



**Spooktacular Regatta
Chicago Yacht Club
Belmont Station
October 31 - November 1, 2026**

Notice of Race

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The ISSA Procedural Rules available at <https://hssailing.org/documents/2025-2028-ISSA-Procedure-Rules.pdf> and the MISSA Supplemental Rules available at <http://missa.hssailing.org/about/missa-district-rules> shall apply to the 420 Class only.
- 1.3 Rule 40.1 applies at all times while on the water: Competitors and coaches shall wear UCSG approved personal flotation devices that rely solely on natural buoyancy at all times while on the water other than for a brief period(s) while adding or removing clothing.
- 1.4 **[DP]** All competitors and support personnel shall comply with the parking, launching and support boat regulations, and shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 1.5 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or...
- 1.6 The US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 63.1(b) and the Preamble to Part 5, Section B shall not apply.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 Opti Eligibility: A skipper can only race Optimists until December 31st of the year in which they turn 15.
 - 2.1 a. White Fleet is for Skippers who are 10 and under.
 - 2.1 b. Blue Fleet is for Skippers 11 or 12.
 - 2.1 c. Red Fleet is for Skippers who are 13, 14, or 15.
 - 2.1 d. Green Fleet is a fleet for novice racers only under the age of 15.
- 2.2 ILCA Eligibility: This event is open to ILCA sailors at or under 18 years of age.
- 2.3 420 Eligibility: This event is open to 420 teams registered with MISSA. 8th graders may compete with their MISSA high school teams.
- 2.4 The regatta is limited to 40 Opti competitors, 25 ILCA competitors and 16 E420 teams, Entries will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Should the sailor cap be reached by any fleet, waitlisted sailors will be added at the discretion of the Regatta Host.
- 2.4 Registration must be done by completing the online sign up at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/cBjbqLkoZI> and submitting the emailed waiver.

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3. Fees

- 3.1 Entry fees for the ILCA and Opti division are \$60 for Non Members and \$50 for CYC Members.
- 3.2 Entry fees for the 420 division are \$80 per boat for Non Members and \$70 for CYC Members
- 3.3 A late entry fee of \$15 will be applied to registrations made after Sunday, October 25, 2026.

4. Schedule of Races

- 4.1 Saturday, October 31
 - 0845 - Registration and Rigging Begins
 - 0915 - Competitors' Meeting
 - 1015 - First Warning
 - After Racing - Snacks and Social
- 4.2 Sunday, November 1
 - 0900 - Competitors' Meeting
 - 0930 - First Warning
 - 1300 - No warning after this time
 - After Racing - Snacks and Awards

5. Sailing Instructions

- 5.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the notice board at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/cBjbqLkoZI> and on Techscore for the 420 class.

6. Venue

- 6.1 The event will be held at Chicago Yacht Club: Belmont Station.
- 6.2 The racing area will be:
 - 6.2 a. The open waters of Lake Michigan east of Belmont Harbor, or
 - 6.2 b. Inside the break wall at Belmont Harbor.
- 6.3 The chosen racing area will be announced at the Competitors' Meeting. If a change needs to be made to the racing area, the change will be communicated to coaches.

7. Courses

- 7.1 Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions. Intended courses include a trapezoid or Windward/Leeward Courses.

8. Scoring

- 8.1 The Opti and ILCA classes will use the low point scoring system of Appendix A, except that in the Opti and ILCA classes a boat's series score shall be the total of all her scores when fewer than six races have been sailed.
- 8.2 The 420 Class will use the ISSA scoring system as outlined in ISSA PR 9A, with no scores excluded.
- 8.3 One complete race is required to constitute a regatta.

9. Safety Regulations and Special Equipment

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- 9.1 All competitors shall bring a dry suit. Whether or not dry suits are required for each day will be communicated at the Competitors' Meeting and to the registered coaches each morning. Sailors who do not wear drysuits for races when they are required will be scored DNC without a hearing.
- 9.2 Coaches and on-water Support Persons must register at check-in prior to the Competitors' Meeting.
- 9.3 In addition to the requirements of RRS 3 Decision to Race, a Coach or Support Person is responsible for the safety of their competitor. It is the responsibility of this adult to keep track of their competitors and decide if a competitor should sail in the given conditions. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks.
- 9.4 Parents or guardians not personally attending any part of the event shall ensure that another Coach or Support Person is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor.
- 9.5 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. A Coach or Support Person may communicate the retirement to the RC on behalf of the sailor including via VHF Radio.

10. Boat and Trailer Storage

- 10.1 Boats shall be stored in their assigned spots. Any boats or gear left outside of their assigned spots may be confiscated.
- 10.2 Trailer storage may be available on a first come basis. To arrange for trailer storage during the event, contact Kate O'Donnell with the trailer type, size and license plate. All trailers must be removed by 1700 on Sunday, November 1.

11. Prizes

- 11.1 Prizes will be given as follows:
- 11.1 a. Top 3 RWB Competitors
 - 11.1 b. Top 3 Green Fleet Competitors
 - 11.1 c. Top 3 ILCA Competitors
 - 11.1 d. Top 3 420 pairings

12. Disclaimer of Liability

- 12.1 Participants in this event compete entirely at their own risk, as decided by them and their coach or support person. See Rule 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

13. Regatta Contacts

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