

NOTICE OF RACE

INTERNATIONAL 420 MID WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP

Organizing Authority: Miami Yacht Club Youth Sailing Foundation

February 18-20, 2017

Amended 1/6/17

1. VENUE

The waters of Miami Beach located off Miami Yacht Club.

Miami Yacht Club is located at 1001 MacArthur Causeway, Miami, FL, 33132

2. RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing and the current International 420 Class Rules.

2.2 Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply.

2.3 No class rules change will apply.

2.4 This is a protected competition for the I-420 class (per US Sailing regulation 12.03). The expedited appeal process is available for this class (see Appendix R, Procedures for Appeals and Requests, rule R8).

3. ADVERTISING AND BOW NUMBER

Boats may be required to display bow numbers and/or advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

4. EVENT FORMAT

The event shall consist of up to 10 scheduled races.

5. EVENT SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 18

Competitor:

Check In & Registration 08:30-10:00

Competitors Meeting 10:00

First Warning Signal 12:00

Sunday, February 19

Competitors Meeting 09:00

First Warning Signal 11:00

Monday, February 20

Competitors Meeting 09:00

First Warning Signal 11:00

Awards Upon Completion of Racing

On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 14:30

6. ELIGIBILITY

- 6.1 The championship is open to all boats of the International 420 Class.
- 6.2 All sailors must be current members of US Sailing (www.ussailing.org) and the US I-420 Class Association (www.USI420.org).
- 6.3. If a boat is seeking to qualify for the 2017 World Sailing Youth Championships, it must meet the following criteria:
 - a. Sailors (skippers and crews) shall not reach their 19th birthday by December 31, 2017.
 - b. Sailors must be individual or family members of US Sailing at the time of the World Sailing Youth Championships.
 - c. Sailors must be US Citizens, or eligible permanent residents with written authorization from WORLD SAILING for an exemption under World Sailing Regulation 24.5.4, unless US Sailing grants an exception to this requirement based upon a written request to do so.

7. REGISTRATION

- 7.1 Competitors shall register on-line via www.regattanetwork.com
- 7.2 Entry fee per boat: \$250.

8. MEASUREMENT

Each boat shall comply with the equipment measurement rules of the International 420 class and may be inspected for compliance at any time during the regatta at the discretion of the Protest Committee or the Organizing Authority.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available for each competitor and Team Leader at registration.

10. SAFETY REGULATIONS

Competitors shall wear a US Coast Guard approved lifejacket at all times when afloat (see Class rule C.3).

11. COURSES

Depending on class size and weather conditions, the courses sailed will be at the discretion of the PRO.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A2, shall be used except as modified below.
 - 12.2.1 A minimum of 3 races must be completed to constitute a regatta.
 - 12.2.2 (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

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

13. PRIZES

- 13.1 The first three teams in each fleet shall receive an award.
- 13.2 The first all-female team shall receive an award.
- 13.3 Prizes will be given to both members of a team.
- 13.4 This event will be the first of a two-event qualifier for the 2017 Youth Worlds Team. Sailors wishing to qualify are required to attend the 2017 U.S. Youth Championships. Selection criteria will be available at www.ussailing.org/racing/championships. Applications must be submitted by the March 15th deadline without exception.

14. COACH BOAT AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL

All registered support boats shall act as rescue boats in case of need (more details in Sailing Instructions). Private Spectator Boats will be permitted with specific conditions outlined in the sailing instructions.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority shall not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the event. Each competitor shall have valid third party insurance with a minimum cover \$1,000,000. Each participant warrants the suitability of his or her boat for the event.

16. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESSES

By participating in the regatta competitors automatically grant to the International 420 Class Association and to the Organizing Authority and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

17. PROCEDURES FOR PROTECTED COMPETITIONS

- 17.1 US Sailing Regulation 12.03 Protected Competitions, will be in effect for this event, as follows. US Sailing shall ensure that the Organizing Authority includes the following rules and procedures in the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for a Protected Competition:
 - a) The US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2, and 63.4 shall apply to a Protected Competition, except that the words "when practicable" in the first sentence of the prescription to rule 63.4 are deleted.
 - b) Protest committees shall include 20% "sailor-athlete" representation. "Sailor-athlete" has the meaning of "athlete" set forth in USOC Bylaw, Section 8.8.2 (the 10-year rule) or Level A or B Sailor-Athlete as defined by US Sailing Sailor Athlete Council (SAC) Bylaws 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 (except that the US Sailing member class referred to in SAC Bylaw 3.3.2.3 shall be an

international class recognized by WORLD SAILING at the time of the sailor-athlete's qualification).

- 17.2 The following rule changes shall be made:
- a) Rule 65.2 is changed as follows: “seven days” is changed to “24 hours”; and “promptly” is changed to “, within 24 hours”.
 - b) Rule 66 is deleted and replaced by:
Rule 66 REOPENING A HEARING
 - i. The protest committee may reopen a hearing when it decides that it may have made a significant error, or when significant new evidence becomes available within a reasonable time. However, if an appeal of its decision has been sent to the national authority,

- 17.3 EXPEDITED APPEALS PROCEDURE
Rule R8 is added as follows:

R8 EXPEDITED APPEALS

These provisions may be used as an expedited appeals process for US Sailing Protected Competition, as defined in US Sailing Regulation 12.03 and permitted by Regulation 12.03, Section B, Procedures for Protected Competitions.

APPELLANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- R8.1 An appeal of a protest committee's decision or its procedures shall be sent by e-mail to the US Sailing Race Administration Director (director) at raceadmin@ussailing.org, with a copy to the protest committee chairman.
- R8.2 The appeal shall be sent no later than 24 hours after the protest time limit on the last day of the event, or 24 hours after receiving the written decision being appealed or the protest committee's decision not to reopen a hearing, whichever is latest.
- R8.3 The appeal shall include: a) the grounds for the appeal; i.e., why the appellant believes the protest committee's decision or its procedures were incorrect; and b) the names and e-mail addresses of the parties to the hearing and the chairman of the protest committee.
- R8.4 US Sailing charges a fee of \$25 for an appeal by a member of US Sailing or another national authority, and \$75 for all others. The fee must be paid before the appeal will be considered, and can be paid by credit card online: http://bit.ly/appeal_fee. The fee can also be paid by contacting the director.

US SAILING RACE ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- R8.5 Upon receipt of the appeal, the director will as soon as reasonably possible
- a) forward the appeal to the US Sailing Appeals Committee,
 - b) send a written acknowledgement of the appeal via email, and
 - c) send a copy of the appeal via email to the parties to the hearing and the protest committee chairman unless satisfied that they

already have received it. In the acknowledgement letter, the director will inform the parties and protest committee chairman of the name and contact information of the chairman of the appeals committee.

PROTEST COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- R8.6 The protest committee shall e-mail to the chairman of the appeals committee as soon as reasonably possible the following documents and information:
- (a) a copy of the decision being appealed;
 - (b) the written protest(s) or request(s) for redress;
 - (c) a diagram if relevant, prepared or endorsed by the protest committee, that conforms to rule R2.2(c);
 - (d) the notice of race, sailing instructions, any other documents governing the event, and any changes to them, unless previously sent to the appeals committee chairman; and
 - (e) any other relevant documents.
- R8.7 The protest committee shall, within the deadline set by the appeals committee, supply any additional documents, facts or other information when requested to do so by the appeals committee. If directed to do so by the appeals committee, the protest committee shall at the first reasonable opportunity conduct a hearing of the protest or request for redress, or reopen the hearing of the protest or request for redress. The appeals committee may direct the protest committee to conduct a hearing to consider redress for the appellant or other party to the hearing.

COMMENTS

- R8.8 The parties to the hearing and the protest committee may make comments on the appeal or on any of the documents listed in rule R8.6 and R8.7. Comments shall be sent by e-mail to the appeals committee, with copies to the parties to the hearing and the protest committee chairman. The comment period for the appeal and each document is 72 hours from the time the appeals committee sends the appeal or document unless the appeals committee sets a different deadline.

APPEALS COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- R8.9 The appeals committee shall send by e-mail to all parties to the hearing, and to the protest committee, copies of all relevant documents and comments it has received, except those supplied by that party or committee.
- R8.10 The appeals committee shall accept the protest committee's finding of facts except when it decides they are inadequate. In that case it shall require the protest committee to provide additional facts or other information, or to reopen the hearing and report any new finding of facts, and the protest committee shall do so at the first reasonable opportunity.

18. REGATTA CONTACTS

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