



## **I-420 Midwinters**

Organizing Authority (OA) –Miami Yacht Club Youth Sailing Foundation

Miami Yacht Club, Miami, Florida

Feb. 14-16, 2026

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

A boat is not permitted to protest another boat for breaking the Sailing Instructions (SIs) as noted by [NP]. The penalty for breaking these SIs may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee (PC) as noted by [DP]. This changes RRS 60.1.

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS.)
- 1.2 Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, will apply. Scoring penalties will be 20%. This modifies Appendix V2. RRS 44.1 and Appendix V1 are changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn penalty, unless in the zone.
- 1.3 Prescriptions of US Sailing will apply and are posted on the On-Line Notice Board  
[https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_notice\\_board.php?regatta\\_id=30742](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_notice_board.php?regatta_id=30742).
- 1.4 In the case of a conflict between the Notice of Race and these SIs, the SIs and any amendments to them shall apply. This changes RRS 63.7. If there is a conflict between a class rule and these SIs, these SIs take precedence to the extent allowed by the class rules.

### **2. RECALL NUMBERS [DP] [NP]**

Recall numbers will be the sail number the boat is registered under.

### **3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors (including protest notifications) will be posted on the official notice board located in on the south wall of the patio at Miami Yacht Club (MYC), and by email to all competing boats affected by the notice. Failure of a boat to receive or read any such emails will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 3.2 All questions to the race committee (RC), Protest Committee (PC), or OA must be made in writing and will be posted and answered, in writing, on the official notice board.

### **4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1 Changes to the SIs will be posted, as described in SI 3.1, no later than 0900 each morning on the day it takes effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 2000 the day before a change will take effect.
- 4.2 Oral changes to the SIs may be given on the water. The RC signal boat shall display code flag "L" and competitors shall approach the signal boat and receive the oral change while code flag "L" is displayed in accordance with RRS 90.2(c).

## **5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole at MYC, and notification will be sent to competing boats by e-mail.
- 5.2 Code flag "L", when displayed ashore signifies that a change in the SIs or other notice to competitors has been posted on the official notice board and e-mailed to competing boats affected by the notice.
- 5.3 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, the warning signal for the next race will be made not less than 60 minutes after AP is lowered. This changes RRS Race Signals.

## **6. SCHEDEULE**

### **6.1 Saturday, February 14**

0830 – 1000	Competitor Check-in - MYC Patio
10:00	Mandatory Competitors Meeting - MYC Patio
12:00	First Warning Signal

### **Sunday, February 15**

11:00	First Warning Signal
-------	----------------------

### **Monday, February 16**

11:00	First Warning Signal
14:00	Time limit for Last Warning Signal
	As soon as possible Prize Giving - MYC Patio

- 6.2 A maximum of ten (10) races are scheduled.

- 6.3 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

## **7. FORMAT OF RACES AND PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 7.1 No more than four (4) races will be sailed a day.
- 7.2 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 modifies RRS 44.2.

## **8. CLASS FLAGS**

The class flag is

I-420 Red flag with a blue I-420 insignia

## **9. RACING AREA**

Racing will be on the ocean north or south of Government Cut. In the event that conditions prevent the use of those areas on any day of racing, racing may be conducted in Biscayne Bay north of Venetian Causeway.

## **10. THE COURSES**

- 10.1 The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed. All rounding marks shall be left to port, except Marks 3S/3P which are gates.
- 10.2 The RC may post the course to be sailed on a white board on the signal boat before the warning signal for each race.
- 10.3 If one of the gate marks is missing, the mark in position will be rounded to port.

## **11. MARKS**

<u>Marks 1, 2, 3, 4</u>	Start Line marks	Finish line mark
I-420 Orange marks	Yellow mark	Red buoy

## **12. THE START**

- 12.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying orange flag on the RC signal and the course side of a yellow mark.
- 12.3 In the event a boat(s) is scored OCS, UFD, or BFD, the RC may display her recall number on a white board on the signal boat. This is a courtesy only and failure of the RC to make this posting shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 30.4.

## **13. COURSE CHANGES**

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will (a) move the weather mark, (b) move the finishing line, or (c) move the leeward gate (all original marks).
- 13.2 The RC may make minor adjustments in the course without signaling a change of course. This changes RRS 33.

## **14. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finish lineboat and the course side of a nearby mark as described in SI 11 and as shown in Attachment C. This changes Race Signals.

## **15. TIME LIMITS (minutes)**

Class	Time limit	Mark 1 time limit	Finish window
I-420	90	30	15

- 15.1 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race shall be abandoned.
- 15.2 Boats still racing and failing to finish within the above stated finish window after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing and will be scored 2 more points than the last finisher in that race. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5.2 and A11.

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

- 16.1 Protest forms will be available at the protest desk at MYC.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the RC Signal boat docks.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the 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 MYC as soon as possible and in the approximate order in which they were filed.
- 16.4 Notice of RC actions or PC actions for RRS 42 will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.5 Notice of protest by the RC or PC will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.6 On the last day of racing, a request for redress based on a PC decision or scoring error shall be delivered within the protest time limit or within 30 minutes of the decision or results being posted, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 16.7 It is each boat's sole responsibility to check the notice board at MYC or its e-mail promptly after the end of protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Should any party fail to appear when called for a hearing, the PC may proceed in accordance with RRS 63.3(b).
- 16.8 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 PC.

## **17. SCORING**

- 17.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply with the following changes:
  - 17.1.1 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.

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

## **18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]**

Substitution of competitors, or repair or replacement of hulls, sails, or equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval of the PRO.

## **19. SAFETY [DP] [NP]**

19.1 A boat retiring from a race shall notify any RC vessel before leaving the course, or, when that is impossible, the protest desk immediately after arrival ashore.

19.2 Boats that are not leaving the harbor to race shall inform the protest desk prior to the start of the first race of the day.

19.3 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 RC. It will be at the discretion of the PC to impose a penalty to any boat failing to comply with this SI.

## **20. SUPPORT PERSONS & SPECTATORS [DP]**

20.1 Except when rendering assistance to a boat in danger, at the boat's request or at the request of the RC, support and coach boats shall stay 100 meters outside all areas where boats are racing from the time the preparatory signal for the first class to start has been displayed until the time the last boat finishes of the RC signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.

20.2 All support persons and spectators intending to operate boats near the racing venue must register with the OA, at which time they shall provide boat registration/documentation and proof of insurance information for the boat(s) they intend to use.

20.3 All support persons and spectator boats shall provide their own VHF radio and monitor a VHF channel designated by the OA at the competitor's meeting to receive instructions from the OA while near the racing venue. All such boats shall additionally function as Safety Boats and follow instructions from the RC and the OA.

20.4 A hearing may be called if a coach or support boat fails to comply with the requirements of SI 20. The penalty for failing to comply with these requirements or the oral instructions of the RC or the PC will be at the discretion of the PC. The penalty may be imposed on any or all boats associated with the coach or support boat/s that are parties to the hearing, per RRS 64.5(b).

## **21. DISPOSAL OF TRASH [DP]**

Boats shall not purposefully discharge trash into the water. Trash may be put onto any RC or PC boat.

## **22. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION [DP]**

A competitor shall not send or receive electronic communications from the time he or she leaves the dock until after the last race of the day.

## **23. PRIZES**

23.1 Prizes will be awarded to first through third place. Additional awards may be presented.

## **24. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & PERSONAL CONDUCT**

24.1 Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS 3 (Decision to Race). 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.

- 24.2 The competitor will accept full responsibility for all his/her actions during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.
- 24.3 All competitors are expected to maintain the highest levels of conduct throughout the entire event. Enforcement of discipline and conduct shall be conducted as per RRS 69.1, and the policies and procedures of US Sailing (Regulation 15.01).

## **25. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 25.1 All official applications, notices, forms, lists and results will be posted at:  
[https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_regatta\\_results.php?regatta\\_id=30742&show\\_crew=1](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_regatta_results.php?regatta_id=30742&show_crew=1).
- 25.2 For further information please contact the Regatta Chairperson:  
Florencia Barletta (786)413-2180. [florencia@mcyouthsailing.org](mailto:florencia@mcyouthsailing.org)

## ATTACHMENT B – Courses/Race Area

