



## Great Lakes Championship

August 8 & 9, 2026

Organizing Authority (OA): Sandusky Sailing Club in conjunction  
with the Club 420 Association, Inc.

### NOTICE OF RACE

Amended 12/8/24

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* and By-Laws of the Club 420 Association..
- 1.2. The following US Sailing prescriptions will apply: The prescription to the preamble of Part 5, prescriptions to RRS 65.1, 70.3(b), 76.1, and Appendix R and V.

#### 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 **August 5<sup>th</sup> AT 1200 EST**. You may register by going to the following URL:

<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/Z3b3wt6R4R>

- 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 July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 09:00AM.**
- 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 80 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 \$235 if received on or before July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 09:00AM.
- 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 July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 09:00AM.

#### 4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1. Competitors may arrive at the venue no earlier than Wednesday October 3<sup>rd</sup>

| DATE              | TIME        | EVENT                |
|-------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Friday August 7   | 16:00-18:00 | Check in             |
| Saturday August 8 | 08:00-08:45 | Late Check in        |
|                   | 08:45       | Coaches Meeting      |
|                   | 09:00       | Competitors' Meeting |
|                   | 09:30       | Harbor Start         |
|                   | 10:45       | First Warning        |
|                   | 18:00       | Competitor's Dinner  |

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| Sunday August 9 | 08:45 | Coaches Meeting (Located at HYC Flagpole)             |
|                 | 09:00 | Harbor Start                                          |
|                 | 10:15 | First Warning                                         |
|                 | 15:00 | 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 in the waters of Sandusky Bay as per Attachment A.

## 8. COURSES

A windward/leeward course will be run, See Attachment B.

## 9. SCORING

- 9.1. The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will be used.
- 9.2. For the purposes of RRS A1, one (1) "race" must be completed to constitute a regatta. If the fleet is split into divisions, a "race" consists of all divisions completing a race in accordance with RRS 90.3(a). This changes RRS A1.
- 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 five (5) 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 five 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 2026.

**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. See RRS 4, 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.

**14. OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

- 14.1. 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.
- 14.2. 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.
- 14.3. A competitor age 18 or older retains all responsibilities for himself or herself.
- 14.4. 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 from the Sandusky Sailing Club. Penalties for a violation of the prohibition may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the regatta. A hearing may be held in accordance with the RRS.

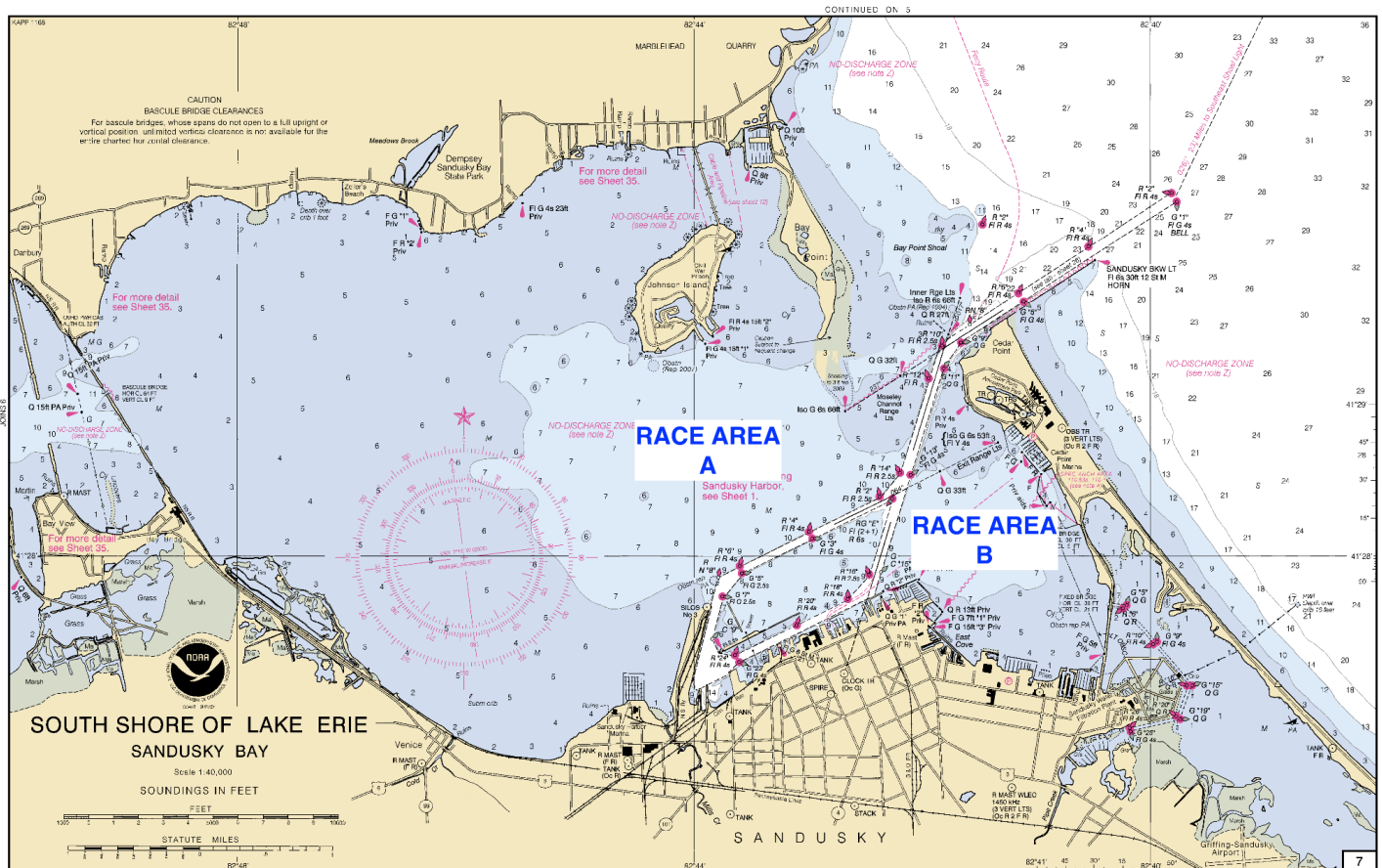
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## ATTACHMENT A – AERIAL VIEW OF RACING AREA

Include aerial view of racing area





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### ATTACHMENT B – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### COURSES:

| <b>L</b>      | <b>COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD</b>                             |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Signal</b> | <b>Mark Rounding Order</b>                                    |
| <b>L2</b>     | <b>Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish</b>                         |
| <b>L3</b>     | <b>Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish</b>             |
| <b>L4</b>     | <b>Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish</b> |

