



420 SPRING SERIES 1

Organising authority

WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND NATIONAL SAILING ACADEMY

In conjunction with

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS (UK)

24th-25th April 2021

Portland, 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 www.rya.org.uk/racing/pages/racingcharter.aspx. 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 at <https://gbr420.ourclubadmin.com/mini-event.php?event=199>

- 3.2 An event WhatsApp group has also been set up for competitors
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LW8UtQP4rVI0CDoQxXwGe2>.
- 3.3 Competitors may contact the race office by email to
race.office@wpnsa.org.uk.



4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag mast located at the end of the main hangar building.
- 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 Race Signals AP.
- 4.3 [DP] 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.
- 4.4 Flag P displayed indicates that racing will be in Portland Harbour. Flag W displayed indicates racing will be in Weymouth Bay.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The competitors briefing will be a video posted on the Official Notice Board by 20:00 on Friday 23rd April 2021. Competitors may submit questions by emailing race.office@wpnsa.org.uk by 08:00 on Saturday 24th April 2021. Answers to the questions will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 09:30 on Saturday 24th April 2021.
- 5.2 It is intended to run 6 races over the two days. The intended format is as follows, this may be varied:

Day	First Warning Signal	Intended no. of races
24th April 2021	10:55hrs	4 races back to back
25th April 2021	10:25hrs	2 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 Sunday 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 Portland Harbour or Weymouth 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 a 1.6m blue cylindrical buoy with a black band.
- 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 shall keep more than 100 metres away from vessels over 100m in length, vessels at anchor or vessels displaying Flag A (indicating divers in the water). 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 [DP].
- 10.3 Boats will 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 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:

Time Limit	Mark 1 time limit	Target time
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 online at <https://www.wpnas.org.uk/protest-form>. 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 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 30 minutes after flag AP over A is displayed ashore.
- 16.4 Notices will be posted on the event WhatsApp group <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LW8UtQP4rVI0CDoQxXwGe2> no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held online using video links, further instructions are available on the official noticeboard.
- 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 event WhatsApp group.
- 16.6 A list of boats that have been penalised for breaking RRS 42 will be posted on the event WhatsApp group.

- 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 at <https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/request-for-a-review-of-a-boats-score>

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 A safety tally system will be in operation.
- 18.1.1 The tally control point will be by the picnic tables.
- 18.1.2 A Competitor's tally number will be allocated and emailed to all competitors ahead of the event.
- 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. A declaration form is available online <https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/retirement-declaration> which must be completed by competitors when ashore.
- 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. Requests for substitution of crew shall be requested online at <https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/request-for-a-change-of-crew>.

- 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. Requests for substitution of equipment shall be requested online at <https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/request-for-a-change-of-equipment>.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 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.

21 IDENTIFICATION & ADVERTISING

- 21.1 [DP] Boats shall display class bow numbers. The class association will make the numbers available and give instructions for their use.
- 21.2 [DP] Boats may use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required by RRS 77 and RRS Appendix G.
- 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 14.

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:
- 1st overall + 1st boy/girl
 - 1st girl/boy overall
 - 2nd boy overall
 - 2nd girl overall
 - 3rd boy overall
 - 3rd girl overall
 - 1st junior (U17) overall

25 RISK STATEMENT

See NoR 19.

26 INSURANCE

See NoR 20.

Addendum One – COURSE DIAGRAMS

