



NOTICE OF RACE
2015 CLUB 420 ASSOCIATION
MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP
US SAILING Center • Martin County
1955 NE Indian River Drive,
13-15 FEBRUARY 2016

1. Organizing Authority & Host

- 1.1 US SAILING Center of Martin County (USSCMC)

2. Rules

- 2.1 This regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the C420 class rules.
- 2.2 Appendix P will apply. P2 is changed such that for all penalties only P2.1 applies.
- 2.3 Appendix T, Section A will apply.
- 2.4 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 locale. Penalties for a violation of the prohibition may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the regatta. A hearing will be held generally in accordance with the recommendations of Appendix M of the Racing Rules. The hearing officers may also recommend further action under RRS 69. The officers for a hearing regarding a violation of this prohibition will consist of the Chief Judge, acting as chairperson of the hearing and the Jury. The local event chairperson shall serve ex-officio as a non-voting member of the panel and will have a right to express his or her views during the course of the hearing process

3. Eligibility & Entry Fees

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Club 420 class as defined by the C420 class rules.
- 3.2 All competitors shall be a current member of the Club 420 Class Association.
- 3.3 Individuals who are twenty-two years of age in 2016 or older are not eligible to compete.
- 3.4 Entry forms may be submitted online only through RegattaNetwork.com or linked through the upcoming regattas page at www.usscmc.org. Payment may be made online with credit card, or checks may be mailed to 1955 NE Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach, FL 34957. NOTE that the official date of registration is determined by the date of payment. When mailing a check it must arrive before the late fee dates or it will be subject to a late fee regardless of the date of filling in the information in regatta network. Cash may be delivered in person to the USSCMC office, but the amount due is based on the day of payment.
- 3.5 Registration and entry fees must be received at USSCMC no later than Friday 5 February

2016 to avoid late fee. The entry fee is \$200/boat. All registrations received 6 February – 09 February 2016 will be charged an additional \$25 late fee. Registration will be closed at 2300 on 09 February 2016.

- 3.6 Completion of the Regatta Inspection List, “Exhibit A”, is a requirement to complete registration. (see attachment posted with NOR on at www.usscmc.org) Please turn in completed form to the registration desk at check in.
- 3.7 On-site check-in will be held on Friday 12 February and Saturday 13 February. See ‘Schedule of Events’.
- 3.8 Late registration may cause a competitor to not receive a dolly parking spot for rigging near the rest of their team. The USSCMC will group dolly & sailboat parking spots according to coaches and or clubs. Spots will be assigned to all registrants by 8 February; anyone registering after this date will most likely not be assigned a spot near their coach or club. Parking assignments will be available one day prior to the event at www.usscmc.org on the “Upcoming Regattas” webpage.
- 3.9 An event T-shirt is included with each registration. Shirt sizes and quantities cannot be guaranteed with any registration after 1 February.

4. **Schedule of Events**

4.1	Friday 12 February	1600-1800	Early Check-in
	Saturday 13 February	0800-1000	Check-in
		1000	Competitors’ Briefing
		1100	First Warning Signal
			Lunch on water
		1730 after sailing	Beach Party
	Sunday 14 February	1030	First Warning Signal
			Lunch on water
		1730	Pizza Party
	Monday 15 February	1030	First Warning Signal
		1430	No warning after this time
			Awards ASAP after racing

5. **Format of the Regatta**

- 5.1 If there are approximately 80 or more boats registered, there may be a split into four fleets or two divisions.
- 5.2 The decision to split the fleet is at the sole discretion of the Principal Race Officer and the C420 class.

6. **Sailing Instructions**

- 6.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted on the website sometime prior to the event and will be available at check-in.

7. **Courses**

- 7.1 Courses will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

8. **Scoring**

- 8.1 One race constitutes a regatta.

- 8.2 If there is a split into two divisions, one race per division constitutes a regatta.
- 8.3 If there is a split into four fleets, one round robin shall be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 8.4 When a boat has completed five or more races her series score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst race. This changes RRS A2.

9. Prizes

- 9.1 Overall: 1st through 10th
Top Girls: 1st through 3rd (both skipper & crew are female)
Top Juniors: 1st through 3rd (both skipper & crew under 17 throughout 2015)

10. Safety

- 10.1 Competitors who are US citizens or US residents shall wear U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets properly secured at all times. Competitors who are citizens or residents of another country shall wear either a US Coast Guard approved PFD or a PFD approved by the country of their citizenship or residence, properly secured at all times.
- 10.2 A whistle must be attached with a lanyard to clothing.
- 10.3 All boats may be subject to a safety check at any time.
- 10.4 Violation of a safety instruction may be protested only by the Race Committee and may be subject to disqualification or other penalty as decided by the Protest Committee.

11. Coach and Support Boats

- 11.1 All coach and support boats shall register and prominently fly a designated flag from a staff, supplied by the Race Committee, at all times while on the water.
- 11.2 A \$20 security deposit (cash or charge) will be required and returned to you at the end of the event with the return of your flag.

12. Designated Adult

- 12.1 Each competitor under 18 shall identify in writing a parent or adult representative that shall be responsible and readily available locally for the competitor throughout the event. The designated adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during and after the regatta.

13. Disclaimer of Liability

- 13.1 Parents, guardians and/or competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The parent(s) of the competitor, or in the instance of the competitor who is 18 or over, the competitor, are solely responsible for the decision whether the competitor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. 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.

14. Local Accommodations

- 14.1 Please consider supporting those who support the USSCMC. The following hotels are support our Regatta Season and are offering special Regatta Rates... also see USSCMC for links for Regatta Rates

Holiday Inn Port St. Lucie:	772-337-2200 or 800-459-5044
Best Western PLUS Stuart:	772-287-6200
Hampton Inn Stuart	772-692-6922

15. Boat Charters

Sturgis Boat Works	John Frazee	(508) 778-9187
Dinghy Locker	Campbell Woods	(203) 487-0775
Zim Sailing	Bob Adam	(401) 338-8330

16. Temporary Regatta Boat Storage

16.1 From Orange Bowl to the C420 MW, the USSCMC has a limited amount of space to store 420s and/or coach boats for a fee. Before delivering a boat early, every boat/trailer must be **pre-registered for storage and** the boat owner **must have a have a prepaid Regatta Entry Registration** for this regatta to be stored at the USSCMC. See [web link](#) for registration.

17. Contact for Information

Alan Jenkinson, Executive Director Alan@usscmc.org

EXHIBIT A

REGATTA INSPECTION LIST 2016 CLUB 420 ASSN MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP

The following Inspection List is suggested for use by Race Committees to stress and ensure compliance with Class Rules of the Club 420 Association and promote fair competition between competitors. This Inspection List is not intended to replace or supplant the Class Rules of the Club 420 Association. In the event of conflict between this Inspection List and the Class Rules of Club 420 Association the latter shall govern.

Skipper Name: _____ **Sail Number:** _____

Inspection Item Check mark means "YES"

1. The Skipper represents that he or she has not made any addition or alteration to the hull form, construction, equipment, type of equipment, placing of equipment, fittings, type of fittings, placing of fittings, spars, standing rigging, sails, battens and running rigging as supplied by a Builder except as allowed by the Class Rules. (Rule 1.2) YES ____
2. 26 ft bow line, 3/8 inch in diameter, that floats, has a loop in the end of the line and is tied at the forward most hole of the jib tack fitting or to the mast. (Rule 4.4) YES ____
- 3A. If US Citizen or US resident: a US Coast Guard approved PFD will be used at all times while afloat. (Rule 4.1) YES ____
- 3B. If Non US Citizen or non US resident: a PFD approved by USCG or the country of competitor's citizenship or residence will be used at all times while afloat. (Rule 4.1) YES ____
4. Whistle attached to PFD by lanyard long enough for competitor to use. (Rule 4.2) YES ____
5. Boat has device to keep rudder connected to boat in event of capsize or turtle. (Rule 4.6) YES ____
6. Length of forestay, including extensions that must be metal, does not allow one-half of the major fore/aft dimension of the mast from going aft of the mast partners when jib halyard is released. (Rule 4.7) YES ____
7. Trapeze system, in addition to trapeze wire, has only one cleat, one or two sheaves, one handle and one ring on each side. (Rule 10.9) YES ____
8. Mainsail, jib and spinnaker were manufactured by the official Class Sailmaker and have the official Class patch. (Rule 5.1) YES ____
9. Skipper and Crew are current members of the Club 420 Class Association. (Rule 3.1) YES ____

I affirm that I am the skipper of C420 with Sail # _____, entered in the 2016 Club 420 Assn Midwinter Championship, that I have carefully reviewed this list, and by placing a check next to each item understand that I am representing to the Race Committee that I and my crew are in compliance with the requirements of the Class Rules.

Skipper Signature: _____ Date: Feb. _____, 2016