



Club 420 Association
2015
North American Championship
August 12 – 16, 2015



Organizing Authority - SailNC, Inc. – Manteo, NC

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by *the rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), RRS 63.7 is deleted and now reads, 'In the event of a conflict between the NOR and the SIs, the SIs will take precedence.
- 1.2 Appendix P will apply. The title of P2.1 is changed to First and Subsequent Penalties. Section P2.2 and P2.3 are deleted.
- 1.3 The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 while racing. However when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'
- 1.4 No contestant shall use, either on or off the water, alcoholic beverages (beer, wine or distilled spirits) 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 locale. Penalties for a violation of the prohibition may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the regatta. A hearing will be held generally in accordance with the recommendations of Appendix M of the Racing Rules. The hearing officers may also recommend further action under RRS 69. The officers for a hearing regarding a violation of this prohibition will consist of the Chief Judge, acting as chairperson of the hearing and the Jury. The local event chairperson shall serve ex-officio as a non-voting member of the panel and will have a right to express his or her views during the course of the hearing process.

2. CLASSES

- 2.1 Boats of the Club 420 class will be used.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Applicants for this regatta must not turn 22 years old in 2015.
- 3.2 Individual membership in the Club 420 Association is required for each helmsperson and crew.
- 3.3 Any participant, under eighteen years of age, must have a signed Health and Medical Form on file with the organizing authority.
- 3.4 Competitors, in order to complete their registration, must check-in at the designated time, confirm their crew names and complete and sign the Regatta Inspection List.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located under the Pavilion next to the regatta launch site. As a Courtesy notices may also be posted on YachtScoring.com. Each competitor has the responsibility to check this Board for information pertaining to the race.

5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Any change in the Sailing Instructions on Thursday 13 August will be posted by the end of the Competitor's Meeting. Otherwise, they will be posted by 0830 on the day on which it will take effect.
- 5.2 Changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before the change is to take effect.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole at the bulkhead behind the Pavilion. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be in the Croatan Sound west of the Dare County Airport, as shown in Attachment A.

8. COMPETITORS' MEETING

- 8.1 The competitors' meeting will be held at 1700 on Wednesday 12 August 2015 under the Pavilion.

9. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 9.1 If the fleet is not split, twelve races are scheduled.
- 9.2 The fleet, at the discretion of the Race Committee, may be split into two divisions. All races for the day will be sailed in a competitor's daily assigned division. The division rosters will be posted after each day's racing for the next day of racing as soon as practical on the Official Notice Board. Division assignments for subsequent days are based on a computer generated split using the results of all completed races for both divisions. Distribution of competitors to a division shall not be grounds for redress.
- 9.3 Fleet identification ribbons will be provided by the Organizing Authority. Ribbons shall not be shortened, cut or otherwise altered and shall be attached at the top of the mast of each competitor's sail.
- 9.4 The fleet, at the discretion of the Race Committee, may implement the Midwinter C420 Championship format. See Attachment C for a precise description of this.
- 9.5 The schedule of events is:

Wednesday 12 August	1000-1600 1700	Registration and Check-In Competitors' Meeting - Under the Pavilion
Thursday 13 August	1300 1700- 1900 1900	First Signal Club 420 Class Meeting - under the pavilion Dinner – At the regatta site
Friday 14 August	1300	First Signal
Saturday 15 August	1300 1900	First Signal Dinner – Roanoke Island Museum, downtown Manteo
Sunday 16 August	0700 1000 1200	Continental Breakfast - Sailors First Signal No Warning Signal after this time
		Awards - as soon as practical after racing

10. COURSES

- 10.1 The diagram in Attachment B shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left. The RC signal boat will display on a white board on her starboard bow the course.
- 10.2 An offset mark at the windward mark may be used. If there is a gate at the leeward mark, and either gate mark is missing, round the remaining mark to port.

11. MARKS

Marks	Original	Change
M1 – M4	Yellow Tetrahedron or Cylinders	Orange Tetrahedron
M5, Finish Pin	Green Tetrahedron	
Start Pin	Small Red/Orange Buoy	

12. STARTING SIGNALS

- 12.1 As there are two divisions, the class flag for each start will be a single, colored flag assigned to that division.
- 12.2 Start line will be either:
 - 12.4.1 between a staff displaying an orange flag on an RC Boat at the starboard end of the line and the port end starting mark, or,
 - 12.4.2 between staffs displaying orange flags on RC Boats at each end of the line.
 - 12.4.3 from a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end of the line, to a staff displaying an orange flag on an RC Boat in the approximate center of the start line and thence to a staff displaying an orange flag on an RC Boat at the port end of the line. All RC Boats are to be considered marks.
- 12.5 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored, DNS (Did Not Start). This changes RRS A4 and A5.

13. **CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**
- 13.1 Small mark changes that help the shape of the course may be made without using a Charlie Flag. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee may lay a new mark or gate and remove the original mark(s) as soon as possible.
 - 13.2 The change mark will be different from the original mark.
 - 13.3 In a subsequent change, the change mark will be replaced by the original mark.
14. **STARTING PENALTIES**
- 14.1 If Flag U has been displayed as a boat's preparatory signal, Appendix L 11.5 shall apply.
 - 14.2 This is an addition to RRS 30.
 - 14.3 They shall be scored UFD. This changes A5.
15. **THE FINISH**
- 15.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is ninety (90) minutes.
 - 15.2 The finish line will be between a staff with an orange flag on a RC boat and the port end finish Mark.
 - 15.3 RRS 35 is modified such that if a boat or boats are unreasonably delaying the completion of a race and the start of subsequent races the Race Committee may award a boat or boats that have not finished and are still racing a finish place on the water or award them points equal to the average of the places they would have received had they finished and direct them to return to the starting area. Fractions are rounded up.
16. **ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES**
- 16.1 RRS 44.1 is modified to allow a boat a Scoring Penalty for a breach of a rule of Part 2 after the incident but prior to the protest hearing by acknowledging the infringement before arbitration. The scoring penalty shall be 30% of the number of boats entered in the race in which the infringement occurred as calculated in RRS 44.3(c) but not less than four places. See also SI 17. ARBITRATION.
 - 16.2 Penalties for infringement of Rules other than RRS Part 2 are at the discretion of the Jury.
17. **ARBITRATION**
- 17.1 For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2, a short arbitration hearing may be held prior to a protest hearing. If an arbitration hearing is held, SI 17.2 through 17.4 shall apply.
 - 17.2 After a written protest form is delivered to the Protest Desk – located under the Pavilion, one representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator unless the protestor requests that the protest be withdrawn. No witnesses will be allowed. Protests not resolved by arbitration will be forwarded to the Protest Committee.
 - 17.3 A boat that accepts the arbitrator's opinion that she broke a rule of Part 2, shall receive a penalty score of 40% as detailed in SI 16.
 - 17.4 The acceptance of arbitration penalty cannot be grounds for redress or be appealed.
18. **PROTESTS**
- 18.1 Immediately after finishing or withdrawing from the race in which the infraction occurred, and prior to contacting any outside persons, a protesting yacht shall notify the RC boat stationed to windward of the finish line of the racing number of any and all protested yachts. If that boat is not on station, the report is to be given to the finish boat or any other RC boat in the finish area. This changes RRS 61.1.
 - 18.2 Upon landing, the RC shall post on the Official Notice Board the time of landing of the RC signal boat, the numbers of all yachts protesting and being protested that were received and all yachts penalized by the RC.
 - 18.3 Protests shall be filed within 45 minutes of the landing of the RC signal boat at the Sailing Center. Protest forms are available at the information desk at the Pavilion.
 - 18.4 Protests will be heard in the approximate order in which they were received and the hearings will start as soon as practical but not later than the close of protest time.
 - 18.5 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.
 - 18.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
 - 18.6.1 within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - 18.6.2 no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
 - 18.6.3 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

19. **SCORING.**
- 19.1 A maximum of twenty races per division are scheduled, of which three races per division shall be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 19.2 When a boat has completed 5 or more races, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.
20. **SAFETY**
- 20.1 All boats shall check in with the RC signal boat prior to the first warning each day by sailing on starboard tack past the stern of the RC signal boat, hailing their sail number and receiving confirmation from the RC.
- 20.2 US Coast Guard approved life jackets must be worn by all competitors while on the water, except while changing or adjusting their clothing. Failure to do so is protestable only by the RC. The penalty will be determined by the Jury.
- 20.3 Competitor will be issued an identification safety bracelet at Registration. The safety bracelet shall be worn at all times during the regatta. On each day of racing, each boat will personally sign out at the safety desk located under the pavilion prior to proceeding to the water. Upon completion of racing each day, each boat will, likewise, personally sign in at the Safety Desk. Sign in shall be completed prior to the expiration of time for submitting protest as described in SI 18.3. Sign out and sign in by other parties will not be accepted.
- 20.4 A boat that that withdraws from the race or intends not to start a race shall inform the nearest race committee boat as soon as possible. In the event this is not possible, then immediately after arriving ashore the boat shall notify the Safety Desk and follow the procedures in SI 20.3.
- 20.5 Failure to comply with instructions 20.1 or 20.3 shall result in a boat having 5 points added to her position in her last completed race that day (without a hearing) for the first violation (SVA), 10 points for the second violation (SVB). Additional alleged violations are subject to protest by the Protest Committee and, following a hearing, may include disqualification. This changes rules 63.1, 64.1, A3, A5, and A11.
- 20.4 All boats may be subject to a safety check by the Race Committee at any time either on or off the water.
- 20.5 If any yachts have finished a race before the onset of foul or threatening weather and the RC determines to clear yachts from the water, the RC signal boat will blow three (3) horns and display Code Flag "H" at which time all remaining yachts racing shall immediately abandon the race and go ashore.
- 20.6 If the Race Committee abandons racing due to foul or threatening weather and displays either Code Flags "N" over "H" or "N" over "A", all sailors are to return to the launch area. Any sailors who wish to continue sailing on their own must first return to shore. Failure to do so is protestable only by RC and may result in disqualification.
21. **EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT**
- 21.1 Measurement may be made of boats at any time during the regatta at the direction of the Race Committee.
22. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**
- 22.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, 'Decision to Race'. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for damage or personal injury sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.
- 22.2 The parent(s) of the competitor, or in the instance of the competitor who is 18 or over, the competitor, is solely responsible for the decision whether the competitor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. The Organizing Authority 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.
23. **COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS**
- 23.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall not be in the racing area or within 300 feet of boats racing or about to start in the next race of the flight from the time of the warning signal for the first race to start until all boats in the same flight have finished racing or the RC signals postponement, general recall or abandonment. If the jury receives a report of a violation of this rule, it may call a hearing to investigate the incident and may report the infraction to their Club and US SAILING or penalize boats associated with the support personnel who do so.
- 23.1.1 However, if severe weather conditions warrant and Code Flag F is displayed on the RC signal boat prior to the start of any race, coaches may enter the racing area and standby or assist any competitor that requests or safety requires that help is needed.
- 23.2 Coach and support boats will be issued an identification flag during registration. The flag shall be clearly displayed at all times while underway. A deposit of \$20, payable in check or cash, will be required for the flag, to be refunded at the end of the event when the flag is returned to the OA. All team leaders, coaches and other support personnel who go on the water in the racing area, must register with the Organizing Authority and fly a flag, provided by the Authority, on their boat.
- 23.3 Competitors affiliated with any coach or support boat that breaks SI 23.1 may break RRS 41.

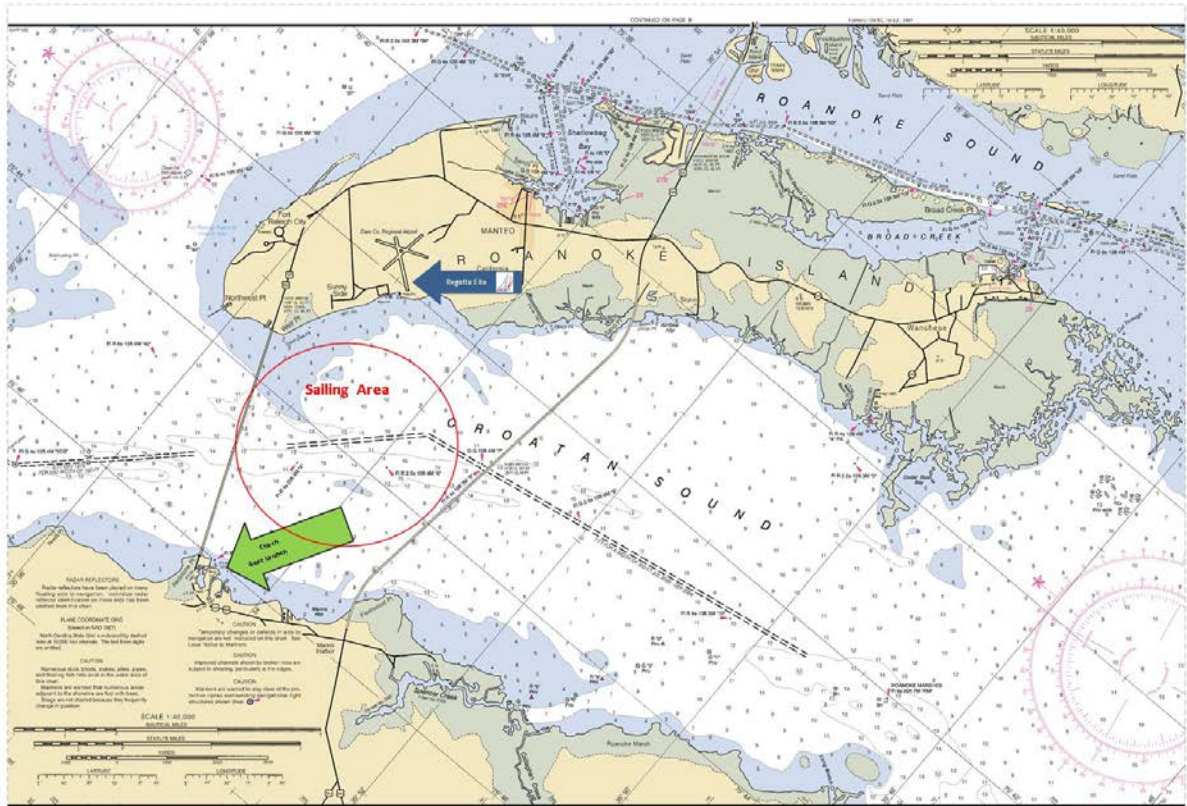
24. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 24.1 The race committee will monitor VHF channel 72. Coach/support boats are asked to monitor that channel and to respond to any reasonable request from the race committee to stand by or otherwise assist in the safe conduct of this event.
- 24.2 In the interest of competitor safety, coach /support boats are also requested to report any potentially dangerous situations they may observe to the Safety Desk on VHF channel 71.

22. TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

Attachment A - Racing Area



Average winds S and SW

Attachment B

(course diagram)



420 TRAP

Outer Trap

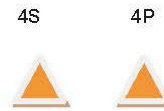
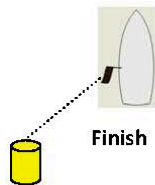
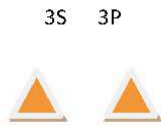
Start, 1 (to port), 2 (to port), 3 (S or P), 2 (to port), 3P (to port),

Finish

Inner Trap

Start, 1 (to port), 4 (S or P), 1 (to port), 2 (to port), 3P (to port),

Finish



Attachment - C

Gold and Silver

There will be a Qualifying Round followed by a Medal Round. The Qualifying Round will be used to split the fleet placing the top 50% into the Gold Fleet and the remainder into the Silver Fleet for the Medal Round. There will be a determined number of divisions of approximately the same size in the Qualifying Round.

However, in the Medal Round there will only be one division of the Gold Fleet and one division of the Silver Fleet. A minimum of 5 races per division is required to complete the Qualifying Round. If five races are not sailed before the start of the last day of the Championship, then the Medal Round will not be sailed.

Competitors will only sail in their assigned division each day.

Procedure for Division Assignments

- a) Day One: Assignment to a division for the first day of racing will be a combination of 'seeding' by final standings seeded by class Executive director and by geographical assignment for competitors who did not attend.
- b) Day Two: The results of Day One seeded 1-2-2-1-1-2-2-1, et cetera.
- c) Day Three: If still in the Qualifying Round, will be the same formula based on the current standings in the regatta.
- d) If no racing from the day before, then the day before divisions will be used for the current day of racing. However, if 5 races per division have been completed, then the divisions go to the Medal Round.
- e) The Race Committee's decision on division assignments will be final and cannot be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

Medal Round

- a) Gold and Silver fleets will race as single divisions.
- b) Assignment to the Gold and Silver Fleets will be based on a competitor's cumulative fleet position at the end of the Qualifying Round, including the outcome of all scoring inquiries, requests for redress and protests. Assignment to each fleet will be for the entire Medal Round.
- c) Scores from the Qualifying Round will carryover, including any drops.
- d) A boat's cumulative score for the Medal Round will be boat's total score from the Qualifying Round plus her total score from the Medal Round including 1(one) drop.