



**Coconut Grove Sailing Club**  
**2017 North American Championship Regatta**  
**for**  
**Men and Mixed Crews 470 Class**  
**Women's 470 Class**  
**International 420 Class**

**January 14 – 16, 2017**

**The Organizing Authority 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 P will apply. See also SI 6.4.
- 1.4. The following Prescriptions of US Sailing will apply: 61.4, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1, and Appendix R
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

**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 1900 hours on the day before they take effect.

- 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 "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 Saturday and Sunday will be at 1130 hours.
- 5.2. First Warning Signal on Monday will be at 1030 hours.
- 5.3. A maximum of nine races are scheduled for each class.
- 5.4. The Race Committee Finishing Boat will display Code Flag "A" without a sound signal while boats are finishing to indicate "No more racing today." If Code Flag "A" is not displayed, boats should return to the starting area in anticipation of another race.
- 5.5. On the final day of the regatta, no Warning Signal will be made later than 1430 hours.
- 5.6. On Monday, January 16th the trophy presentation will be at CGSC as soon as practical after the last race.

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

- 6.1. The makeup of starts will be announced at the Competitors Meeting on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 1800 at CGSC (See NOR 6.1) and posted on the Official Notice Board. The Mens/Mixed and Womens 470's will be scored separately. The I-420's will race together and be scored together.
- 6.2. No more than four races will be sailed per day.
- 6.3. One race sailed and completed will constitute a series.
- 6.4. 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

#### **7. CLASS FLAGS**

Class Flags for all classes will be displayed at the Competitors' Meeting.

#### **8. RACING AREA**

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).

#### **9. THE COURSES**

- 9.1. The Courses and their designations will be as described in Addendum 1 - COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS.

- 9.2. 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.
- 9.3. 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
- 9.4. The interior angle between Marks 1 and 2 for Courses O and I will be approximately 60 degrees. The interior angle between Mark 3P and Finish T will be approximately 110 deg.
- 9.5. 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.

## **10. MARKS**

- 10.1. 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. Offset marks will be cylindrical, and will match the color of the mark they offset.
- 10.2. If one of the Leeward Gate Marks is missing, boats shall round the one remaining Leeward Mark to port.
- 10.3. The Starting Mark (see SI 11.2, below) and the Finishing Mark (see SI 13, below) if set, will be 5 ft. yellow inflatable tetrahedron Marks.

## **11. THE START**

- 11.1. All boats in a class whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequences of other Classes
- 11.2. 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.
- 11.3. Competitors should be aware that two or more Classes may be started together. Competitors are requested to pay attention to the Class Flags displayed with the Warning Signal for each starting sequence. By way of example: Men's/Mixed and Women's 470.
- 11.4. 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.
- 11.5. 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.)

## **12. 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.

### 13. **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.

### 14. **TIME LIMITS**

14.1. The time limit and target time for each class (in minutes) are as follows:

| <u>Class</u> | <u>First Mark</u> | <u>Race</u> | <u>Target Time</u> |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| 470 & I-420  | 30                | 90          | 45                 |

14.2. Any boats not finishing within 15 minutes of the finish time of the first boat in her Class (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.

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

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

15.1. 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).

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

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

15.4. 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.

15.5. Request for Redress Filing Time shall be no later than the Protest time limit or 30 minutes after the posting of penalty/decision, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2.

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

15.7. 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.

15.8. 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.

15.9. Breaches of Sailing Instruction 18, 19 or RRS 55 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. (This changes RRS 60.1.)

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

### 16. **SCORING**

16.1. 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.)

**17. PRIZES**

Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in each class scored.

**18. SUPPORT AND COACH BOATS**

- 18.1. 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.
  - 18.2. Support and coach boats shall be marked with national letters or a country flag.
  - 18.3. A hearing may be called if a coach boat fails to comply with the requirements of this SI
18. 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.

**19. Safety Requirements**

- 19.1. Competitors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.
- 19.2. 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.
- 19.3. Boats that are not leaving the harbor to race shall inform the Protest Desk prior to the start of the first race of that day.
- 19.4. 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.)

**20. 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.

**21. 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.

**22. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of US\$300,000 per occurrence or the equivalent.

ADDENDUM 1

COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS

EXAMPLE COURSE BOARD – R/C SIGNAL BOAT

| <u>BEARING</u>         | <u>CLASS COURSE</u> |          |
|------------------------|---------------------|----------|
| <b>120<sup>o</sup></b> | <b>470</b>          | <b>O</b> |
| <u>RANGE</u>           | <b>I-420</b>        | <b>W</b> |
| <b>0.8 NM</b>          |                     |          |

