



GYA 420 CHAMPIONSHIP

Organizing Authority: Long Beach Yacht Club (LBYC)



September 19-20, 2026

Long Beach, MS

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. This event is governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the GYA Regulations for Sanctioned Events (www.gya.org).
- 1.2. The US Sailing Prescriptions in the Preamble to Part 5, Section B, and RRS 63.1(b) are deleted.
- 1.3. Protests alleging a breach of a Rule of RRS Part, or RRS 31, shall not be accepted from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident. This changes RRS 60.4(a)(2).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 0900 on September 19 at the registration desk.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board will be on the elevator wall under the club.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to Club 420s sailed without trapeze or spinnaker.
- 4.2. Entrants (skippers and crews) shall be members of GYA Clubs.
- 4.3. The maximum age of skippers and crew shall not have reached their 19th birthday during the calendar year of competition.
- 4.4. Registration shall take place online at www.nextsailor.com/2026GYA420Championship
- 4.5. The registration deadline is 6:00 pm on Friday, September 18.

5. FEES

- 5.1. GYA Club 420 - \$80

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 Skippers and crews shall meet the eligibility requirements of GYA Regulation 28.2 (www.gya.org).

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

8. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8.1. No fleet shall sail more than eight (8) races per day; sixteen (16) races are scheduled.

8.2. One (1) race constitutes a series.

8.3. See the table for the scheduled warning signal time for each day's first race.

8.4. On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1530.

SATURDAY		
9:00-10:30	Registration and Check-In	Upstairs dining area.
11:30	Competitors Briefing	Downstairs lounge area.
12:55	Warning Signal First Classes (Back-to-back races to follow)	South of Long Beach Harbor
SUNDAY		
10:55	Warning Signal First Classes (Back-to-back races to follow)	South of Long Beach Harbor
15:30	No Races Start after this time.	
ASAP	Trophy Presentation	Downstairs lounge area.

9. VENUE

9.1 The racing area will be south of the club on the Mississippi Sound.

10. COURSES

10.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 Appendix V1 will apply.

12. SCORING

12.1 Each class shall be scored using the low point system of RRS Appendix A, except that no races shall be excluded.

13. SUPPORT VESSELS

13.1 As races will be sailed back-to-back, clubs are encouraged to provide support boats for any required on-the-water crew changes. Team leaders, coaches, and other support persons shall stay at least 100 yards outside the areas where boats are racing, from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the RC signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.

14. SAFETY

14.1 All skippers and crew members shall properly wear USCG-approved Type I, II, or III personal flotation devices that are 100% dependent on foam for flotation while aboard a competing boat while racing, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.

14.2 RRS 3, Decision to Race, applies. A boat that retires shall notify the race committee before leaving the racing area or, when that is not possible, at the first reasonable opportunity.

15. PRIZES

15.1 The winning skipper's club shall be awarded the GYA 420 Championship Trophy. The Host Club may also present additional trophies at its discretion.

16. LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS

16.1 The Inn at Long Beach, <https://www.innatlongbeach.com/>, 228-338-1020

16.2 Holiday Inn Express,

<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/gulfport/gptgp/hotel/detail>, 228-214-0010

16.3 Island View Casino and Resort, <https://www.islandviewcasino.com/>, 228-314-2100

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1 Regatta Co-Chairs: Krista Clark, Kristatclark2011@gmail.com, 228-547-7511

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17.2 Principal Race Officer: John D. Farris, patssun@yahoo.com, 850-305-9653

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