



Coconut Grove Sailing Club

International 420 Class and 470 Class

2026 North American Championship Regatta



January 18-20, 2026 – Miami, Florida
Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC)

The Organizing Authority is the Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

NOTICE OF RACE

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1. Rules

1.1 - The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 - The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply to the extent they are referenced into the respective Class Rules. However, no Class Rule change will apply.

1.3 - The following US Sailing prescriptions will apply: Appendix R, the prescription to the preamble to Part 5, and the prescriptions to RRS 65.1, 70.3(b), 76.1 and 88.2 and will be posted on the Official Notice Board at

https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30485#_newsroom

1.4 - Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply, including RRS P5. RRS P2 (Penalties) will be changed in the Sailing Instructions. The Protest Committee plans to have observers on the water.

1.5 - If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1 - The event is open to boats of the above listed Classes. Each crewmember of a competing boat shall be a national or ordinarily a resident of the nation where the National Authority the crew intends to represent is established. Sailors can join or renew their I-420 membership at:

<https://www.usi420.org/membership>.

3.2 – Crew modifications following the on-line entry deadline (see NOR 3.5, below) must be approved by the Principal Race Officer.

3.3 - Boats, sails and equipment shall comply with all Class rules and may be inspected at any time.

3.4 – I-420s will be available for charter from Steve Keen. See NOR 15 for contact information.

3.5 – Eligible boats must enter on-line by going to the event website: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30485> and completing the on-line Entry Form, including sail number, crew name and the fee section. This must be completed by 1700 Friday, January 16th, or entry will not be accepted. On-site Check-In as scheduled per NOR 6.1 is also required.

4. Fees

4.1 - The entry fee for all boats is US \$275. Entries paid for after January 3, 2026 will be subject to a late fee of US \$50. No entries will be accepted after 2300 hours on January 15, 2026.

4.2 - Entry fees will be reimbursed in full (less a \$35 processing fee) if an individual requests a refund by emailing cgsgrace@gmail.com before 2300 hours on January 3, 2026.

5. Regatta Format

5.1 The event will consist of a fleet race series.

5.2 Nine (9) races are scheduled **for each class**.

5.3 No practice race is scheduled.

5.4 No more than four (4) races will be sailed per day.

6. - Schedule

Friday, January 16	1630 – 1800	Check-In at CGSC
	1800	Competitors Meeting at CGSC
	~1830	Social Gathering with Appetizers at CGSC
Saturday, January 17	1100	First Warning Signal
Sunday, January 18	1100	First Warning Signal
Monday, January 19	1100	First Warning Signal
	1400	Latest time for an Initial Warning Signal
	~1500	Closing Ceremony with Appetizers at CGSC

Closing Ceremony: January 19th as soon as practical after the last race, at CGSC.

7. Measurements and Inspections

7.1 - In accordance with RRS 78, competitors are responsible for maintaining their boat in accordance with the Class Rules (for the purpose of RRS 78, competitors are considered to be the owners). Measurement inspections at random during the event may be conducted.

7.2 - I-420 competitors must complete the [2026 I-420 Compliance Inspection Form](#) confirming that they are complying with all I420 class rules and that their boats, spars, foils, and sails are class legal and measure in appropriately.

7.3 - I-420 Female teams should have the “rhombus” patch on their sails as in international competition.

8. Sailing Instructions and Communication

8.1 - The sailing instructions will be posted on the event website by 1200 Thursday, January 15th and will only be available online. All Regatta documents are on the Official Notice Board (ONB) at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30485# docs>.

8.2 - The Race Committee will communicate with sailors on land using Whatsapp. A Whatsapp invitation QR code and invitation link will be in the Sailing instructions.

9. Venue

9.1 - The race course will be located in the waters of Biscayne Bay between Key Biscayne and Coconut Grove, SSE of the John A. Brennan Channel Entrance.

9.2 - The I-420 and 470 fleets will be shore-based at CGSC. Boats may be stored on dollies, but trailers cannot be accommodated at CGSC. Boats may also arrange berthing at other locations.

9.3 – All skippers, crews and interested parties must properly dispose of trash while ashore at CGSC, the **US Sailing Center** or afloat. Trash left on the ground will not be tolerated. Further, while ashore, all skippers and crews are to promptly comply with instructions from the CGSC Staff. Failure to comply with this NOR 9.3 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat.

10. The Courses

10.1 - Course types will be the Trapezoid (with outer loop or inner loop) or Windward-Leeward courses, as defined in the sailing instructions.

10.2 - Length of courses will be adapted according to wind strength in order to have expected race durations that generally conform to the race target times and is at the discretion of the Principal Race Officer.

11. Scoring

11.1 - The Low Points Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This modifies rule A2.

11.2 – Only one (1) completed race is required to constitute a series.

12. Support Boat

12.1 – Support boats, including coach and spectator boats, shall register at Check-In and be marked with the flag issued to them at Check-In which shall be displayed at all times during the event

12.2 – Support boats may be called upon to act as rescue boats and shall monitor the Race Committee VHF channel (73) while on the water during the event.

12.3 – Support boats shall keep clear 100 meters of the racing area at all times during racing. No support boat will be allowed at either end of the starting line during the sequence.

12.4 – [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.

12.5 – [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.

13. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS **3**, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority and all parties involved in the event organization will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

14. Prizes

14.1 I-420 Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers and the top women's team and the top junior team (helm and crew not yet age 17 on January 19 2026).

14.2 470 event prizes will be given for first, second and third place boats, for skipper and crew. In addition, there will be a prize for the top junior boat (skipper and crew both under 18 on January 8, 2026).

14.3 This event is the second in the two-event 470 Winter Series. The first event in the 470 Winter Series is the 470 Midwinters, to be held in Miami on the previous week, January 8-10 (Thursday through Saturday). Prizes for the 470 Winter Series will be given, at the conclusion of this event.

15. Further Information

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