



Coconut Grove Sailing Club – Miami, Florida

HOWLER REGATTA, XV

October 25-26, 2025



NOTICE OF RACE

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Abbreviations: OA - Organizing Authority | RC - Race Committee | RRS - Racing Rules of Sailing | NOR - Notice of Race | SIs - Sailing Instructions | ONB - Official Notice Board | CGSC - Coconut Grove Sailing Club
All hours are expressed in Eastern Daylight Savings Time (EDST).

1. **RULES**

- a. The OA and Host of the Regatta is the Coconut Grove Sailing Club.
- b. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- c. [DP] Personal Flotation Devices: RRS 40.1 applies and is modified hereafter. PFDs shall be US Coast Guard approved, except competitors traveling from another country may wear an appropriately sized PFD approved by a regulatory body for use in the competitor's country of origin. The preamble to Part 4 will not apply.
- d. Rule 90.3(e), Time Limit on Changes to Race or Series Scores, will apply.
- e. Class rules regarding qualifying events and championships will not apply.
- f. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is replaced by the following: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or

2. **ADVERTISING**

- a. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

3. **ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY**

- a. The Regatta is open to the following classes and divisions that meet the obligations of their Class Rules and their National Authority, including current membership.
 - i. Optimist Championship (Red, White, and Blue) Fleet -- The Red, Blue and White Fleet assignments will be based on the competitor's age on the first scheduled day of racing, October 25, 2025.
 - ii. Optimist Green Fleet -- The Green Fleet is intended for less experienced sailors and will include opportunities for learning and competition.
 - iii. Youth ILCA -- All ILCA 4 and ILCA 6 rigs are welcome. Sailors are free to choose their rig size at registration, depending on their fitness level, height, age and weight but shall not change their selected rig size after registration.
 - iv. Club 420 -- The Club 420 class is invited for the 2025 event.
- b. After 100 RWB or Green fleet sailors have registered, later registrants may be waitlisted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- c. Age limits
 - i, Competitors in the Opti Classes shall have been born on or after January 1, 2010
 - ii, Competitors in the ILCA and C420 Classes shall have been born on or after January 1, 2006
- d. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration through Regatta Network:
https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30222#_registration
- e. Entry fees are determined by payment date and time, not by registration time.
- f. To be accepted, each registration must have completed medical information and online waivers (including a parental consent form)
- g. Entries will be accepted online until 1pm on Oct. 22, 2025.
- h. No entries will be accepted on regatta days.

4. COMPETITORS' REGISTRATION FEES & REFUND POLICY

- a. Fees to all classes, include all taxes, and are determined by payment date and time.
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| Aug 29 - Oct 05 | Online Early Bird Entry Fee | \$175 ⁰⁰ - Opti Green
\$190 ⁰⁰ - Opti RWB, ILCAs
\$235 ⁰⁰ - C420s |
| Oct. 06 - Oct. 15 | Online Regular Entry Fee | \$190 ⁰⁰ - Opti Green
\$205 ⁰⁰ - Opti RWB, ILCAs
\$250 ⁰⁰ - C420s |
| Oct. 16 - Oct. 22 | Online Late Entry Fee | \$200 ⁰⁰ - Opti Green
\$215 ⁰⁰ - Opti RWB, ILCAs
\$260 ⁰⁰ - C420s |
- b. Fees include berthing at Regatta Park, Continental Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, a Regatta shirt for each competitor, and a Metasail Tracker for each boat (except for Opti Green fleet). Competitors must provide for their own lunch, as lunches will not be supplied.
- c. 100% refund (less \$15 processing fee) if the regatta is canceled due to State, County, or City guidelines.
- (i) All other refund requests should be emailed to CGSCrace@gmail.com.
 - (ii) Refunds will be processed by submitted date as follows:
 - 75% refund if written request received by October 5, 2025
 - 50% refund if written request received between October 6 - October. 15, 2025
 - No refunds will be issued after October. 15, 2025
 - A refund charge of \$25⁰⁰ will be applied to cover the administrative expenses.
 - (iii) There will be no new registrations accepted after October 22, 2025.

5. SPECTATOR, SUPPORT & COACH VESSELS

- a. Each coach and support (parent & spectator) vessel must check-in at the Regatta Desk and receive a coach or support vessel ID flag (\$80 credit card or cash deposit)
- b. There is no berthing available at CGSC for non-CGSC coach and support vessels.
- c. Each support vessel shall have a working VHF radio, an anchor suitable for anchoring in the waiting area and a basic first aid kit.
- d. [DP] All support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the operator at all time while the engine is running.
- e. [DP] All coach and support (parent & spectator) vessels shall comply with the Florida Statute 327-395 (Boating Safety Education Act), which requires persons born on or after January 1, 1988 operating a boat with greater than a 10 horsepower engine to have evidence that he or she has (a) completed an-approved boating safety education course that meets the minimum requirements established by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrator; or (b) a valid International Certificate of Competency; or (c) completed a boating safety education course or equivalency examination in another state, a United States territory, or Canadas; or (d) passed an approved temporary certificate examination. Temporary certificates for out-of-state visitors are issued by vendors around the state; visit <https://myfwc.com/boating/safety-education/> for a list of approved vendors.

6. FORMAT OF THE REGATTA

- a. Optimist RWB Boats will sail a qualifying series on Saturday and will be assigned to either a **Gold** or **Silver** series on Sunday. See Addendum A for specifics on Optimist RWB format and scoring.
- b. Eight (8) Races are scheduled for the Optimist RWB, ILCA and C420 fleets. The Green Fleet will sail as many races as practicable.
- c. Sailors may sail in up to five races per day. See Sailing Instructions for class-specific limits.
- d. One completed race shall constitute the regatta.
- e. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six (6) or more races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This modifies Rule A2.1
- f. Green Fleet will be scored.

7. **EVENT SCHEDULE**

- a. ALL EVENTS TO OCCUR AT REGATTA PARK or ON BISCAYNE BAY, EXCEPT FOR THE FINAL AWARDS WHICH ARE AT CGSC
- b. FRIDAY OCTOBER 24, 2025
1600 - 1900 Competitors' check-in & registration at Regatta Park
1600 - 1900 Coach and Support vessel registration at Regatta Park
- c. SATURDAY OCTOBER 25, 2025
0700 - 0930 Continental Breakfast for Competitors and Coaches at Regatta Park
0700 - 0900 Competitors' check-in &
spectator, support and coach vessel registration at Regatta Park
0900 Coaches' & Competitors' Meeting at Regatta Park, at locations
which will be posted to the Official Notice Board
0930 Harbor Launch Begins
1045 First Warning ILCA - C420s
1100 First Warning Optis
Post Racing Mandatory safety sign-in from racing for all competitors
at the registration desk in Regatta Park.
- d. SUNDAY OCTOBER 26, 2025
0730 - 0900 Continental Breakfast for Competitors and Coaches at Regatta Park
0900 Mandatory safety sign-out to race area for all competitors
0900 Harbor Launch Begins
1000 First Warning ILCA - C420s
1030 First Warning Optis
No warning after 1400
Post Racing Mandatory safety sign-in from racing for all competitors at the registration desk in
Regatta Park.
ASAP Awards Ceremony at CGSC

Regatta Desk closes one hour after the protest time limit.

All ID flags must be returned before closing of the Regatta Desk.

8. **OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD (ONB) and SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. The ONB is on the Regatta Network Site, https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30222#_newsroom
- b. The Sailing Instructions will be available online no later than Oct. 24th at 0800 on the ONB
https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30222#_docs

9. **BERTHING**

- a. All Boats (including all local competitors) will be launched, hauled and stored at Regatta Park.
- b. Each boat on the Regatta Park premises shall have a marked dolly with name and fleet..
- c. All Regatta Park boats shall be kept at Regatta Park in their assigned area until their respective harbor launch times.
- d. All skippers and crews must properly dispose of trash while ashore. Trash left on the ground will not be tolerated.
- e. While ashore, all skippers and crews are to promptly comply with instructions from the CGSC Staff.

10. **VENUE and COURSES**

- a. The regatta will be on Biscayne Bay
- b. The courses to be sailed will be listed in the Sailing Instructions (SI).

11. **PRIZES**

- a. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Opti Green	Top 10
Opti RWB	Top 5 RWB • Top 3 Red • Top 3 Blue • Top 3 White Top 5 in the Sunday Silver Fleet

ILCA 6	Top 5
ILCA 4	Top 5
Top Girl RWB	<u>Top Red, Top Blue, Top White</u>
Top Girl Green	<u>Top Girl</u>
Top Girl ILCA 4 and 6	Top Girl
C420	Top 3, skipper and crew

b. Additional awards may be provided at the discretion of the OA.

12. SAFETY

An adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) must be responsible for the safety of the sailor both on water and ashore

13. RACE TRACKING

- Boats (except for the Opti Green fleet) will be provided with positioning equipment (Metasail) as specified by the Organizing Authority.
- Information from this equipment shall not be used by a boat as evidence in a hearing. All data and tracking information are confidential, encrypted, and only used with the sole purpose of tracking competitors sailing during this regatta.
- The tracking equipment provided, once placed on the boat as instructed by the organizing authority shall not be manipulated by the competitor or support person in any way, except when so required by the organizing authority.
- Use of the trackers are mandatory, except that supplies are limited and later registrations might not receive a tracker.. The tracking devices will be distributed to each competitor at check-in and MUST be returned to the organizing authority at the end of the regatta. A competitor will be charged \$300 for each unreturned or substantially damaged device.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 3, Decision to Race and RRS 4 Acceptance of the Rules. The OA 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.

15. ACCOMODATIONS

Overnight camping at or in the vicinity of CGSC is not permitted. Nearby hotel information is provided below.

Arya Hotel (old Sonesta)	2889 McFarlane Rd.	866-539-0036	Walking distance
The Ritz Carlton	3300 SW 27th Ave	305-644-4680	Two blocks away
***The Mutiny Hotel	2951 S Bayshore Dr.	866-539-0036	Across street
Mayfair Hotel & Spa	3000 Florida Ave.	305 441-0000	Walking distance
Doubletree Hotel	2649 S. Bayshore Dr.	305-858-2500	Walking distance
Hampton Inn	2800 SW 28 th Terrace	305-448-2800	1.5 miles
Holiday Inn	1350 S. Dixie Hwy.	305-667-5611	2.5 miles
***Courtyard Marriott	2649 S Bayshore Dr.	305-858-2500	Walking distance

***Check out the Special Hotel Rates brought to you by Zig Travel. Please contact Elizabeth Kratzig for more information at: bookings@Zig-Travel.com to reserve hotel rooms at the Mutiny Hotel and the Courtyard Marriott. Flyer will be posted on the Regatta Network.

FURTHER INFORMATION

CGSC Manager	Lauren Simpson	Manager@CGSC.org
Event Chair	Rosa C. Lamela	icmanager@CGSC.org
CGSC Regatta Chair	Steve Herman	CGSCrace@gmail.com

Addendum A

Optimist RWB Regatta format and scoring

- A.1.** Optimist RWB Boats will sail a qualifying series on Saturday and be assigned to either a **Gold or Silver** series on Sunday.
- A.2.** Division assignments of Yellow, Blue, Green, or Red will be determined for the Saturday qualifying series based on random assignment. Assignments will be for the entire day with no changes. The format will be a Round Robin defined in NOR A.13. The organizing authority's decision on division assignments will be final and cannot be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- A.3.** An incomplete/unbalanced Round Robin will not be cause for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- A.4.** The Fleet will race in "Sets" of races on Saturday. For the purpose of the sailing instructions, a "race" is a race with two divisions, and a "Set" is a pair of scored races in which all divisions compete. The race committee will endeavor to run complete "Sets" of races each day and at its discretion may abandon incomplete "Sets". Only completed "Sets" will be scored. If the last race of a "Set" cannot be completed before the end of racing on a given day, both races in the incomplete "Set" will be abandoned and all scores for that "Set" will be discarded.
- A.5.** [SP] [DP] [NP] The organizing authority will provide each boat with a colored streamer corresponding to the color of the qualifying division to which she is assigned. While on the water each boat shall at all times display the colored streamer. The streamer shall be attached securely to the sprit loop at the top of the sail, and its size shall not be changed. Qualifying division assignments will be posted on the official notice board.
- A.6.** A maximum of seven (7) "Sets" of races are scheduled for the RWB Qualifier.
- A.7.** For the Sunday **Gold/Silver** Series:
- A.7.1** Boats will be reassigned to fleets based on their cumulative scores (as of 2000 Saturday evening, regardless of protests or redress requests not yet decided) for Saturday races. No throw-outs will be used for this determination. Those boats with cumulative ranking in the top half of the fleet will be assigned to the **Gold (Yellow streamer)** Fleet. Those Boats with cumulative scores in the bottom half of the fleet will be assigned to the **Silver (Blue streamer)** Fleet. In case of a middle fleet tie, ties will be broken using RRS A8.
- A.7.2** In no case shall the **Silver** Fleet have more boats than the **Gold** Fleet.
- A.8.** Final Ranking: In the event that no Sunday races are completed, the fleet final series scores will be the cumulative scores of completed races.
- A.9.** Prior to warnings for the qualifying round robin series, the Race Committee will display 2 flags whose colors indicate which divisions will start the next race. Prior to warnings for the **Gold/Silver** Series, the Race Committee fleet will display 1 flag whose color indicates which Fleet will start the next race.
- A.10** All divisions must have completed at least one (1) race in order to constitute a regatta.
- A.11** For the qualifying round robin series, RRS A5.2 is changed to: a boat that did not start, did not sail the course, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the **larger of the two races** as described in A.4.

A.12 Scores from races in both the qualifying races and final series will be used to determine a boat's final regatta score. Boats assigned to the **Gold** fleet will be ranked higher than the boats assigned to the **Silver** fleet.

A.13 Round Robin Race Schedule

SET ONE

Start one	RED DIVISION	and	BLUE DIVISION
Start two	YELLOW DIVISION	and	GREEN DIVISION

SET TWO

Start one	BLUE DIVISION	and	YELLOW DIVISION
Start two	RED DIVISION	and	GREEN DIVISION

SET THREE

Start one	GREEN DIVISION	and	BLUE DIVISION
Start two	YELLOW DIVISION	and	RED DIVISION

SET FOUR

Start one	GREEN DIVISION	and	YELLOW DIVISION
Start two	BLUE DIVISION	and	RED DIVISION

SET FIVE

Start one	GREEN DIVISION	and	RED DIVISION
Start two	YELLOW DIVISION	and	BLUE DIVISION

SET SIX

Start one	RED DIVISION	and	YELLOW DIVISION
Start two	BLUE DIVISION	and	GREEN DIVISION

SET SEVEN

Start one	YELLOW DIVISION	and	RED DIVISION
Start two	GREEN DIVISION	and	BLUE DIVISION