

## BRITISH INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS (UK)

Winter Championship 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) in conjunction  
with British International 420 Class (UK)

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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] Breaches of SIs 11.3, 18, 21, 23, 25, 26 and 27 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.7 [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.
- 1.8 [DP] Entrants and authorised guests are temporary members of WPNSA during the period of the event and shall comply with club rules and bylaws. Failure to observe these may result in exclusion from the club premises.

#### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board, which is situated in the glass kiosk, under the balcony, outside of the changing rooms.
- 2.2 The Race Office will be situated in room 4 on the upstairs balcony of the Event Hall.

#### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change(s) to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 45 minutes before the first warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

#### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located outside of the Race office
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' when racing in Portland Harbour or 'not less than 60 minutes' when racing is in Weymouth Bay, in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 Flag D with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes' after flag D is displayed if racing is in Portland Harbour or 'The warning signal will be made not less than 60

minutes' after flag D is displayed if racing is in Weymouth Bay. Boats shall not leave the slipway until this signal is made. [DP].

- 4.5 Flag P displayed indicates racing will be in Portland Harbour. Flag W displayed indicates racing will be in Weymouth Bay.

## 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The intended format is as follows, this may be varied

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

## 6 CLASS FLAG

- 6.1 Class flag will be: 420 class flag

## 7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be in Portland Harbour or Weymouth Bay.

## 8 COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in Appendix 1 show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left. They do not indicate the angle or distance between legs.
- 8.2 The course to be sailed shall be displayed from the committee vessel.
- 8.3 Mark 3 is shown as a gate, 3s and 3p, and Mark 4 is shown as a gate, 4s and 4p. One or both gates may be replaced by single marks, Mark 3 and Mark 4 respectively, to be left to port. When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.
- 8.4 A safety boat in close attendance to a craft or competitor in difficulty is an obstruction.

## 9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 1a, 2, 3S, 3P, 4S, 4P and 5 will be 1.6m blue cylindrical buoy with a black band.
- 9.2 Any change mark, if applicable, will be a 1.5m orange dumpy buoy.
- 9.3 The starting and finishing marks will be the race committee signal vessel and a dan buoy

## 10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 Boats shall keep more than 100 metres away from vessels over 100 metres, vessels displaying Flag A (indicating divers in the water) or vessels at anchor. These areas are obstructions as defined in the Rules.
- 10.2 The attention of all competitors, race management personnel and spectators afloat are drawn to the fact that Portland Harbour is a working port and that harbour regulations must be observed. Any directions given by Portland Harbour Authority either in person or by VHF (CH 74) must be complied with without delay. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in a penalty.
- 10.3 Only the Northern entrance should be used in leaving or returning to Portland Inner Harbour, unless directed otherwise by an Official or Portland Harbour Authority Boat.
- 10.4 Boats shall not transit at any time through the RNSA moorings, which are to the left of the Marina exit as leaving the Marina.

## 11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26
- 11.2 The starting line will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel and the starting mark
- 11.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

- 11.4 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## **12 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START**

- 12.1 To change the next leg of a course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position or replace it with an alternative mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When, in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. This changes Rule 33.
- 12.2 A change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the relocated mark may not then be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the relocated mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.
- 12.3 Minor mark moves, up to approximately 100m, may be made without signalling the change. This changes RRS 33.

## **13 FINISHING LINE**

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between the mast displaying a Blue flag on the committee vessel and the finishing mark
- 13.2 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 their position at the last mark rounded. This changes Rule 35, A4 and A5.
- 13.3 The race committee may award a finishing place to a boat by pointing flag W at her with a sound signal. The signaled boat shall be deemed to have finished, and the score awarded shall be the position she occupied at the time of the signal. If two or more overlapped boats are signaled, they shall be scored as if they were tied. This changes rules 28.1 and A3.

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 Appendix P will apply.
- 14.2 Rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one. This changes Appendix P.
- 14.3 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.

## **15 TIME LIMIT**

- 15.1 The time limit for each race will be 90 minutes after the start. If no boat has passed mark 1 within 30 minutes of the start of a race the race shall be abandoned. Failure to meet the time limit will not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

## **16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day if racing is in Portland Harbour and 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day if racing is in Weymouth Bay or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The actual Time Limit will be posted on the Notice Board at the conclusion of racing.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the expiry of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Protest Room 3 beginning at the time posted.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5 On the last day of the Regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:  
(a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;  
(b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS Rule 66.

- On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 16.6 Data and 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 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.

## 18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 [DP] All competitors shall wear life jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy at all times while afloat. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.
- 18.2 [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).
- 18.3 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18.4 [DP] A tally system will be in operation.
- .1 The tally control point will be located under the main balcony outside the changing rooms.
- .2 Tallies comprise numbered rubber wristbands. Numbers will be allocated to the helm and the crew at registration and shall be worn visibly, over clothing, on the right wrist at all times while afloat.
- .3 Both the helm and crew shall individually check-out before racing by personally collecting their tally.
- .4 Both the helm and crew shall individually check-in immediately on returning to shore after racing, but no later than the protest time limit, by returning the tally personally to tally control.
- .5 The penalty for failing to tally as instructed above will be one point added to the boat's series score for each offence. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

## 19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee or the protest committee.
- 19.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee or the protest committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate at registration. This may be in electronic format.
- 20.2 [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
- 20.3 [DP] Boats, sails and equipment may be inspected for class rules compliance prior to or during or after racing. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the race committee, class measurer or the technical committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Ashore, equipment may be inspected or measured at any time and as specified in the class rules and the notice of race.

## **21 EVENT IDENTIFICATION & ADVERTISING**

- 21.1 [DP] When provided by the Organising Authority, boats shall display advertising. Instructions for use of the equipment will be provided. Failure to comply with this SI will not be grounds for protest by another competitor and any penalty will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
- 21.2 Boats shall display class bow numbers. The Organising Authority will make the numbers available and give instructions for their use.
- 21.3 A boat's recall number will be their bow number. This changes RRS 30.3.
- 21.4 For the purpose of scoring, only bow numbers will be used.

## **22 OFFICIAL BOATS**

- 21.1 Official boats may be required to be marked

## **23 SUPPORT BOATS**

- 23.1 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. *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.*
- 23.2 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.
- 23.3 [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 the 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 100m from any area where boats that are 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
- 23.4 [NP] Competitors will be able to place food, drink and reasonable spares on approved support boats and/or safety boats at their own risk.
- 23.5 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.
- 23.6 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.

## **24 TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 24.1 Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats. [DP] The penalty for breaking Rule 55, Trash Disposal, is at the discretion of the protest committee (DPI) and may be less than disqualification.

## **25 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESS**

- 25.1 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 or relating to the event.

## **26 CAMERAS & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

- 26.1 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment, or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority. A boat shall not be given redress based on a claim involving this equipment. This changes RRS 62.1.

## **27 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 27.1 [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## **28 PRIZES**

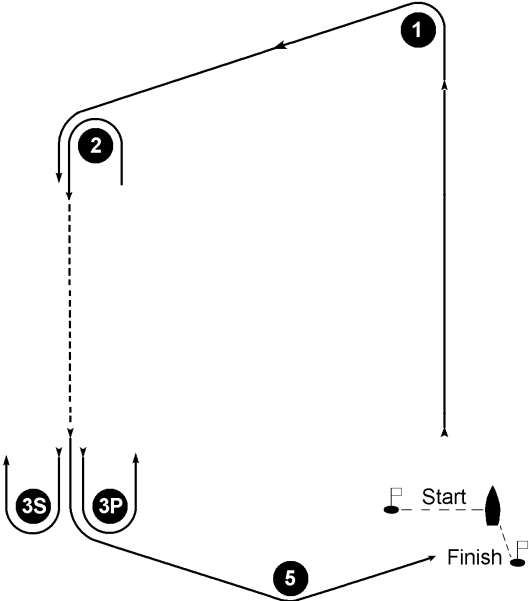
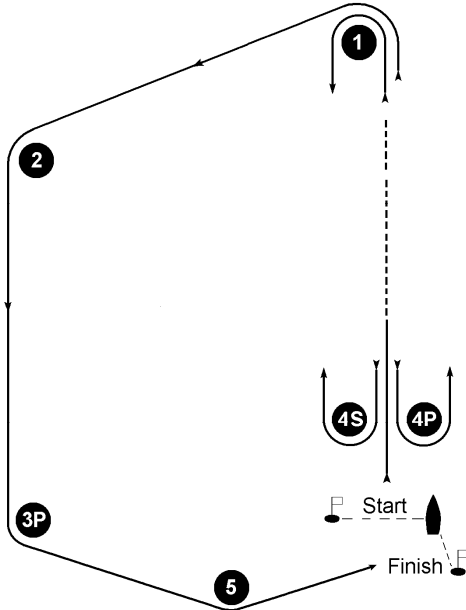
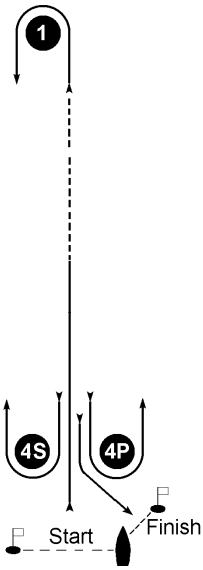
- 28.1 Prizes will be awarded depending on entry numbers.

## **29 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY/RISK STATEMENT & PRIVACY STATEMENT**

- 29.1 **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 safety briefing held for the event.
  - (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.
- 29.2 **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.

## **30 INSURANCE**

- 30.1 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.

TRAPEZOID OUTER		TRAPEZOID INNER		WINDWARD - LEEWARD	
					
<b>Display</b>	<b>Mark rounding order</b>	<b>Display</b>	<b>Mark rounding order</b>	<b>Display</b>	<b>Mark rounding order</b>
<b>O 1</b>	Start, 1, 2, 3S/P, 5, Finish	<b>I 1</b>	Start, 1, 2, 3P, 5, Finish	<b>W 1</b>	Start, 1, 4P, Finish
<b>O 2</b>	Start, 1, 2, 3S/P, 2, 3P, 5, Finish	<b>I 2</b>	Start, 1, 4S/P, 1, 2, 3P, 5, Finish	<b>W 2</b>	Start, 1, 4S/P, 1, 4P, Finish
<b>O 3</b>	Start, 1, 2, 3S/P, 2, 3S/P, 2, 3P, 5, Finish	<b>I 3</b>	Start, 1, 4S/P, 1, 4S/P, 1, 2, 3P, 5, Finish	<b>W 3</b>	Start, 1, 4S/P, 1, 4S/P, 1, 4P, Finish
<b>O 4</b>	Start, 1, 2, 3S/P, 2, 3S/P, 2, 3S/P, 2, 3P, 5, Finish	<b>I 4</b>	Start, 1, 4S/P, 1, 4S/P, 1, 4S/P, 1, 2, 3P, 5, Finish	<b>W 4</b>	Start, 1, 4S/P, 1, 4S/P, 1, 4S/P, 1, 4P, Finish