THE CLUB 420 ASSOCIATION 2007 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

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August 17-21, 2007



Alamitos Bay Yacht Club Long Beach, California USA

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The organizing authority for the Club 420 Association 2007 North American Championship is the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club and the Club 420 Class Association.
- 1.3 No competitor shall use, either on or off the water, alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, distilled spirits) or any controlled substance (marijuana, cocaine, etc.) the possession of which is unlawful. This rule is in effect during the entire event, from date and time of arrival through the time of departure from the locale. Infringement of this rule will be the basis for disciplinary action, which may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the regatta.

2. ADVERTISING

Advertising will be restricted to Category A.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Club 420 class. Only class-legal Club 420's may enter. Boats may be inspected throughout the event for compliance to the rules of the Club 420 Association. Mainsails must be brought to registration.
- 3.2 The regatta shall be limited to 150 boats.
- 3.3 If the number of entries exceeds 80 boats, the organizing authority reserves the right to divide the fleet.
- 3.4 Both skipper and crew must have individual membership in the Club 420 Association at time of Registration. If a skipper and/or crew have not paid 2007 dues, dues payment MUST be made at time of entry.
- 3.5 Both skipper and crew must be members of their respective national authority (i.e., US SAILING or the Canadian Yachting Association).
- 3.6 All competitors shall be twenty-one (21) years of age or younger at the end of 2007.
- 3.7 All competitors must have a signed Health and Medical Form on file. The medical form may be downloaded from www.Club420.org.
- 3.8 Eligible boats may enter by completing the accompanying entry application and sending it, together with required fees and a completed Health and Medical Form, to: Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, 7201 E. Ocean BL, Long Beach, CA 90803 USA. Entries and payment of entry fees will also be accepted online at <u>www.regattanetwork.com</u>.

4. FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee is US\$185.00 if postmarked by July 28, 2007, or posted online by August 1, 2007. For entries postmarked or posted thereafter the entry fee will be US\$210.00. The entry fee includes T-shirts, continental breakfasts, lunches, after-race snacks and one (1) dinner each for both skipper and crew.
- 4.2 Entry fees are payable in US funds only and may be made via check or credit card. Transactions are payable to Alamitos Bay Yacht Club.
- 4.3 No entries will be accepted after 1700 on August 17, 2007, or sooner if the maximum number of 150 entries are received.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 The regatta schedule is as follows:

Friday, August 17, 2007	Registration	0900-1700
Saturday, August 18, 2007	Registration	0800-0900
	Competitors' Briefing	1000
	Racing will begin with first warning at	1130
Sunday, August 19, 2007	Racing will begin with first warning at	1130
	Dinner	1800
Monday, August 20, 2007	Racing will begin with first warning at	1130
Tuesday, August 21, 2007	Racing will begin with first warning at	1130
	No race shall be started after	1500
	Awards ceremony will commence ASAP after racing	

5.2 No boats may be delivered to the regatta site before 0900 hours Monday, August 13, 2007.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration.

7. VENUE

Racing will take place inside the Long Beach Breakwater, near the Belmont Veteran's Memorial Pier.

8. RACING FORMAT & SCORING

- 8.1 If there are 79 entries or fewer, twelve (12) races or more, depending on wind and sea conditions, are scheduled, of which one (1) must be completed to constitute a series. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 8.2 If there are 80 entries or more, the organizing authority reserves the right to divide the fleet and revise the racing format and scoring.

9. COACH/SUPPORT BOATS

- 9.1 Coach/support boats are allowed for this regatta.
- 9.2 Coach/support boats must register with the race committee.
- 9.3 All coach/support boats must be equipped with or supply their own VHF radios and be prepared to monitor a designated VHF channel if requested to do so by the race committee. Coach/support boats must be prepared to render assistance to any boat in need and perform any other function requested of them by the race committee. Coach/support boats shall display an identification flag supplied by the race committee; no flag, banner, pennant, signal or shape other than that supplied by the race committee shall be displayed.
- 9.4 Unless otherwise directed by the race committee, no coach/support boat will be allowed within the course nor have any communication with a competitor between the warning signal for a race and the time that the race is postponed or abandoned, a general recall has been signaled or the competitor has finished.
- 9.5 The penalty for failing to comply with requirements or requests will be applied to the competitors' boat(s) associated with the coach/support personnel at the discretion of the protest committee. Additionally, upon receiving a report, the organizing authority may take other disciplinary action against the coach/support boat personnel.

10. BERTHING

All boats shall be stored overnight on the grounds of the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. Coach/support boats will be launched at the U.S. Sailing Center of Long Beach but moored overnight at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club.

11. PRIZES

The following awards for both skipper and crew will be presented:

Top five (5) finishers ;

Top three (3) junior teams, defined as a team where neither skipper nor crew shall have reached or will reach their sixteenth (16th) birthday during 2007;

Top-finishing Canadian team; and

Top three (3) all-female teams.

12. CHARTERS

Charters may be arranged by contacting the Vanguard Sailing Center of Southern California at <u>vscsc@teamvanguard.com</u> or 949-646-5096.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. 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. FURTHER INFORMATION

Please Contact: Brad Bolger, Regatta Chairman Brad.bolger@c-b.com