

NOTICE OF RACE/SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Clearwater Club 420 Open

March 8 9 2025

Clearwater Community Sailing Center 1001 Gulf Blvd. 33767

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 Each boat racing on the gulf course must be accompanied to, at, and from the racing area by a powerboat between 14' and 20' LOA capable of serving as a safety boat. The safety boat will be required to carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF 69, 71, and 72, and to follow the instructions of the Race Committee. The OA may be capable of supporting a limited amount of boats. Make prior arrangements with the OA.

1.3 5 420s may share one safety boat.

2. ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

2.1 The regatta is open to boats meeting the requirements of the Club 420 class rules.

2.2 Individuals who will be twenty-two years or older in 2024 are not eligible to compete in this regatta.

2.3 Eligible boats may only enter by completing the online entry form and paying the entry fee before March 8th located at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28640>

2.4 All competitors must sign a "Release of Liability" [Insert the name of your Liability Form] located on the event website to participate in the regatta. [Also consider using the online forms with electronic signatures (\$1.00 per team)]. Those competitors under the age of 18 must have their "Release of Liability" form signed by a parent or guardian.

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

3. Measurement

3.1 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.

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

4. FEES

3.1 The entry fee for competitors is \$175 per boat received by Friday February 21st.

3.2 After Friday February 21st a \$15 late fee will be added.

3.3 Fee includes racing, awards, continental breakfast, grab and go on the water snacks, pizza Saturday after racing and a t shirt

5. SCHEDULE

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| Saturday March 8 th | 830 to 1000 | Check and continental breakfast lower deck |
| | 1000 | competitors meeting upper deck |
| | 1130 | first warning signal gold/combined fleet(gulf) |
| | 1100 | warning signal silver fleet(bay) |
| Sunday March 9 th | 830 | coaches meeting upper deck |
| | 1000 | first possible warning |
| | 1400 | last possible warning signal |
| | Awards as soon as possible after racing upper deck | |

6. Format

6.1 Competitors may register for Gulf Fleet or Bay Fleet. Each fleet will have independent scoring and awards but may start and race together.

6.2 Competitors may switch between Gulf and Bay fleets until the end of check in.

7. Racing Area

7.1 The gulf fleet racing course will be south of Clearwater Pass

7.2 The bay fleet racing course will be East of CCSC in between Bird Island and One Tree Island

8. Notices To Competitors

8.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the main entryway.

8.2 Informal information will be shared on the following 'Whatsapp' group:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/IFamNuAw9gf1flhFulLVAv>

9. Changes to the Notice of Race/Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the Notice of Race/Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 60 minutes before the first warning signal for the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of racing will be posted no later than 2100 the night before it will take effect.

10. Signals Made ashore

10.1 All signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flagpole in the center of CCSC boat park.

10.2 Signals made ashore under a class flag shall apply to that class only.

10.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 45 minutes' in race signal AP.

11. Class Flag

The gulf and bay fleet class flag will be a white flag with a blue Club 420 logo.

12. Courses

Courses will be inner and outer trapezoids or windward leeward as described in appendix A.

13. Marks

Mark 1, 2, 3s/p 4s/p will be orange tetrahedrons, Start pin will be a yellow cylinder, finish pin will be a yellow sphere.

14. The Start

14.1 All races will be started with RRS rule 26 (5 minute) sequence.

14.2 The start line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag and a yellow cylinder.

15. The Finish

The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag and a yellow cylinder.

16. Time limits

The time limit for the first boat to complete the course is 60 minutes the finish window is 15 minutes. The target time is 35-40 minutes. Failure to meet target time will not be grounds for redress.

17. Hearing Requests

17.1 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the signal boat has docked.

17.2 Protest forms are available in the front office and should be turned back into the front office. 16.3

17.3 For races held on the last day of racing, scoring inquires must be filed within the protest time limit or 30 minutes after the provisional final results are posted, whichever is later.

18. SCORING

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

18.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

18.3 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

18.4 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

19. Safety check out/in

19.1 Sailors shall check out before they enter the water by putting their organizer supplied lanyard on the 'on the water board'. Failure to check out will result in one(1) point added to the next scored race in the series, regardless of what day it is sailed.

19.2 Sailors shall check back in the by the end of the protest time limit. upon returning to shore by removing their lanyard from the 'on the water board'. Failure to check back in by the end of the protest time limit will result in one(1) point added to the last race scored that day or in the event of no races scored on the day of the infraction one(1) point will be added to the next race scored in the series.

19.3 A US Coast Guard approved PFD shall be worn by all competitors and coaches.

20. Support Teams

20.1 All coaches actively supporting sailors shall register <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28640>.

20.2 All support boat helmsman shall wear a kill cord at all times while operating their vessel. Violation of this may be grounds for expulsion from the event.

20.3 Registered coaches may coach the back half of the bay fleet.

20.4 Non coaching support vessels shall stay out of the racing area.

21. Contact information

Sailing Director Justin Ahearn Opticcsc@gmail.com or CCSC front office 727 517 7776

22. RISK STATEMENT

22.1 RRS 3 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.

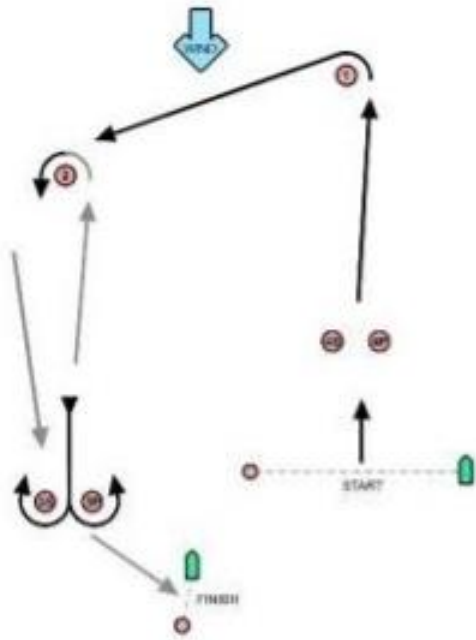
22.2 The organizing authority including the sponsors, the race committee, the officers, directors, employees and members of the Clearwater Community Sailing Center and all those involved in these organizations will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event. An online waiver shall be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian.

23. Prizes

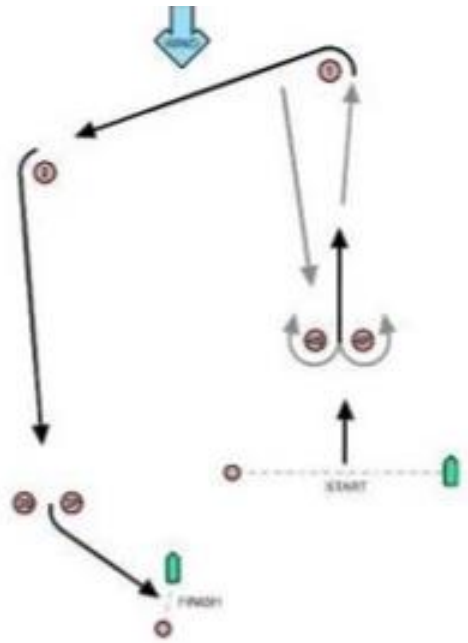
23.1 Prizes shall be given to first place through third place overall teams from both silver and gold fleet.

23.2 The top junior teams in each fleet which both skipper and crew are under 17 throughout 2024.

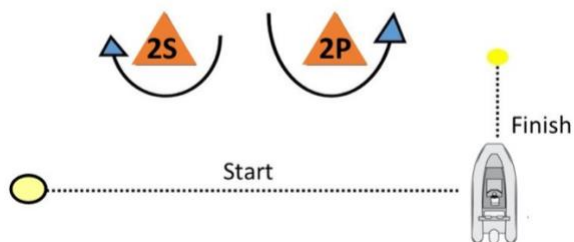
Appendix A



| Signal | Rounding Order |
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| O 2 | Start-1-2-3p-finish |
| O 4 | Start-1-2-3s/3p-2-3p-finish |



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| W2 | Start-1-2p-finish |
| W4 | Start-1-2s/2p-1-2p-finish |