

NOTICE OF RACE/SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Clearwater Club 420 Open

February 28-March 1

Clearwater Community Sailing Center 1001 Gulf Blvd. 33767

Changes in Red Made 2/25/2026

Changes in Green Made 2/26/2026

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by the *Racing Rules of Sailing*, the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing) and the rules and By-Laws of the Club 420 Association.
- 1.2 Each boat racing on the gulf course must be accompanied to, at, and from the racing area by a powerboat between 14' and 20' LOA capable of serving as a safety boat. The safety boat will be required to carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF 69, 71, and 72, and to follow the instructions of the Race Committee. The OA may be capable of supporting a limited amount of boats. Make prior arrangements with the OA.
- 1.3 5 420s may share one safety boat.

2. ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to boats meeting the requirements of the Club 420 class rules.
- 2.2 Individuals who will be twenty-two years or older in 2026 are not eligible to compete in this regatta.
- 2.3 Eligible boats may only enter by completing the online entry form and paying the entry fee before March 8th located at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30673>
- 2.4 All competitors must sign a "Release of Liability" [Insert the name of your Liability Form] located on the event website to participate in the regatta. Waivers will also be available at Check in
- 2.5 No registration will be considered complete until all fees, required forms and signatures are received.

3. Measurement

- 3.1 Every skipper must complete and submit a signed [Inspection Checklist](#) prior to participation in the regatta at check-in. These forms will also be available at the check-in desk.
- 3.2 All boats are subject to safety inspection at any time during the regatta

4. FEES

- 3.1 The entry fee for competitors is \$175 per boat received by February 25 10pm.
- 3.2 After Friday February 25 a \$25 late fee will be added.
- 3.3 Fee includes racing, awards, continental breakfast, grab and go on the water snacks, pizza Saturday after racing and a t shirt

5. SCHEDULE

Saturday February 28 th	830 to 945	Check in and continental breakfast
	1000	competitors meeting upper deck
	1100	first warning signal (if sailing in gulf)
	1030	warning signal (if sailing in bay)
Sunday March 1 th	830	coaches meeting

1000	first possible warning
1500	last possible warning signal
	Awards as soon as possible after racing upper deck

6. Format

6.1 Competitors may register for Club or Scholastic fleets. Club competitors may utilize spinnakers and trapeze, scholastic boats can only use main and jib. Both fleets will start together.

7. Racing Area

7.1 The gulf fleet racing course will be south of Clearwater Pass

7.2 The bay fleet racing course will be East of CCSC in between Bird Island and One Tree Island

8. Notices To Competitors

8.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board Online.

8.2 Informal information will be shared on a 'Whatsapp' group

9. Changes to the Notice of Race/Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the Notice of Race/Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 60 minutes before the first warning signal for the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of racing will be posted no later than 2100 the night before it will take effect.

10. Signals Made ashore

10.1 All signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flagpole in the center of CCSC boat park.

10.2 Signals made ashore under a class flag shall apply to that class only.

10.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 45 minutes' in race signal AP.

11. Class Flag

The gulf and bay fleet class flag will be a white flag with a blue Club 420 logo.

12. Courses

The Course will be a windward leeward as described in Appendix A

13. Marks

Marks 1, and 4s, 4p will be large Orange Tetrahedrons,

Mark 1a and the finish pin will be red hippity hops,

The start pin will be a yellow cylinder French Fry style mark

There will be a small green hippity hop on the course for a RWB Mock Regatta, This is not a rounding mark for the 420s. See Appendix B

14. The Start

14.1 All races will be started with RRS rule 26 (5 minute) sequence.

14.2 The start line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag and a yellow cylinder.

15. The Finish

The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag and a red hippity hop.

16. Time limits

The time limit for the first boat to complete the course is 60 minutes the finish window is 15 minutes. The target time is 35-40 minutes. Failure to meet target time will not be grounds for redress.

17. Hearing Requests

17.1 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the signal boat has docked.

17.2 Protest forms are available in the front office and should be turned back into the front office. 16.3

17.3 For races held on the last day of racing, scoring inquiries must be filed within the protest time limit or 30 minutes after the provisional final results are posted, whichever is later.

18. SCORING

18.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will be used.

18.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

18.3 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

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

19. Safety

19.1 ~~Coaches will check in and out their sailors each day upon launching and upon arriving back at the club after sailing.~~ The

Race Committee must be immediately notified upon realization that a sailor has not made it back ashore.

19.2 A US Coast Guard approved PFD shall be worn by all competitors and coaches.

20. Support Teams

20.1 All support boat helmsman shall wear a kill cord at all times while operating their vessel. Violation of this may be grounds for expulsion from the event.

20.2 Support and Coach vessels shall stay out of the racing area. And maintain a safe distance away from racing

21. Contact information

Sailing Director Mateo Rodriguez mateo@sailclearwater.org or CCSC front office 727 517 7776

22. RISK STATEMENT

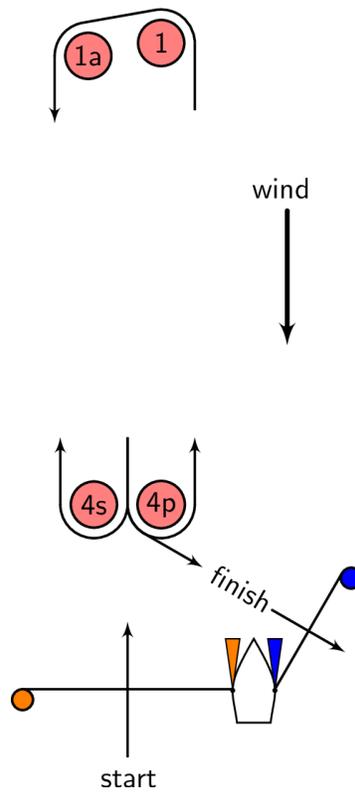
22.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

22.2 The organizing authority including the sponsors, the race committee, the officers, directors, employees and members of the Clearwater Community Sailing Center and all those involved in these organizations 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. An online waiver shall be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian.

23. Prizes

23.1 Prizes shall be given to first place through third place overall teams and first overall from the scholastic fleet

Appendix A



Signal	Rounding Order
W2	Start-1-1a-4p-finish
W4	Start-1-1a-4s/4p-1-1a-4p-finish

Colors of the marks in the diagram are not accurate, see section 13 for correct colors.

Appendix B

CCSC's Opti RWB team will be running a Mock Practice Regatta on the same course as the 420s. They will start after the 420s and sail a shorter windward leg and race to a small GREEN hippity hop style mark.