

## Vaikobi 420 National Championships 2023

Organising authority

**PLAS HELI SAILING ACADEMY**

In conjunction with

**BRITISH INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS (UK)**

**26th, 27th and 28th August 2023**

**Pwllheli, United Kingdom**

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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). The notation '[DP]' in a rule of the NOR or SI means that the penalty for breaching the rule is at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification.

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS Appendix T applies.
- 1.3 [NP] The Organising Authority implements the 420 Class Charter which can be viewed at <https://gbr420.uk/the-420-class/policies.-documents-and-minutes/> and the RYA Racing Charter available at <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter>. Competitors and supporters shall act in accordance with the above charters.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for RRS 42, applies.
- 1.5 RRS 40.1 applies at all times whilst afloat.
- 1.6 [NP] Breaches of SI 18, 19, 21 & 23 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

#### **2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 60 minutes before flag D is displayed, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 on the day before it will take effect.

#### **3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board which is online on the 420 Event Page
- 3.2 An event WhatsApp group has also been set up for competitors

#### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag mast located on the Plas Heli balcony
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes'
- 4.3 [DP] Flag D with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes' after flag D is displayed.. Boats shall not leave the slipway until this signal is made.

#### **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 It is intended to run 10 races over the three days. The intended format is as follows, this may be varied:

<b>Day</b>	<b>First Warning Signal</b>	<b>Intended no. of races</b>
26th August 2023	11:25hrs	3 races back to back
27th August 2023	10:55hrs	4 races back to back
28th August 2023	10.25hrs	3 races back to back

- 5.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.4 No start sequence will commence after 15:00 on Monday except following a general recall of a race started before 15:00.

#### **6 CLASS FLAGS**

- 6.1 The class flag will be the 420 class flag.

#### **7 RACING AREA**

- 7.1 The racing area is Pwllheli Bay.

#### **8 COURSES**

- 8.1 The diagrams in SI Addendum 1 shows the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 The course and number of laps to be sailed will be displayed from the Committee Boat.
- 8.3 The approximate bearing of mark 1 may be displayed on the Committee Boat.
- 8.4 A safety boat in close attendance to a craft or competitor in difficulty is an obstruction.
- 8.5 If a gate is replaced by a single mark, it is to be rounded to port.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2, 3s, 3p, 4s and 4p will be orange with Plas Heli written on them .
- 9.2 The Starting Mark will be a Committee Boat or a Dan Buoy flying an orange flag.
- 9.3 The Finishing Mark will be either an official boat displaying a blue flag or a dan buoy displaying a blue flag.

## **10 [DP] OBSTRUCTIONS**

- 10.1 Boats must keep the yellow buoy at the entrance to Pwllheli Harbour to starboard as they sail out past the harbour entrance.

## **11 THE START**

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff on the race committee signal vessel displaying an orange flag and the starting mark.
- 11.3 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## **12 CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark.
- 12.2 Minor mark moves, up to approximately 100m, may be made without signalling the change. This changes RRS 33.

## **13 THE FINISH**

- 13.1 The Finishing Line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the Committee Boat and the finish mark.

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 RRS Appendix P will apply with the following changes. The penalty under RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one. RRS P2.3 will not apply.
- 14.2 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.

## **15 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]**

- 15.1 The time limits and target times are as follows:

<b>Time Limit</b>	<b>Mark 1 time limit</b>	<b>Target time</b>
70 minutes	20 minutes	45 minutes

- 15.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)

- 15.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored according to their observed position on the course, which may be the position at the last mark rounding. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 15.4 The race committee may award a finishing place to a boat by pointing Flag W at her with a sound signal. The signalled boat shall be deemed to have finished, and the score awarded shall be the position occupied at the time of the signal. If two or more overlapped boats are signalled, they shall be scored as if they were tied. This changes RRS 28.1 and A3

## **16 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 16.1 In addition to RRS 61.1(a) a boat intending to protest should notify the committee vessel immediately upon finishing the race or retiring and await acknowledgement.
- 16.2 Hearing request forms are available from Bridge. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit using the online form available.
- 16.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or 30 minutes after flag AP over A is displayed ashore.
- 16.4 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b) on the Official Notice Board.
- 16.6 A list of boats that have been penalised for breaking RRS 42 will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 16.7 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a PC decision shall be delivered no later than 20 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2(a).
- 16.8 Data and the information from cameras, video and positioning equipment shall not be grounds for redress.

## **17 SCORING**

- 17.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.  
(b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score.
- 17.3 Competitors may request a review of a boat's score by contacting the Race Committee.

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 A safety tally system will be in operation.
  - 18.1.1 The tally control point will be situated en route to the launch area..
  - 18.1.2 A Competitor's tally number will be detailed on the event page.
  - 18.1.3 Competitors shall individually check-out before racing by personally going to the tally control point and giving their tally number to advise they are going racing.

- 18.1.4 Competitors shall individually check-in immediately on returning to shore by personally going to the tally control point and giving their tally number to advise they are ashore. This must be done no later than 10 minutes after the last boat has come ashore.
- 18.1.5 The penalty for failing to tally-out or tally-in as instructed above will be five points added to the boat's series score for each offence. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 18.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.
- 18.3 [DP] Boats wishing to sail ashore before the end of the day's racing shall not do so unless authorised by an official boat. The official boat will instruct boats in the procedure for returning ashore.
- 18.4 [DP] Competitors are required to comply with any reasonable request from a race official or safety boat. Boats failing to follow the instructions of safety boats will be reported to the protest committee, which may protest the boat. Boats penalised under this SI may be scored DNE. This amends RRS 64.1(a)

## **19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 19.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first opportunity, which may be after the race.

## **20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 20.1 [DP] [NP] A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions. On the water or ashore, a boat can be instructed by an equipment inspector to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. A boat shall comply with any reasonable request made by an equipment inspector.
- 20.2 [DP] [NP] A boat shall comply with the Equipment Inspection Regulations (EIR) which shall be displayed on the official notice board from the time of registration and available from the event website
- 20.3 [NP] A breach of a Class Rule or the EIR shall not be grounds for protest by another boat. This changes RRS 60.
- 20.4 [DP] Each boat shall supply sail button numbers using the following form 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.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScro3cYqQskNxOGkoNpuzWajA4m8QEs cd8TOJiVQzU8BPzomQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScro3cYqQskNxOGkoNpuzWajA4m8QEs cd8TOJiVQzU8BPzomQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## **21 IDENTIFICATION & ADVERTISING**

- 21.1 [DP] Boats shall display class bow numbers. More information can be found here: <https://gbr420.uk/the-boat/rules-and-other-official-things/bow-numbers-and-bow-number-stickers/>

- 21.2 [DP] Boats must use sails carrying their correct sail number as per RRS 77 and RRS Appendix G. The only exception to this is Class Rule A.10.3
- 21.3 A boat's recall number will be their bow number. This changes RRS 30.4.
- 21.4 [DP] When provided by the organising authority, boats shall display advertising.

## **22 [DP] SUPPORT BOATS**

See NoR 13.

## **23 TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 23.1 Rubbish is not to be thrown in the sea. Due to COVID-19, sailors are asked to bring any rubbish ashore and place it in an appropriate bin. Rubbish may not be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

## **24 PRIZES**

- 24.1 The following prizes will be awarded as a minimum:
  - 1st Overall
  - 1st Male
  - 1st Female
  - 1st Mix
  - 1st U17 Overall

## **25 RISK STATEMENT**

See NoR 19.

## **26 INSURANCE**

See NoR 20.

## Addendum One – COURSE DIAGRAMS

