



# Coconut Grove Sailing Club 2020 North American Championship Regatta For the International 420 Class

January 18-20, 2020  
Miami, Florida

The Organizing Authority and Host Club is the Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC).

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 (*RRS*).
- 1.2 The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply to the extent they are referenced in the respective Class Rules.
- 1.3 The special procedures of Appendix P5 will apply. See also SI 6.4.
- 1.4 Only the following Prescriptions of US Sailing will apply: *RRS 61.4, Appendix R*, and the prescriptions to *RRS 60.3, 67, 70.5(a) and 76.1*.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between a provision in the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions (SI), these Sailing Instructions take precedence. (This changes *RRS 63.7*.) If there is a conflict between a Class Rule and these Sailing Instructions, these Sailing Instructions take precedence to the extent allowed by the Class Rules.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board located on the first floor of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club, and by e-mail to all competing boats affected by the Notice. Failure of a boat to receive or read any such e-mails will not be grounds for redress. (This changes *RRS 62.1(a)*.)

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any written change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted as provided in SI 2, above, no later than 90 minutes before the first Warning Signal on the day it will take effect, except that any changes in the Schedule of Races will be posted by the protest time limit on the day before they take effect (see SI 14.2).

- 3.2 Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water. The Race Committee Signal Boat shall display Code Flag "L" and announce the change in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). Competitors shall approach the Committee Boat and verbally receive the change while Code Flag "L" is displayed.

#### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club, and notification will be sent to competing boats by e-mail.
- 4.2 Code Flag "L", when displayed ashore, signifies that a change in Sailing Instructions or other Notice to competitors has been posted on the Official Bulletin Board and e-mailed to competing boats affected by the Notice.
- 4.3 Code Flag "AP" when displayed ashore means that the start has been postponed. In that case, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in Race Signals AP.

#### **5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 First Warning Signal, 1100 daily.  
NOTE: On Monday, January 20 the trophy presentation at CGSC, with appetizers, will occur as soon as practical after the last race.
- 5.2 The Race Committee Finishing Boat will display Flag "A" while boats are finishing to indicate "No more racing today." If Flag "A" is not displayed, boats should return to the starting area in anticipation of another race to follow.
- 5.3 On the final day of the regatta, no Initial Warning Signal will be made later than 1400 hours.

#### **6. FORMAT OF RACING and PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 6.1 A maximum of 10 races will be sailed.
- 6.2 No more than four races will be sailed per day.
- 6.3 Three races sailed and completed will constitute a regatta.
- 6.4 Appendix P5 will apply for the entire regatta.
- 6.5 **Penalty at the time of the Incident** -- The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two –Turns penalty. Unless the course is shortened to finish at a windward mark, penalties within three (3) boat lengths of the windward mark or on the Offset Leg, if used, may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the subsequent leg. This changes RRS 44.2
- 6.6 **Penalty Taken After A Race** -- After a race, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing, may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. A boat takes the penalty by completing a form at the protest desk that identifies the race number, the protesting boat, and where the incident occurred. The penalty shall be a 20% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply, and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun.

#### **7. RACING AREAS**

Racing will be on the CGSC Circle on Biscayne Bay approximately 1 to 3 miles SSE of Brennan Channel Marker "1" (Fl. G 5 sec 8ft).

## **8. THE COURSES**

- 8.1 The Courses and their designations will be as described in Addendum 1 – COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS .
- 8.2 Courses will be posted on a Race Committee Signal Boat course board prior to the first Warning Signal of each race. The designation of the course to be sailed, the approximate magnetic compass bearing, and approximate distance from the starting line to the first mark will be displayed (This changes RRS 27.1). *See Addendum 1 attached.*
- 8.3 Course Designations:
- COURSE W** - Start – 1– OS - 4S/4P – 1 -OS – Finish W
- COURSE O** – Start – 1– OS - 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – Finish T
- COURSE I** – Start – 1 - OS - 4S/4P – 1 –OS - 2- 3S/3P – Finish T
- 8.4 The interior angle between Marks 1 and 2 for Courses O and I will be approximately 60-70 degrees depending on wind strength. The interior angle between Mark 3P and Finish T for those Courses will be approximately 110-120 deg, correspondingly.
- 8.5 If Marks 4S/4P are present, they will not be marks of the course for boats on their last leg to the finish of Course W.

## **9. MARKS**

- 9.1 Original Windward Marks and the Leeward Gate Marks will be 5.5 ft. orange inflatable tetrahedron Marks. New Marks will be yellow inflatable tetrahedron Marks. The Offset Mark will be cylindrical.
- 9.2 If one of the Leeward Gate Marks is missing, boats shall round the one remaining Leeward Mark to port.
- 9.3 The Starting Mark (if set, see SI 10.2, below) and the Finishing Mark will be 5 ft. yellow inflatable tetrahedron Marks.

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a port end Line Boat or the course side of a yellow inflatable Mark.
- 10.2 The Race Committee Signal Boat may deploy a stand-off buoy attached to the boat. Such buoy shall be tethered to the stern of the Signal Boat and/or the Port Line boat and will function as an extension of that boat.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. (This changes RRS A4.)

## **11. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new Mark (or move the finish line) and remove the old Mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new Mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original Mark.

## **12. THE FINISH**

The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a nearby support Boat, or the course side of a yellow inflatable finishing Mark.

### 13. **TIME LIMITS**

13.1 The time limit and target time (in minutes) are as follows:

<u>First Mark</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Target Time</u>
30	90	45

13.2 Any boats not finishing within 15 minutes of the finish time of the first boat (which has sailed the course in compliance with *RRS 28*) will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes *RRS 35, A4 and A5*.

13.3 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes *RRS 62.1(a)*.

### 14. **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

14.1 A boat intending to protest should, if practicable, inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing a race and provide the identity of the protested boat(s).

14.2 Protest forms will be available at the Protest Desk at CGSC. Protests and Requests for Redress shall meet the requirements of *RRS 61* and be delivered to the Protest Desk in person or by e-mail to [richard.etkin@gmail.com](mailto:richard.etkin@gmail.com) within the protest time limit.

14.2.1 The time limit is one (1) hour after the Race Committee Finish Boat docks or when a race is abandoned ashore.

14.2.2 Notices will be posted promptly following expiration of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Protest hearings will be conducted at CGSC as soon as possible and in the approximate order in which they were filed.

14.2.3 The Race Committee will post a list of boats that have been given starting penalties or other Race Committee actions. If this list is posted prior to the protest time limit, Requests for Redress based on this posting shall be filed no later than thirty (30) minutes after the protest time limit. This changes *RRS 62.2*

14.3 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under *RRS 61.1(b)*.

14.4 It is each boat's sole responsibility to check the Regatta Notice Board at CGSC or its e-mail promptly after the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Should any party fail to appear when called for a hearing, the Protest Committee may proceed in accordance with *RRS 63.3(b)*.

Representatives of boats who are parties to hearings and their witnesses shall remain on call in the vicinity of the Protest Desk until excused by the Protest Committee.

14.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

a) Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;

b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes *RRS 66*.

On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than thirty (30) minutes after the decision was posted. This changes *RRS 62.2*.

14.6 Breaches of Sailing Instruction 18 or *RRS 55* will not be grounds for protest by a boat. (This changes *RRS 60.1*.)

14.7 The actions of media boats will not be grounds for redress. (This changes *RRS 62.1(a)*.)

**15. SCORING:** The Low Point Scoring System, as provided in RRS Appendix "A" shall apply, except that when fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. (This changes RRS A2.)

**16. PRIZES:** Trophies will be awarded to the top three open team finishers and top three girls team finishers.

**17. SUPPORT AND COACH BOATS**

17.1 Coach and Support Boats shall monitor the Race Committee VHF Channel and be prepared to respond to any safety-related issues in the race areas. Except when rendering assistance to a boat in danger at the boat's request or at the request of the Race Committee, support and coach boats shall stay 100 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the Preparatory Signal for the first Class to start until the time the last boat finishes or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

17.2 Support and coach boats shall be marked with national letters or a country flag.

17.3 A hearing may be called if a coach boat fails to comply with the requirements of this SI 17. The penalty for failing to comply with these requirements or the oral instructions of the Race Committee or the Protest Committee will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee. The penalty may be imposed on any or all boats associated with the support or coach boat.

**18. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

18.1 Competitors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.

18.2 A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall promptly report this to the Race Committee via hailing and receive acknowledgement. If this is not possible, she shall promptly report her actions to the Protest Desk on shore at CGSC.

18.3 Boats that are not leaving their harbor to race shall inform the RC Finish Boat Recorder via e-mail at [phillips2412@hotmail.com](mailto:phillips2412@hotmail.com).

18.4 Prior to the Warning Signal of the first race she sails each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the Signal Boat, and shall hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee. Failure to comply with this SI will result in a three place penalty in the first race that day without a hearing. (This changes RRS 63.1.)

**19. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phone cell phone calls and text messages.

**20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, Race Committee, host club, and their officers, employees and volunteers 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.

The Principal Race Officer is US Sailing Certified National Race Officer Jeff Zarwell.

ADDENDUM 1

COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS

EXAMPLE COURSE BOARD – R/C SIGNAL BOAT

<u>BEARING</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>COURSE</u>
<b>120°</b>	<b>I-420</b>	<b>O</b>
<u>RANGE</u>		
<b>0.8 NM</b>		

If present, the Windward Offset Mark adjacent to Mark 1 is always a mark of the course, when rounding Mark 1, regardless of the course being sailed.

