



**Organizing Authority: Coral Reef Yacht Club in conjunction with the Club 420 Association, inc.**

**October 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

*The notation {NP} in a rule in the SI means it shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1*

### **1. RULES:**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Club 420 Association Class Rules.
- 1.2 Boats that race before completing the entry procedures described in NOR 2.7 and NOR 5.1 will be scored DNC for such races without a hearing. This is added to RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 1.3 The Protest Committee may impose penalties less than disqualification (DPI) for violation of rules other than those of Part 2, RRS 2, 28 and 31.

### **2. COMMUNICATION:**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the regatta webpage on CLUBSPOT: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/seTvWUrKwZ>

### **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instruction (SI) will be posted at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled harbor start on the day it will take effect, except any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3.2 Oral changes to the SI are allowed on the water per RRS 90.2(c). If changes to the SIs take place on the water, Code flag Lima (L) will be displayed with one sound. Boats should sail by the signal boat and acknowledge receipt.

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at CRYC and United State Sailing Center (USSC)

4.2 Flag AP displayed ashore means races postponed will not have a warning signal made less than 60 minutes after the AP is lowered ashore. The changes RRS Race Signals AP.

4.3 Boats shall remain ashore until Flag D is displayed with one sound. Violation of this SI may result in a scoring penalty.

#### 5. SCHEDULE:

5.1 Competitors may arrive at USSC or CRYC no earlier than Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

| 5.2 <u>DATE</u>     | <u>TIME</u>             | <u>EVENT</u>                |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Friday October 9    | 14:00-18:00             | Check in                    |
| Saturday October 10 | 08:00-08:30             | Late Check in               |
|                     | 08:30                   | Coaches Meeting at USSC     |
|                     | 08:45                   | Competitors' Meeting - USSC |
|                     | 09:00                   | Harbor Start                |
|                     | 10:30                   | First Warning               |
|                     | After Racing            | Competitor's Dinner - CRYC  |
| Sunday October 11   | 08:30                   | Coaches Meeting - USSC      |
|                     | 08:45                   | Competitors' Meeting - USSC |
|                     | 09:00                   | Harbor Start                |
|                     | 10:30                   | First Warning               |
|                     | No signal after 2:30pm  |                             |
|                     | Awards on the CRYC Lawn |                             |

5.3 There will be no warning signal after 1430 hours on Sunday, October 11, 2026

#### 6 CLASS FLAG

6.1 The class flag shall be the Class Logo on a white background.

#### 7. RACING AREA

7.1 The race area will take place on Biscayne Bay near mark Quick Flash which is shown in the Notice of Race document posted on the Notice Board on Club Spot. Coach boats must stay 100 yards out of the starting area beginning with the first warning of each race and

along the racecourse during the entire race. They are not allowed to go up the middle of the course unless instructed by the race committee. Breach of this SI will be a DPI penalty

## **8. COURSES:**

8.1 Courses will be sailed either on an outside trapezoid course or an inside trapezoid course which is posted on Club Spot on the Notice Board.

8.2 Course to be sailed will be posted on the course board on the signal boat as either “I” for inside trap or “O” for outside trap.

8.3 Boats shall not sail across the starting line or finishing line in either direction unless they are starting, finishing or correcting an error while starting or finishing.

## **9. MARKS**

9.1 Marks of the course will be orange inflatables

## **10. THE START**

10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26

10.2 The starting line will be between a Race Committee boat displaying an orange flag on the starboard end of the line and a vessel displaying an orange flag on the port end of the line.

10.3 Boats starting later than 5 minutes after her starting schedule will be scored DNS without a hearing.

## **11. THE FINISH**

11.1 The finish line will be between a Race Committee boat displaying a blue flag on the port end of the line and a yellow mark on the starboard end of the line.

## **12. CHANGE OF NEXT LEG OF COURSE**

12.1 Course direction changes will be made following RRS 33. However, marks may be adjusted to maintain configuration of the course by up to 10 degrees without signaling a change of course. Any adjustments will be made before the first boat is on the leg to the effected mark.

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

13.1 US Sailing prescription Appendix V1 and V2 apply. This changes RRS 44.1

13.2 The post race penalty is changed to 20%.

## **14 TIME LIMIT-TARGET TIMES**

14.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish shall be 90 minutes. If no boat sails the course and finishes within the time limit, the race shall be abandoned.

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat finishes, will be scored TIME LIMIT EXPIRED (TLE) without a hearing. Boats scored TLE shall be scored equal to last boat to finish plus 1. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5

14.3 The Race Committee may score a boat or boats in place so that subsequent races may be sailed.

## **15. REQUEST FOR HEARINGS**

15.1 The hearing protest time limit is 45 minutes after the finish boat docks. Scoring inquiries must be filed within the protest time limit.

15.2 Protest notices will be posted within 10 minutes of the hearing time limit to inform competitors of hearing in which they are parties or witnesses. Hearings will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the CRYC Boat House.

15.3 In addition to the requirements of RRS 60. 2 (a)(1)(2), a boat intending to protest must inform the Signal Boat at the first reasonable opportunity after finishing of its intention to do so. This changes RRS 2.

15.4 For races held on the last day of racing, scoring inquiries must be filed within the protest time limit or 15 minutes after the preliminary results are posted, whichever is later.

## **16 SCORING**

16.1 Eight races are scheduled to be completed. One race will constitute a regatta. In accordance with RRS A2.1, each boat's score shall, subject to RRS 90.3(b), be the total of her race scores. However, after 5 races have been completed, her worst score will be excluded.

16.2 RRS Appendix A5.3 will apply

## **17 SAFETY**

17.1 Competitors shall always wear US Coast Guard approved Personal Floatation Device (PFD) except temporarily while clothing is being changed, added or removed.

17.2 Coaches shall monitor VHF 71 at all times.

17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee before leaving the course. Failure to notify the race committee may result in a discretionary penalty {NP}.

17.4 All boats must check out/in with the Beachmaster daily who will be stationed daily at USSC. Failure to do so will result in a penalty determined by the Protest Committee.

17.5 No boat shall depart for the racecourse until Code Flag D is displayed from the flagpole at USSC. Boats not competing shall inform the Beachmaster not later than 60 minutes prior to the first warning. The Beach Master will notify the Race Officer.

17.6 Competitors must check in with the Beach Master within 30 minutes after the finish boat docks

17.6 All boats are required to check in each day before the first warning by sailing past the Signal Boat and hailing their bow number.

17.7 If the Race Committee displays Code Flag V with one sound, all vessels including mark boats, support boats and coach boats shall monitor the racecourse and follow the race committee for search/rescue instructions.

17.8. Coaches must wear the engine kill switch at all times that their engine is operational. Failure to comply may result in a penalty determined by the Protest Committee.

17.9 Per RRS 40.1, all competitors shall wear either a US Coast Guard approved PFD, or a PFD approved by the country of the 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.

## **18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW/EQUIPMENT {NP}**

18.1 Substitution of competitors must be approved by the Race Committee Race Officer. Non-compliance may result in a penalty determined by the Protest Committee.

18.2 Replacement of damaged equipment must be approved by the Race Committee Race Officer. Non-compliance may result in a penalty determined by the Protest Committee.

## **19. OFFICIAL VESSELS**

19.1 Race Committee vessels will be identified with race committee blue flags

19.2 Support vessels will be identified with a blue numbered flag

19.3 Coach vessel s will be identified with a red numbered Flags

## **20. TRASH DISPOSAL**

20.1 Please help protect Biscayne Bay and dispose of trash responsibly. Trash may be placed on any boats associated with the regatta. Failure to comply shall result in a discretionary penalty {NP}

## **21. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

21.1 The Race Committee will communicate on VHF 71.

## **22. PRIZES**

22.1 Prizes will be awarded first through tenth, top female team and top Junior team

## **23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

23.1 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, Ratings Authority, 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.

## **24. RIGHTS TO USE NAME/ LIKENESS**

24.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant the Organizing Authority and the Club 420 Class Association the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion, any photography, audio, visual recordings or other reproductions of them made at the venue on the water from the time of their arrival to their final departure without compensation.

## **25 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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