



Vaikobi

British 420 Class Association National Championship

26th - 28th August 2023

NOTICE OF RACE V2

Changes highlighted in yellow

The Organising Authority is Plas Heli Sailing Academy in conjunction with the GBR 420 Class Association

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the latest rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The Organising Authority implements the 420 Class Charter which can be viewed at <https://gbr420.uk/the-420-class/policies,-documents-and-minutes/>. 420 competitors shall undertake to sail in compliance with the charter.
- 1.3 The Organising Authority implements the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter. Competitors shall undertake to sail in accordance with the Charter.
- 1.4 The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.5 The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.6 RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.
- 1.7 RRS 35 is changed so that after the first boat has finished, boats may be finished based on their observed position on the course by signalling with flag W.
- 1.8 RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. [DP]
- 1.9 RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Official Notice Board at least three days prior to the event.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located on the class website.
- 3.2 From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP].

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the International 420 class
- 4.2 420 helms and crews shall be members or affiliates of the International 420 Class Association.
- 4.3 At registration, competitors may be required to show evidence of membership of their affiliated organisation.
- 4.4 420 competitors may apply for temporary weekend membership of the British International 420 Class (UK) Association by completing the temporary membership form on the event website. Competitors applying for temporary membership may only do so for one Regatta organised by the Class Association.
- 4.5 Eligible boats shall enter by completing the online entry form accessed via the GBR 420 Class Association, as appropriate, and paying the entry fee.
- 4.6 All helms and crews under 18 years of age during the event shall submit signed Parent/Guardian Declarations on-line as part of the entry process.
- 4.7 All 420 competitors are required to complete a medical form as part of the online entry.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is as per the event website.
- 5.2 The closing date for entries is midnight on Sunday 20th August 2023.

6 ADVERTISING

- 6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. See World Sailing Advertising Code. [DP] [NP].

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 Registration will be from 09:00 to 10:00 on Saturday 26th August 2023.
- 7.2 The competitor briefing will be at 10:00 on Saturday 26th April 2023 in the Event Hall.
- 7.3 The schedule is:

Day	Date	First Warning Signal	No. of Races
Saturday	26th Aug 2023	11:25	3
Sunday	27th Aug 2023	10:55	4
Monday	28th Aug 2023	10.25	3

- 7.4 The event will consist of up to twelve races. The intention is that racing will take place as scheduled, however, additional races may be sailed either in advance or arears in order to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate. This may include bringing scheduled races forward, except the first race on the first scheduled day of racing.
- 7.5 On the last day of racing no warning signal shall be made after 15:30.

8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 Each 420 boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate if requested by the 420 Class. This may be in electronic format.
- 8.2 Each boat shall supply sail button numbers using the process described in the SIs for up to two main sails, two jibs and two spinnakers by 21:00 on 25th August 2023 and only these sails shall be used in the regatta. This amends Class Rule C10.2.2. [DP].
- 8.3 Boats may be inspected at anytime. [NP] [DP].
- 8.4 Boats shall comply with RRS 78.1 when presented for inspection. [DP].
- 8.5 Class Rule C.5.2.b)1) applies: The boat shall be fitted with a floating towing rope of a minimum length of 8m and minimum diameter of 8 mm, secured to the mast. [DP] [NP].

9 VENUE

- 9.1 The venue is the Plas Heli Sailing Academy, Pwllheli, North Wales.
- 9.2 The racing area will be off shore from Pwllheli.

10 COURSES

- 10.1 The courses to be sailed will be inner and outer trapezoid, windward leeward.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply as described in the SIs.
- 11.2 To encourage boats to take a penalty afloat, judges may blow a whistle when they see what they believe to be a breach of a rule.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 A boat's series score will be calculated as follows:
 - 12.2.1 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 12.2.2 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13 SUPPORT PERSONS VESSELS [DP]

- 13.1 All support boats will register with the Plas Heli Sailing Academy by completing an online Event Support Boat Registration.
- 13.2 RRS 37 will be used. Except when responding to the signal in RRS 37, support boats, coaches and other support persons shall stay at least 100 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start on that course until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 13.3 Kill cords shall be worn at all times whilst engines are running. The Course Safety Leader will be looking out for compliance on this issue, there are no excuses and boats will be requested to leave the race area immediately if kill cords are not being used appropriately.
- 13.4 Personal floatation devices shall be worn by all persons in a support boat at all times, except briefing while adjusting clothing, while on the water.
- 13.5 Each support boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.
- 13.6 Where possible support boats should agree to carry drinks and small bags for sailors without support boats.
- 13.7 All Support Boat drivers shall attend the Support Boat Briefing. Details will be advised in the Sailing Instructions.

14 BERTHING

- 14.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned spaces whilst in the boat park. [DP].

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes for the National Championship will be a minimum of:
 - Overall National Champion
 - 1st mixed crew
 - 1st all male crew
 - 1st all female crew
 - 1st under 17 years old (as of the first day of the event).

16 DATA PROTECTION

- 16.1 The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your

personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organising Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

17 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS

17.1 Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

18 COVID STATEMENT [DP] [NP]

18.1 By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the WPNSA and Organising Authority COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

19 RISK STATEMENT

19.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitor briefing held for the event

19.2 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

20 INSURANCE

20.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or equivalent.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

21.1 For further information please contact:

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