

**BRITISH INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS (UK)
Spring Championship 21st to 22nd March 2020
Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) in conjunction
with British International 420 Class (UK)**

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is WPNSA in conjunction with the British International 420 Class (UK) Association

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 In the event of a conflict the Sailing Instructions take precedence over the Notice of Race (NoR). RRS 63.7 is deleted.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a)
- 1.5 [DP] The current International 420 Class Rules will apply as amended by 8.2 This amends Class Rule C10.2.2.
- 1.6 [NP] The Organising Authority implements the 420 Class Charter which can be viewed on the 420 GBR Association website and the RYA Racing Charter which can be viewed at <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/racingcharter.aspx>. Competitors shall undertake to sail in compliance with the Charters.

2 IDENTIFICATION & ADVERTISING

- 2.1 [NP] [DP] When provided by the Organising Authority, boats shall display bow numbers and/or advertising.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the International 420 class sailed by helms and crews who are members or affiliates of the International 420 Class Association. At registration, competitors may be required to show evidence of membership of their affiliated organisation.
- 3.2. Eligible boats shall enter by completing the online entry form accessed via the 420 GBR website by **14th March 2020**, submitting the entry fee and completing registration. Entries will only be accepted after this time at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 3.3. Parent/Guardian Declarations: 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 and submit details of the parent acting in loco parentis at registration.
- 3.4. Medical forms and sailor declarations included as part of the on-line entry are required to be completed for all competitors.
- 3.5. Competitors may apply temporary weekend membership of the British International 420 Class (UK) Association (email class Sailing Secretary 420sailingsecretary@gmail.com). Competitors applying for Temporary Membership may only do so for one Regatta organised by the Class Association.

4 CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1 Not used.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The Entry Fee will be set out on the event website and shall be paid via the online payment system
- 5.2 Entry fees that remain unpaid at **8th March 2020** will be subject to an additional late entry charge as set out on the event website.
- 5.3 For entries withdrawn before **8th March 2020** 80% of the fee will be refunded; otherwise there will be no refunds.
- 5.4 Entry closes as 3.2

6 FORMAT OF RACING

- 6.1 The regatta will consist of a single series.
- 6.2 The regatta may form part of a further selection series, details of which can be found on the class website.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Registration: 21st March 2020 from 09:00 to 09:45 in WPNSA Room 2
- 7.2 Competitor Briefing: 21st March 2020 at 10:00 in the Spinnakers within WPNSA
- 7.3 Format of Racing: It is intended to run 7 races over the two days. The intended format is as follows, this may be varied

Day	First Warning Signal	Intended nr of races
Saturday 21 st March 2020	11:25hrs	4 races back to back
Sunday 22 nd March 2020	10:25hrs	3 races back to back

8 MEASUREMENT & EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate at registration. This may be in electronic format.
- 8.2. [DP] Each boat shall supply button numbers for one Mainsail and up to 2 Jibs and/or Spinnakers at registration and only these sails shall be used in the regatta. This amends Class Rule C10.2.2.
- 8.3. [DP] Boats, sails and equipment may be inspected for class rules compliance prior to or during or after racing.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be published in advance on the event website and will be posted on the official notice board.

10 VENUE

- 10.1 The venue is Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy, Osprey Quay, Portland, Dorset, DT5
- 10.2 The intended racing area will be in Portland Harbour or Weymouth Bay

11 THE COURSES

- 11.1 The Course to be sailed will be taken from the SI's

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 The penalty system will be described in the SI's
- 12.2 RRS Appendix P, *Special Procedures for Rule 42*, will apply as described in the SI's
- 12.3 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.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2 (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14 SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1 Support boats shall be allowed and shall be expected to act as part of the safety fleet if requested to do so by the Race Committee.
- 14.2 Official, Patrol and Support boats may be required to be marked with an appropriate coloured flag and shall comply with instructions from the event safety officer.
- 14.3 [DP] Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel including relatives of competitors who are not official, patrol or support boats shall not be in the racing area, nor shall they communicate with any competitors, from the time of the preparatory signal for the first race until the last boat returns to shore. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement will be at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification for all boats associated with the support personnel who do so.
- a) For the purposes of this rule, the racing area shall be defined as not less than 750m from any boat that is racing, and this shall specifically include an area not less than 200m immediately to leeward of the finish line for any race.
 - b) For events that are held in restricted waters where the requirements in 22.3 a) are unable to be met, the Race Officer may designate a specific area for team leaders, coaches or support boats
- 14.4 [NP] Competitors will be able to place food, drink and reasonable spares on approved support boats and/or safety boats at their own risk.
- 14.5 Upon arrival Support Boats must report to the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy reception, pay appropriate charges and complete a registration form. They must not launch before this requirement has been met.
- 14.6 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.
- 14.7 In order to prevent fuel spillage, refuelling of boats/tanks is not permitted on the pontoons at WPNSA. Boats may refuel at the Portland Marina fuel pontoon or removable tanks may be taken offsite to be refuelled at a Service Station.

15 BERTHING

- 15.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park for the duration of the regatta unless instructed otherwise. [DP].

16 PRIZES

- 16.1 Prizes will be awarded depending on entry numbers.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY/RISK & PRIVACY STATEMENT

- 17.1 RISK STATEMENT Rule 4 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 inherently 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 event 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 competitors briefing held for the event.

17.2 **PRIVACY STATEMENT** 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 and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

18 **INSURANCE**

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

19 **RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESS**

19.1 The Organising Authority and, where applicable, event sponsors may use names and show any motion pictures, still pictures, live streaming, taped or filmed television of competitors and/or supporters relating to the event.

20 **FURTHER INFORMATION**

- For further information please contact either the 420sailingsecretary@gmail.com the host venue website or the class association website.
- WPNSA has pitches available onsite for campervans and caravans. For more information and to book please visit: <https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/campervans-and-caravans>