



## 2026 C420 SOUTHEAST CHAMPIONSHIP

September 25 – 27

Organizing Authority (OA): The Hobcaw Yacht Club (HYC)  
in conjunction with the Club 420 Association, Inc.

### Sailing Instructions

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* 2025-2028.
- 1.2. RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times afloat.
- 1.3. US Sailing Prescriptions RRS 61.4 and Appendix R; and to RRS 60.3; 67; 70.5(a); and 76.1 shall apply.
- 1.4. RRS Appendix P will not apply.

#### 2. COMMUNICATION/CHANGES

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB), which is located online at the regatta webpage on Clubspot.
- 2.2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board by 0930 on the day it will take effect. Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water by hail from the signal Boat under code flag "L" in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). Changes communicated shall be made before the warning signal for the affected class.
- 2.3. The use of any communication device is prohibited, and such use shall require withdrawal from the race unless determined by the Race Committee to have been for emergency or other safety purposes.

#### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to boats meeting the requirements of the Club 420 class rules.
- 3.2. All competitors (both skipper and crew) must be current members of the Club 420 Association.
- 3.3. Individuals who will be twenty-two years or older in 2026 are not eligible to compete in this regatta.
- 3.4. Eligible boats may only enter by completing the online entry form and paying the entry fee before September 25, 2026.
- 3.5. All competitors must sign a "Release of Liability" 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.
- 3.6. No registration will be considered complete until all fees, required forms and signatures are received.

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located in the launching area near the sailing center.
- 4.2 If a postponement is signaled ashore the warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after AP is lowered for Area 2 and 1 hour for area 1.

#### 5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. Competitors may arrive at Hobcaw Yacht Club no earlier than 1200 on September 25, 2026.

##### 5.2. DATE TIME EVENT

##### **Friday, Sept 25**

1700-1900 check in desk open

##### **Saturday, Sept 26**

0900 Coaches Briefing

0930 Competitors' Meeting

1100 First Warning

*After racing* Social at HYC Clubhouse

##### **Sunday, Sept 27**

0900 Coaches Briefing

1100 First Warning

1500 No warning after this time

*After racing* Social & Awards at HYC Clubhouse Document: C420NORTemplateV1.5

#### 6. STARTS/RACES

- 6.1. Ten races are scheduled. However, one completed Race constitutes a regatta.

6.2. Races shall be started using rule 26.

6.3. Any boat failing to start after 4 minutes after the start signal will be scored DNS for that race.

6.4. The RC will attempt to hail OCS boats after the start of each race. Failure of the RC to do so or the competitor to hear a hail shall not be grounds for redress.

6.5. The time limit for each race shall be 45 minutes for the first boat to finish. Boats racing more than 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course will be scored TLE and will receive 2 points more than the last boat to finish that race, but not more than DNF this changes Rule 35, 63.1, A4, A5 and adds to A10.

## 7. PROTEST

7.1. If a boat is intending to protest another boat, it must notify the RC and shall file such protest within 30 minutes of the posted RC docking time.

7.2. Protest forms will be made available at the registration desk.

7.3. The hearing will be scheduled after the time limit has expired.

## 8. MEASUREMENT

8.1. Every skipper must complete and submit a signed [Inspection Checklist](#) prior to participation in the regatta at check-in. These forms will also be available at the check-in desk.

8.2. All boats are subject to safety inspection at any time during the regatta.

## 9. VENUE

9.1. The intended racing areas will be as shown in Attachment A. in the NOR. A Numeral flag 1 or 2 displayed ashore prior to 0930 each day will identify the day's racing area.

## 10. COURSES/MARKS

10.1 A Trapezoid course will be run.

I COURSE: INNER TRAPEZOID Signal Mark Rounding Order

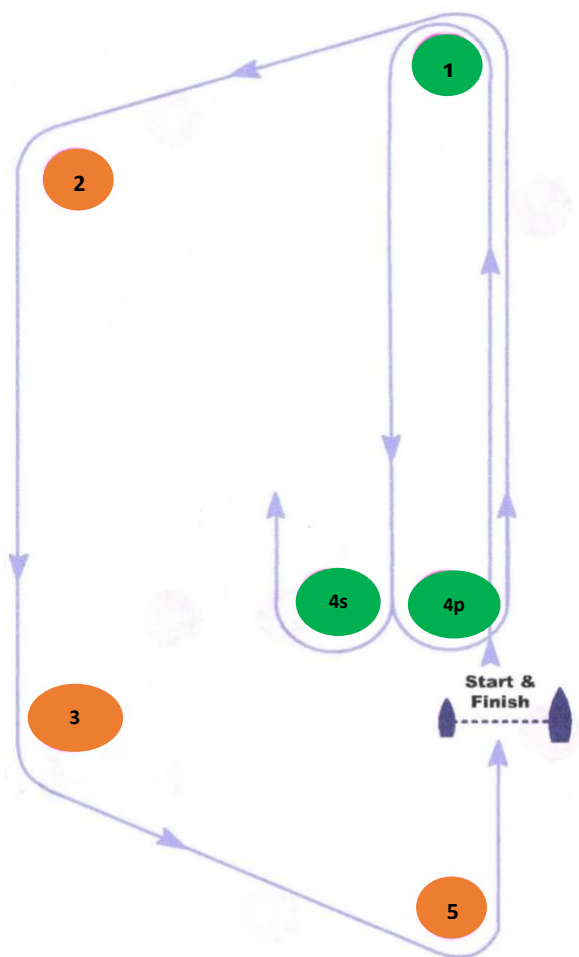
T1 Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3 –5–Finish.

T2 Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 2 – 3 –5– Finish.

ST3 Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 –5– Finish.

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| <b>Mark 1</b>      | 5' Green Cylinder    |
| <b>Mark 2</b>      | 5' Orange Cylinder   |
| <b>Mark 3</b>      | 5' Orange Cylinder   |
| <b>Mark 4s</b>     | 5' Green Cylinder    |
| <b>Mark 4p</b>     | 5' Green Cylinder    |
| <b>Mark 5</b>      | 5' Orange Cylinder   |
| <b>Start Pin</b>   | Orange Ball          |
| <b>Finish Pin</b>  | White Ball           |
| <b>Change Mark</b> | 2.5" Yellow Cylinder |

10.3 The RC reserves the right to move any Mark no more than 10 degrees with out a change course Flag prior to any boats rounding the previous mark this changes rule 33.a



## 11. SCORING

11.1. The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will be used.

11.2. 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.

11.3. If more than 80 boats are registered, the fleet may be divided into divisions.

11.4. When fewer than five races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

11.5. When five or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11.6. If the Fleet is divided into divisions, there will be a Qualifying Round and a Medal Round attempted. If fewer than five races have been completed before the start of competition on the last race day, then the regatta will remain in the Qualifying Round

## 12. SAFETY

12.1. 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 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.

12.2. A boat retiring from a race shall notify the RC vessel before leaving the race area if possible; otherwise, a boat retiring from a race shall notify the race committee at the dock upon arrival.

## 13. COACH AND SPECTATOR VESSELS (SUPPORT VESSELS)

13.1. All coach and spectator vessels must register before racing begins and must always prominently fly a designated flag provided by the OA while in the water.

13.2. Coach (and spectator if enough flags available) vessels are required to register online or with the Race Office and pay a \$20 deposit for a support vessel flag. Failure to return the flag at the end of the regatta will result in forfeiture of the deposit.

13.3. Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel shall stay outside the racing area (defined as 75 yards outside the lay lines of the course **including the start area**) and comply with other requirements as specified in the Sailing Instructions. These requirements begin from the start of the first race of the regatta until the finish of the last race of the regatta.

13.4. [DP] All support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch which shall remain attached to the person at the helm at all times while the engine is running. Failure to comply may be misconduct and/or result in expulsion from the event.

13.5. All coach and spectator vessels are considered safety boats and at the direction of the OA or race committee and will render aid if requested.

#### **14. RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

RRS 3 Decision to Race states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.** The organizing authority 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.

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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