a basic first aid kit.
- d. [DP] All support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the operator at all time while the engine is running.
- e. [DP] All coach and support (parent & spectator) vessels shall comply with the Florida Statute 327-395 (Boating Safety Education Act), which requires persons born on or after January 1, 1988 operating a boat with greater than a 10 horsepower engine to have evidence that he or she has (a) completed an-approved boating safety education course that meets the minimum requirements established by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrator; or (b) a valid International Certificate of Competency; or (c) completed a boating safety education course or equivalency examination in another state, a United States territory, or Canadas; or (d) passed an approved temporary certificate examination. Temporary certificates for out-of-state visitors are issued by vendors around the state; visit <https://myfwc.com/boating/safety-education/> for a list of approved vendors.

6. FORMAT OF THE REGATTA

- a. Optimist RWB Boats will start as a single fleet..
- b. Eight (8) Races are scheduled for the Optimist RWB, ILCA and C420 fleets. The Green Fleet will sail as many races as practicable.
- c. Sailors may sail in up to five races per day. See Sailing Instructions for class-specific limits.
- d. One completed race shall constitute the regatta.
- e. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six (6) or more races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This modifies Rule A2.1
- f. Green Fleet will be scored.

7. EVENT SCHEDULE

- a. ALL EVENTS TO OCCUR AT CGSC or ON BISCAYNE BAY
- b. FRIDAY February 20, 2026
 - 1600 - 1900 Competitors' check-in & registration at CGSC
 - 1600 - 1900 Coach and Support vessel registration at CGSC
- c. SATURDAY February 21, 2026
 - 0700 - 0930 Continental Breakfast for Competitors and Coaches at CGSC
 - 0700 - 0900 Competitors' check-in & spectator, support and coach vessel registration at CGSC
 - 0900 Coaches' & Competitors' Meeting at CGSC, at locations which will be posted to the Official Notice Board
 - 0930 Harbor Launch Begins
 - 1045 First Warning Opti RWB, then ILCA - C420s
 - 1100 First Warning Opti Green
 - Post Racing Mandatory safety sign-in from racing for all competitors at the registration desk in CGSC.
 - 1630 Dinner, Downstairs at CGSC
- d. SUNDAY February 22, 2026
 - 0730 - 0900 Continental Breakfast for Competitors and Coaches at CGSC
 - 0900 Mandatory safety sign-out to race area for all competitors
 - 0900 Harbor Launch Begins
 - 1000 First Warning Opti RWB, then ILCA - C420s
 - 1030 First Warning Opti Green
 - No warning after 1400
 - Post Racing Mandatory safety sign-in from racing for all competitors at the registration desk in CGSC.
 - ASAP Awards Ceremony at CGSC

Regatta Desk closes one hour after the protest time limit.

All ID flags must be returned before closing of the Regatta Desk.

8. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD (ONB) and SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. The ONB is on Clubspot, <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/3ZVLSJqER1/#notice-board>
- b. The Sailing Instructions will be available online no later than Feb. 20th at 0800 on the ONB <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/3ZVLSJqER1/#notice-board>

9. BERTHING

- a. All Boats (including all local competitors) will be launched, hauled and stored at CGSC.
- b. All CGSC boats shall be kept at CGSC in their assigned area until their respective harbor launch times.
- c. All skippers and crews must properly dispose of trash while ashore. Trash left on the ground will not be tolerated.
- d. While ashore, all skippers and crews are to promptly comply with instructions from the CGSC Staff.

10. VENUE and COURSES

- a. The regatta will be on Biscayne Bay
- b. The courses to be sailed will be listed in the Sailing Instructions (SI).

11. **PRIZES**

a. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Opti Green	Top 3
Opti RWB	Top 3 Red • Top 3 Blue • Top 3 White
ILCA 6	Top 3
ILCA 4	Top 3
C420	Top 3, skipper and crew

b. Additional awards may be provided at the discretion of the OA.

12. **SAFETY**

- a. An adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) must be responsible for the safety of the sailor both on water and ashore.
- b. [DP] All coach and support (parent & spectator) vessels shall comply with the Florida Statute 327-395 (Boating Safety Education Act), which requires persons born on or after January 1, 1988 operating a boat with greater than a 10 horsepower engine to have evidence that he or she has (a) completed an-approved boating safety education course that meets the minimum requirements established by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrator; or (b) a valid International Certificate of Competency; or (c) completed a boating safety education course or equivalency examination in another state, a United States territory, or Canadas; or (d) passed an approved temporary certificate examination. Temporary certificates for out-of-state visitors are issued by vendors around the state; visit <https://myfwc.com/boating/safety-education/> for a list of approved vendors.

13. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 3, Decision to Race and RRS 4 Acceptance of the Rules. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

14. **ACCOMODATIONS**

Overnight camping at or in the vicinity of CGSC is not permitted. Nearby hotel information is provided below.

Arya Hotel (old Sonesta)	2889 McFarlane Rd.	866-539-0036	Walking distance
The Ritz Carlton	3300 SW 27th Ave	305-644-4680	Two blocks away
***The Mutiny Hotel	2951 S Bayshore Dr.	866-539-0036	Across street
Mayfair Hotel & Spa	3000 Florida Ave.	305 441-0000	Walking distance
Doubletree Hotel	2649 S. Bayshore Dr.	305-858-2500	Walking distance
Hampton Inn	2800 SW 28 th Terrace	305-448-2800	1.5 miles
Holiday Inn	1350 S. Dixie Hwy.	305-667-5611	2.5 miles
***Courtyard Marriott	2649 S Bayshore Dr.	305-858-2500	Walking distance

***Check out the Special Hotel Rates brought to you by Zig Travel. Please contact Elizabeth Kratzig for more information at: bookings@Zig-Travel.com to reserve hotel rooms at the Mutiny Hotel and the Courtyard Marriott. Flyer will be posted on the Regatta Network.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Event Chair	Priska Urban, CGSC Commodore	Commodore@cgsc.org
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