2026 C420 Midwinter Championship for the John V. Hanson Trophy

February 13,14,15, 2027

Organizing Authority (OA): US Sailing Center Martin County in conjunction with the Club 420 Association, Inc.

NOTICE OF RACE

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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.

1.2. Appendix V, **Alternative Penalties**, will apply. A boat that takes a Scoring Penalty shall add **20% (twenty percent)** of her score in accordance with **RRS 44.3(c)** instead of the standard percentage.

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. No sailor shall be above the age of 22 in the calendar year of the Club 420 Class Association regatta they wish to compete.

2.4. Registration will open for competitors on **November 16 at 1200 EST**. You may register by going to the following URL: https://theclubspot.com/register/regatta/1Cyis2K2Fr/class

2.5. To be fully registered, boats must have a skipper and crew listed, and forms signed. Boats that register without a skipper or crew, will be moved to the waitlist after 14 days. Boats will be taken off the waitlist in the order they registered as space allows.

2.6. **A late fee will go into effect on January 14, 2027.**

2.7. All competitors must sign a "Release of Liability" using the online waiver process 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. **The Waiver Process is provided electronically when registering through Clubspot. If possible, when registering, enter all skipper and crew information to make this process easier for you and the OA.**

2.8. No registration will be considered complete until all fees, required forms and signatures are received.

2.9. This event has a maximum of 165 boats.

2.10. WAITLIST: After the maximum number of entries has been reached a waitlist will be formed. Teams on the waitlist will be notified, by the email listed in their registration, if a spot becomes available. Teams will have three(3) days to confirm their spot and pay the registration fee, if the team does not reply or pay the fee in the allotted time the spot will go to the next team on the waitlist. Please make sure the email addresses listed and phone numbers are up to date so you can be contacted.

3. FEES

3.1. The entry fee per boat is $375 if received on or before January 14th at 11:59am.

3.2. Entry fees are non-refundable. Registration spots are non-transferrable.

3.3. A late fee of $50 will be assessed for any entries received on or after January 14th at 12:00am.

4. SCHEDULE

4.1. Competitors may arrive at the venue no earlier than 11:00am on Wednesday February 10, 2027

4.2.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday February 12th	15:00-18:00	Check in

Saturday February 13th	07:00-08:15	Late Check in
	0845	Coaches Meeting (Located on USSCMC Sailing Deck)
	0900	Competitors' Meeting (Located at USSCMC Lawn)
	0930	Harbor Start
	1100	First Warning
Sunday February 14th	0800	Coaches Meeting (Located on USSCMC Sailing Deck)
	0815	Competitors' Meeting (Located at USSCMC Lawn)
	0830	Harbor Start
	1000	First Warning
Monday February 15th	0800	Coaches Meeting (Located on USSCMC Sailing Deck)
	0815	Competitors Meeting (Located at USSCMC Lawn)
	0830	Harbor Start
	1000	First Warning
	1430	No Warning Signal After, Awards to Immediately Follow

5. MEASUREMENT

5.1. Every skipper must complete and submit a signed Inspection form found here: Inspection Checklist prior to participation in the regatta at check-in. A limited number of 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

The **sailing instructions** will be available **on the Clubspot event website only** and posted on the Official Notice Board.

7. VENUE

7.1. The intended racing area will be East of the USSCMC on the Indian River Lagoon North of the Jensen Beach Bridge as per Attachment A.

8. COURSES

A Trapezoid course will be run, See Attachment C.

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 70 boats are registered, the fleet may be divided into divisions.

9.4. In accordance with RRS A2.1, each boat's series score shall, subject to rule 90.3(b), be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score after three (3) races have been completed.

9.5. If the Fleet is divided into divisions, there will be a Qualifying Round and a Championship Round attempted. If fewer than three 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 Championship Round.

9.6. Scores from the Qualifying Round will carry forward into the Championship Round.

10. SAFETY

10.1. All competitors, parents, spectators and coaches will be required to follow all local, country, state and federal regulations regarding health and safety. Additionally, the OA and the Club 420 Association may choose to impose additional regulations at their discretion. The additional regulations will be posted in the form of an amendment to the NOR on Clubspot.

10.2. 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.

10.3. 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. The 'Y' flag will not be flown

11. COACH BOATS

11.1. All coach Boats must register before racing begins and must always prominently fly a designated flag provided by the OA while on the water.

11.2. All coach boats are required to register online through Clubspot and pay a $1.00 fee for a support boat flag. Failure to return the flag at the end of the regatta will result in a $30 charge on the credit card on file.

11.3. All coach 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. Prizes will be awarded to first place through 10th place in Gold Fleet, and first place through 3rd place in Silver and Bronze (if applicable).

12.2. The top placing Junior team in which both skipper and crew are **under 16** throughout 2027 will receive an award.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this regatta participate entirely at their own risk.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

13.1. 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 onshore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

13.2. 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.

13.3. A competitor age 18 or older retains all responsibilities for himself or herself.

14. 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.

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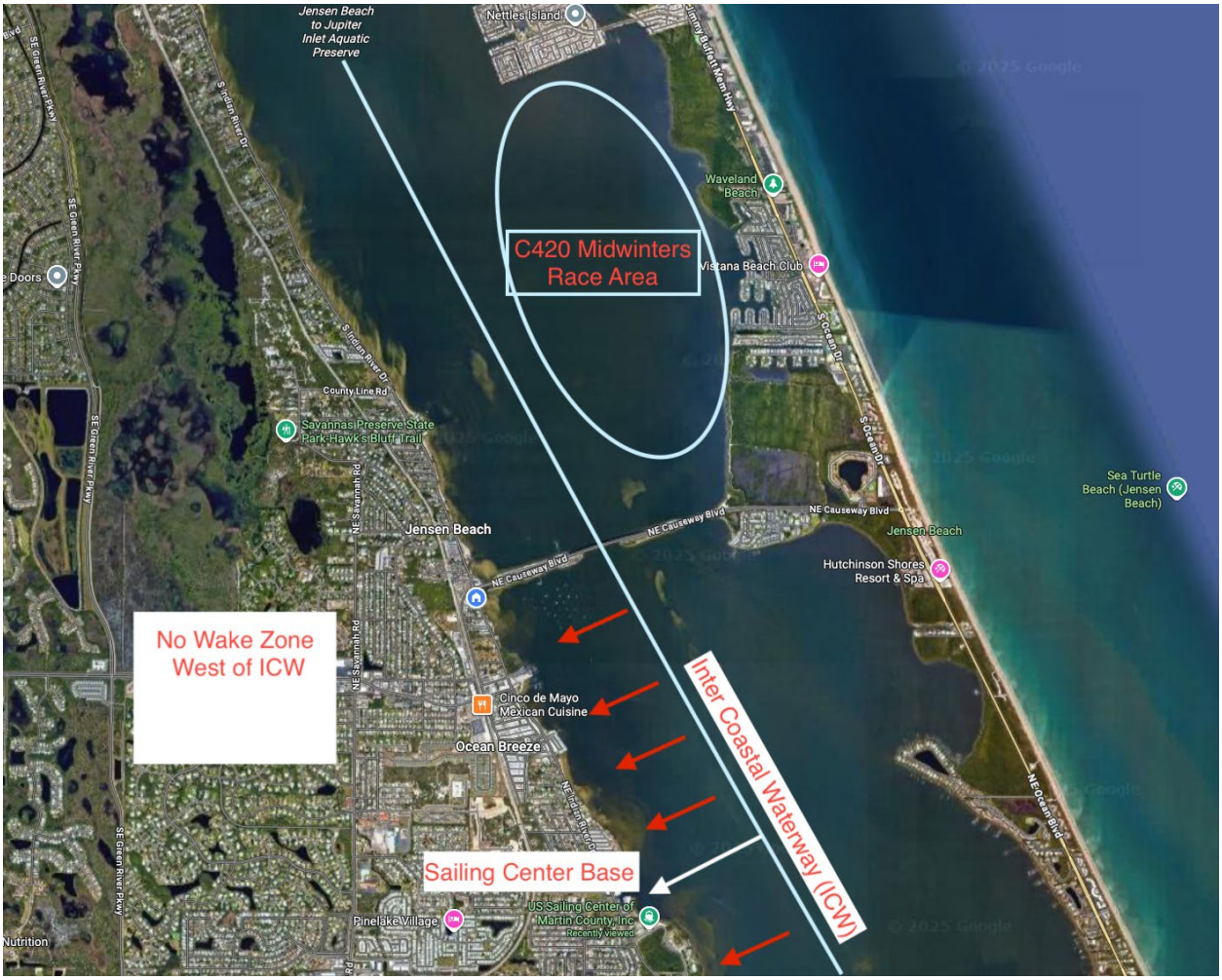
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16. **OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE SEE APPENDIX B**

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ATTACHMENT A – AERIAL VIEW OF RACING AREA



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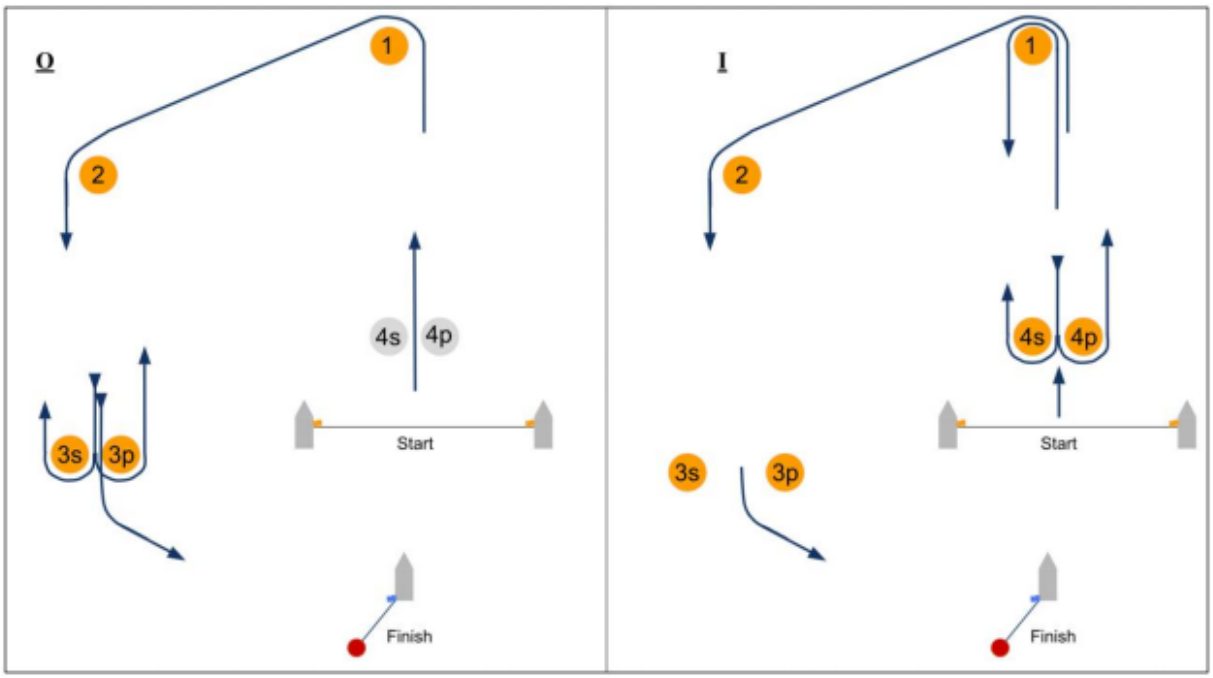
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TRAPEZOID COURSES

Trapezoid Race Course with Inner and Outer Courses
(not to scale)



Course: Outer Trapezoid	**Course: Inner Trapezoid**
Mark Rounding Order	Mark Rounding Order
Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 2 - 3p - Finish	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 2 - 3p - Finish