



CLUB 420 ASSOCIATION

2012 GULF STATES CHAMPIONSHIP

NOTICE OF RACE

November 3-4, 2012

RUSH CREEK YACHT CLUB,

The Rush Creek Yacht Club is proud to host the 2012 C420 Association Gulf States Championship.

1. Date and Venue

The 2012 Club 420 Association Gulf States Championship will be held with racing on Saturday, November 3 and Sunday, November 4, 2012. The venue will be the Rush Creek Yacht Club, 320 Rush Creek Drive, Heath, TX 75032 – www.rcyc.org. Rush Creek is located 20 minutes east of Dallas, Texas on Lake Ray Hubbard

2. Organization and Rules

2.1 The regatta will be organized by the Rush Creek Yacht Club in conjunction with the Club 420 Association and will be sailed under the Club 420 Association Rules and “rules” as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2.2 RRS Appendix P will apply.

2.3 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 Rush Creek Yacht Club. 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 Rule 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 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.

3. Eligibility

3.1 Competitors are required to be current members of the Club 420 Association. As per Club 420 Association by-laws, individuals who will be twenty two years old in the year of an event may not compete in this regatta.

3.2 Competitors must have completed all parts of the registration form together with all fees, postmarked by October 19 (or with applicable late fee, received by the Rush Creek Yacht Club by 8 PM, Friday, November 2, 2012.)

4. Format of the Regatta

If there are more than 80 boats registered, the championship fleet may be divided into divisions.

5. Schedule

Friday	November 2	1500 – 2000	Check in
Saturday	November 3	07300 – 0830	Check in
		0845	Coaches and Support Boat meeting
		0900	Skippers' meeting
		1000	First Warning Signal
			Racing to follow
		1600	Dinner at RCYC
Sunday	November 4	0830	Skippers' Meeting
		1000	First Warning Signal
			Racing to follow
		1400	No warning signal after this time
		After racing	Awards Ceremony

6. Racing

The racing area will be off of the Rush Creek Yacht Club on Lake Ray Hubbard.

7. Course

The courses will be published in the Sailing Instructions that will be available at check-in.

8. Scoring

8.1 The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will be used.

8.2 One race is required to complete the regatta. If divisions are established, a race shall consist of all divisions completing a course with results that may be scored.

8.3 A boat's worst finish may be discarded when six or more races have been completed and a boat's next worse finish may be discarded if eleven or more races have been completed.

9. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available at the onsite check-in.

10. Protests

Boats are not exempted from displaying a red flag according to the second sentence of RRS 61.1(a). This paragraph changes RRS 61.1(a), third sentence. A boat required to display a flag shall do so until it is no longer racing, and shall inform the Race Committee of the boat being protested immediately after finishing. This instruction amends RRS 61.1(a), fourth sentence.

11. Safety

11.1 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.

11.2 Competitors who are US citizens or US residents must wear a US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD), properly secured at all times, from dock to dock except when temporarily adding or removing clothing. Competitors who are citizens or residents of another country 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.

11.3 A whistle shall be attached by a lanyard to the PFD. The lanyard shall be long enough to permit the sailor to use the whistle while wearing the PFD. Competitors not complying with this instruction shall be given a penalty of five (5) points for each race in which they have failed to observe this instruction.

11.4 All boats may be subject to a safety/inspection check, See Exhibit A.

12. Coach and support boats

All coach and support boats shall register and shall prominently fly a designated flag from a staff, supplied by the Race Committee, at all times while in the water.

13. Liability

Participants compete entirely at their own risk. A waiver must be signed by all competitors and their parent/guardian if the competitor is under 18.

14. Entry fee

The entry fee will be \$110 per boat if registration and payment are postmarked on or before October 19, 2012. Registrations postmarked after October 19, 2012 and by October 29, 2012 must pay \$150 per boat for the registration fee. Registrations postmarked after October 29, 2012 or otherwise delivered prior to 8 PM Friday, November 2, 2012 must pay \$175 per boat

for registration. No registration will be accepted if not received by the Rush Creek Yacht Club by 8 PM on Friday, November 2, 2012.

15. Trophies

Championship Fleet

Overall: 1st through 5th

Top girls: 1st (both skipper and crew are female)

Top junior: 1st (both skipper and crew under 17 throughout 2012).

16. Designated Adult

16.1 Each competitor under 18 shall identify in writing a parent or adult representative that shall be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.

16.2 For each competitor under 18, it is the competitor's parents' (or designated adult) decision to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks.

16.3 The designated adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

17. Additional information

For additional information contact: Mary Anne Hopper, 972-800-1042, maryanne.hopper@sas.com or maryanne@supergnatracing.com

Website of the Rush Creek Yacht Club – www.rcyc.org

18. Lodging

Tent and self-contained RV camping is welcomed at RCYC. In addition, there are several hotels/motels in the area.

- The Hilton at Bella Harbor (right off Interstate-30 in Rockwall (dallasrockwall.hilton.com) or by calling 1-800-HILTONS.
- Hampton Inn, Rockwall, Interstate 30 at Horizon, Interstate 30 at Horizon (469) 698-9494
- Best Western, Rockwall, Interstate 30 @ FM 205 (12 miles east of I-635 - NE Corner), 972-722-3265
- Rockwall Super 8, Rockwall, Interstate 30 @ FM 205 (12 miles east of I-635 - NE Corner), 972-771-9922 or 972-722-9922
- LaQuinta Inn and Suites Rockwall, Rockwall, Interstate 30 @ FM 740, 972-771-1685

A limited amount of RCYC member hosted housing will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact Mary Anne Hopper (972-800-1042, maryanne@supergnatracing.com) for information.

18. Effective Date.

This Notice of Race is effective September 8, 2012.

**EXHIBIT A
REGATTA INSPECTION LIST**

The following Inspection List is suggested for use by Race Committees to stress and ensure compliance with Class Rules of the Club 420 Association and promote fair competition between competitors. 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.

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 1.2)	
2. 26 ft bow line, 3/8 inch in diameter, that floats, has a loop in the end of the line and is tied at the forward most hole of the jib tack fitting or to the mast. (Rule 4.4)	
3A. If US Citizen or US resident: a US Coast Guard approved PFD will be used at all times while afloat. (Rule 4.1)	
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 4.1)	
4. Whistle attached to PFD by lanyard long enough for competitor to use. (Rule 4.2)	
5. Boat has device to keep rudder connected to boat in event of capsize or turtle. (Rule 4.6)	
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. (Rule 4.7)	
7. Trapeze system, in addition to trapeze wire, has only one cleat, one or two sheaves, one handle and one ring on each side. (Rule 10.9)	
8. Mainsail, jib and spinnaker were manufactured by the official Class Sailmaker and have the official Class patch. (Rule 5.1)	
9. Skipper and Crew are current members of the Club 420 Class Association. (Rule 3.1)	

I affirm that I am the skipper of C420 with Sail # _____, entered in the _____ Regatta, 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: ___ / ___ / ___