



# 2025 C420 Midwinter Championship for the John V. Hanson Trophy

February 15-17, 2025

Organizing Authority (OA): US Sailing Center Martin County  
In conjunction with the Club 420 Association, Inc.

## NOTICE OF RACE

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### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. No competitor shall use, either on or off the water, alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, or distilled spirits), nicotine products, or use any controlled substance (marijuana, cocaine, etc.) the possession of which is unlawful. This prohibition is in effect during the entire event, from date and time of arrival through date and time of departure from the venue. Penalties for a violation of the prohibition may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the regatta. A hearing may be held in accordance with the RRS.

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available digitally on the event website.

### 3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board is located at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/r0LO5ftsnA/#notice-board>

### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The regatta is open to boats meeting the requirements of the Club 420 class rules.
- 4.2. All competitors (both skipper and crew) must be current members of the Club 420 Association.
- 4.3. Individuals who will be older than twenty-two years in 2025 are not eligible to compete in this regatta.
- 4.4. Eligible boats may only enter by completing the online entry form and paying the entry fee before February 12, 2025 located at <https://theclubspot.com/register/regatta/r0LO5ftsnA/class>. All competitors must sign a "Release of Liability" ASSUMPTION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS, RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT provided electronically when registering through Clubspot. Those competitors under the age of 18 must have their "Release of Liability" form signed by a parent or guardian.
- 4.5. No registration will be considered complete until all fees, required forms and signatures are received.
- 4.6. Registration will open for all competitors on **Friday, November 15, 2024 at 12:00 EST**.
- 4.7. The regatta will initially be capped at **160** boats, after which time a waitlist will be formed. The OA and the Club 420 Class may choose to expand the regatta's size if authorization can be obtained for the required space.

### 5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is \$350 if received on or before Wednesday, January 15, 2025.
- 5.2. Entry fees are non-refundable on or after Wednesday, January 15, 2025. All refunds are subject to a \$25.00 administrative fee.
- 5.3. A late fee of \$50 will be assessed for any entries received on or after 0100 on Thursday, January 16, 2025.
- 5.4. Discounted event wicking shirts are available for advanced purchase during registration and prior to January 16, 2025. All online pre-orders will be available for pickup at the regatta. Size exchanges will NOT be accepted on or after January 16, 2025. A limited sizes and quantities of shirts will be available at the regatta.
- 5.5. A limited number of premium parking spots will be available for \$20 per day at the venue.

### 6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Competitors may arrive at the USSCMC for practice and complimentary access to the Sailing Center grounds up to 3 days in advance of the first day of racing. Rigging spots will be available starting Wednesday morning, February 12, 2025.

6.2.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Friday, February 14	1530-1830	Competitor and Coach Check In
Saturday, February 15	0800-0900	Late Travelers Check in
	0900	Competitors' Meeting
	0930	Harbor Start
	1100	First Warning
Sunday, February 16	0830	Harbor Start
	1000	First Warning
	0830	Harbor Start
Monday, February 17	1000	First Warning
	1430	No warning after this time

6.3. A maximum of 12 races are scheduled.

## 7. MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTION

- 7.1. 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.
- 7.2. All boats are subject to safety inspection at any time during the regatta.

## 8. VENUE

- 8.1. The intended racing area will be East of the USSCMC on the Indian River Lagoon North of the Jensen Beach Bridge.
- 8.2. Attachment A shows the approximate location of the racing areas.

## 9. COURSES

- 9.1. A Trapezoid course will be run and will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

## 10. SCORING

- 10.1. The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will be used.
- 10.2. One race must be completed to constitute a regatta. If the fleet is split into divisions, a race consists of all divisions completing a course with results that may be scored. This changes A2.
- 10.3. If more than 70 boats are registered, the fleet may be divided into divisions.
- 10.4. When fewer than three races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.
- 10.5. When three or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.
- 10.6. Saturday, February 15    Qualifying Round  
Sunday, February 16        Qualifying Round  
Monday, February 17        Championship Round
- 10.7. If three or more races have not been completed by the start of Monday Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, then the regatta will remain in the Qualifying Round.
- 10.8. Scores from Qualifying Round will carry forward into the Championship Round.

## 11. SAFETY

- 11.1. All competitors, parents, and coaches will be required to follow all local, county, state and federal regulations regarding health and safety. Additionally, the OA and Club 420 Class may choose to impose additional regulations at their discretion. These additional regulations will be posted in the form of an amendment to the NOR.
- 11.2. Parents/guardians/or competitors 18 or over at the time of the start of the event are responsible for the safety of the competitors. It is the responsibility solely of the parent(s) of the competitors, or in the instance of the competitor who is 18 or over, the competitor, to decide if the competitor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise

during the event. Parents of competitors under 18 not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their child.

11.3. Per RRS 40.1, all competitors shall wear either a US Coast Guard approved PFD, or a PFD approved by the country of their citizenship or residence, properly secured at all times, from dock to dock except when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Wet suits, dry suits and inflatable PFD's do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. The 'Y' flag will not be flown. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4.

## 12. COACH AND SPECTATOR BOATS (SUPPORT BOATS)

12.1. All coach boats must register before racing begins and must always prominently fly a designated flag provided by the OA while in the water.

12.2. Coach boats are required to register online through Clubspot . A support boat flag will be provided for no additional cost. Failure to return the flag at the end of the regatta will result in a \$30 lost flag fee that will be charged to the coach.

12.3. All coach boats and spectator boats are considered safety boats and at the direction of the OA or race committee will render aid if requested per RRS37.

12.4. All Support Vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the support person at the helm at all times while the engine is running. Failure to comply may be misconduct and/or result in expulsion from the event.

## 13. PRIZES

13.1. Prizes will be awarded to first place through 10<sup>th</sup> place for Gold Fleet, first place through 5<sup>th</sup> place for Silver Fleet, and first place through 3<sup>rd</sup> place for Bronze fleet (if there is a bronze division).

13.2. The top Junior team overall in which both skipper and crew are under 16 throughout 2025.

## 14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

14.1. 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.**

## 15. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

15.1. If a competitor under the age of 18 is not accompanied by a parent or legal guardian during all activities of the regatta, then the parent or legal guardian shall name a "Designated Adult" of 18 years or older, through entry in the online registration process and shall be present at all times in their absence and who will supervise the minor competitor at all times to assure his/her safety. This Designated Adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes onshore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

15.2. A competitor aged 18 or older retains all responsibilities for himself or herself.

## 16. LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS & COMPETITOR GUEST INFORMATION

16.1. Overnight camping is strictly prohibited on USSCMC property and at all parking lots.

16.2. No trailer parking at the USSCMC.

16.3. Marriott Hutchinson Island Beach Resort, Golf & Marina for \$316 per night. Last day to book is January 13, 2025. Link: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1726078980896&key=GRP&guestreslink2=true>

16.4. An Outpost with food truck vendors, apparel, and equipment will be onsite for competitors and guests

16.5. Complimentary box lunch will be provided for competitors on race day.

16.6. A map of the USSCMC venue is provided which shows loading and unloading zones.

16.7. All boats and trailers must be removed from the USSCMC property by sunset on Monday, February 17, 2024, unless prior approval is granted from USSCMC management.

## 17. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BELOW

# EXHIBIT A - Inspection Form

This Inspection List is not intended to replace or supplant the Class Rules of the Club 420 Association. In the event of conflict between this Inspection List and the Class Rules of Club 420 Association the latter shall govern.

## Club 420 Association Inspection List

**Skipper Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sail Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Inspection Item Check mark means "YES"

1. The Skipper represents that he or she has not made any addition or alteration to the hull form, construction, equipment, type of equipment, placing of equipment, fittings, type of fittings, placing of fittings, spars, standing rigging, sails, battens and running rigging as supplied by a Builder except as allowed by the Class Rules. (Rule A.1.1) \_\_\_\_\_
2. 40 ft **Towline**, 3/8 inch in diameter, that floats, and is tied to the mast or bow shackle. The towing line shall be accessible on the deck within 6 inches of the bow stem at all times, including when capsized. Tape or velcro may be used to help secure the towing line to the bow deck or stem. (Rule C.4.3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3A. If US Citizen or US resident: a US Coast Guard approved PFD will be used at all times while afloat. (Rule C.3.5) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3B. If **Non-US Citizen** or non-US resident: a PFD approved by USCG or the country of competitor's citizenship or residence will be used at all times while afloat. (Rule C.3.5) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Whistle attached to PFD by lanyard long enough for competitor to use. (Rule C.3.6) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Boat has a line to keep rudder connected to boat in event of capsize or turtle. (Rule C.4.4) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Forestay (including any extensions which must be metal) is short enough to hold the front edge of the mast forward of the aft face of the mast partner when the jib halyard is released. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Trapeze system, in addition to trapeze wire, has only one cleat, one or two sheaves, one handle and one ring on each side. (C.8.6) \_\_\_\_\_
8. Mainsail, jib, and spinnaker were manufactured by the official Class Sailmaker and have the official Class patch. (C.9.0) \_\_\_\_\_
9. If electronic, only a compass with heading, heading memory, and timing functions is permitted. Other electronic devices except a digital timing device, electronic compass, and a camera are not permitted to be carried on board while racing unless allowed in the NOR. (Rule C.3.8) \_\_\_\_\_
10. Skipper and Crew are current members of the Club 420 Class Association. (Rule C.3.0) \_\_\_\_\_

I affirm that I am the skipper of C420 with Sail # \_\_\_\_\_, entered in the \_\_\_\_\_ Club 420 Assn. Championship and that I have carefully reviewed this list, and by placing a check next to each item understand that I am representing to the Race Committee that I and my crew are in compliance with the requirements of the Class Rules.

Skipper Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



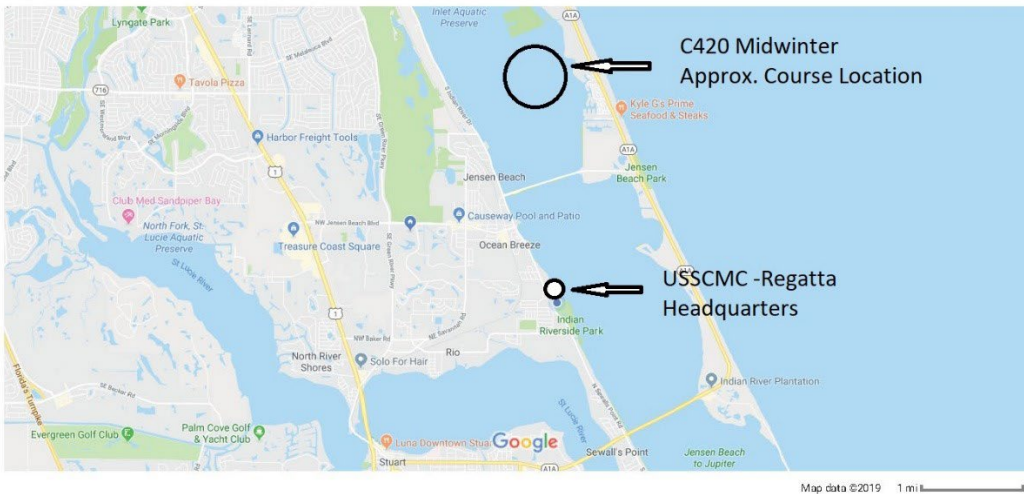
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**ATTACHEMENT A - VENUE**

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Google Maps

Google Maps US Sailing Center Martin County & C420 Midwinter Championship Course Location





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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (NOT PART OF THE NOR)

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#### BOAT & TRAILER STORAGE

- Starting February 14, 12 PM, Boats on trailers with vehicles attached to trailers may park at the adjacent boat ramp during the regatta. All boats and trails must be removed by sunset on Monday, February 17.
- After sunset on February 17, trailers needing a few additional days of storage may be left on the west lawn of the USSCMC with prior approval from USSCMC office.
- Any boat or trailer wishing to arrive early will need to make storage arrangements elsewhere. Contact the USSCMC office to inquire of any updated information.
- Vehicles should NEVER be parked at the boat ramp in a trailer spot

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