

WILD HARBOR SAILING
Sailing Instructions
420 Invitational
August 11th, 2026

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the 420 Class rules, and amendments to such rules defined below.

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1 Boats eligible to compete will be in compliance with the 420 class rules.
2.2. Entry into the series is accomplished by completing the registration form and corresponding Release of Liability on ClubSpot through our homepage:
www.sailwhyc.org

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Instructions specific to the race day shall be included in the Notice of Race (NoR) document.
3.2 Notices to competitors outside of the NoR will be posted on an official Regatta notice board.
3.3 Changes to these sailing instructions or to the RRS must be posted no later than 0830 on the day of racing.
3.4 RRS 86.1(b) is removed

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 The Harbor Start will be at 0900.
4.2 Each race may begin as soon as 2 minutes following the last competitor's finish, or their retirement from a race.
4.3 No races shall start after 1500.

5. RACING AREA

- 5.1 The racing area is designated at the end of this document

6. THE COURSE

- 6.1 The fleet will sail one of two courses each race:
Course W3: A four leg windward-leeward with a windward offset and a leeward gate start and finish in the middle.
Course T: A modified trapezoid with a start and finish in the middle
6.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course by letter, or otherwise make all competitors aware of the course.

7. MARKS

- 7.1 All courses will consist of portable marks.

8. THE START/FINISH LINE

- 8.1 The start/finish line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and a designated

- buoy to her port.
- 8.2 The starting line may be shortened to comprise the finish line, with no other visible distinctions.

9. THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 Competitors in the 420 invitational regatta must adhere to the RRS primary rule of sportsmanship, "Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of rules that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule they will promptly take a penalty, which may be to retire."
- 10.2 RRS rule 44.1 shall be in effect, indicating that sailors must take a two-turn penalty after breaking one or more rule from Part 2 of the RRS or a one-turn penalty if rule 31 has been broken. In compliance with RRS rule 44.2, penalty turns must be taken as soon after the penalty as possible and well clear of other Competitors.

11. PROTESTS

- 11.1 A boat that wishes to protest must inform the offending competitor as soon as possible and notify the Race Committee upon finishing the race.
- 11.2 A completed protest form must be submitted to the Race Committee within 30 minutes of the Race Committee arriving on shore. This time limit may be extended at the discretion of the race committee should conditions prevent a racer from accessing a protest form in a timely manner.
- 11.3 Protests will be heard by a committee designated by the race office.

12. SCORING AND TIME LIMITS

- 12.1 One race constitutes a regatta.
- 12.2 The low point system will be used.
- 12.3 A racing day consisting of 5 or more races will drop a sailor's worst numerical score for that day.
- 12.4 Boats unable to complete the course within 20 minutes of the first finisher of the race will be scored as Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35.

13. COACHING

- 13.1 The intention of the 420 Invitational is to allow skippers and crews of all ability levels the opportunity to learn how to race. It is in this spirit that we welcome coaches to instruct sailors in the back half of the fleet, or those in immediate distress.
- 13.2 Coaches looking to offer help to sailors from other yacht clubs should first inquire with the sailor if they would like help.
- 13.3 Coaching the front half of the fleet, directly or indirectly, from the warning signals (4 minutes – 1 long signal) until the finish is prohibited, with the exception of boats in immediate distress.

RACING AREAS

