



## 420 AUTUMN GRAND PRIX SERIES 1

Organising authority

**DABCHICKS SAILING CLUB**

In conjunction with

**BRITISH INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS (UK)**

**11th-12th September 2021  
West Mersea, 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).

#### **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](http://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 before the briefing on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 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 [Official Noticeboard](#)
- 3.2 An event WhatsApp group has also been set up for competitors <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JYIsG5Dr19Z4QWtOS7llzk>
- 3.3 Competitors briefings will take place at 09:30 on Saturday and 09:00 on Sunday outside the clubhouse

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

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club house Flag Staff. The Delta flag will be displayed from the Tally station
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes', in Race Signals AP.

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

- 5.1 It is intended to run 6 races over the two days. Changes to schedule will be displayed in accordance with SI 2.1. The intended schedule is.

<b>Day</b>	<b>First Warning Signal</b>	<b>Intended no. of races</b>
11th September 2021	10:55hrs	3 races back-to-back
12th September 2021	10:25hrs	3 races back-to-back

- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 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 insignia on a white background.

#### **7 RACING AREA**

- 7.1 The racing area will be as per NOR 10. 3.. Any changes to the intended racing area will be announced at the briefing.
- 7.2 Competitors may be escorted to and from the racing area.

#### **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 and distance may be displayed on the Committee Boat.
- 8.4 If a gate is replaced by a single mark, it is to be rounded to port.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2, and 3p will be Orange 1.8m inflatable Pillar buoys.
- 9.2 Marks 4S and 4P will be Orange inflatable Tetrahedron buoys
- 9.3 The Starting Mark will be a Committee Boat or a Dan Buoy flying an orange flag.
- 9.4 The Finishing Mark will be a small orange pin inflatable buoy.

## **10 [DP] OBSTRUCTIONS**

- 10.1 [DP] [NP] There is an exclusion zone at approximately 51° 45.00N 000° 56.00E. The zone is clearly delineated by yellow marker buoys. No competitor may enter this zone at any time; any competitor identified in breach of this instruction will be disqualified without a hearing.
- 10.2 A safety boat in close attendance to a craft or competitor in difficulty is an obstruction

## **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 displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and the port-end 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 signaling 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 for first boat to finish	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 15 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 signaled 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 signaled, 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 at [Protest form](#). Protests shall be delivered within the protest time limit.

16.3 The protest time limit is 20 minutes after the last boat returns ashore.

16.4 Notices will be posted at [Protest hearings](#) and on the event WhatsApp group <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JYIsG5Dr19Z4QWtOS7Ilzk> no later than 10 minutes after the protest time limit has expired to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the earliest opportunity.

16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b) at [Protest hearings](#) and on the event WhatsApp group.

16.6 A list of boats that have been penalised for breaking RRS 42 will be posted at [RRS 42 penalties](#) and on the event WhatsApp group.

16.7 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 10 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 Scoring queries may be sent using this link [Scoring query](#)

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 A safety tally system will be in operation.
- 18.1.1 The tally control point will be beside the barge on the Lifeboat launch slip
- 18.1.2 A Competitor's tally number will be allocated by the scoring system.
- 18.1.3 Competitors shall individually check-out before racing by personally going to the tally control point and collecting a tally band 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 band 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 Race Committee or a race support boat as soon as possible and shall not leave the race area without permission of the Race Committee.
- 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 these instructions may 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 REPLACEMENTS OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee. The form is available at [Crew Substitution](#)
- 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. [Equipment substitution](#)

## **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

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>
O 1	Start, 1, 2, 3S/P, Finish	Z 1	Start, 1, 2, 3P, Finish	W 1	Start, 1, 4P, Finish
O 2	Start, 1, 2, 3S/P, 2, 3P, Finish	Z 2	Start, 1, 4S/P, 1, 2, 3P, Finish	W 2	Start, 1, 4S/P, 1, 4P, Finish
O 3	Start, 1, 2, 3S/P, 2, 3S/P, 2, 3P, Finish	Z 3	Start, 1, 4S/P, 1, 4S/P, 1, 2, 3P, Finish	W 3	Start, 1, 4S/P, 1, 4S/P, 1, 4P, Finish
O 4	Start, 1, 2, 3S/P, 2, 3S/P, 2, 3S/P, 2, 3P, Finish	Z 4	Start, 1, 4S/P, 1, 4S/P, 1, 4S/P, 1, 2, 3P, Finish	W 4	Start, 1, 4S/P, 1, 4S/P, 1, 4S/P, 1, 4P, Finish

## Addendum Two – LINKS TO OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

[Official Notice Board](#)

[File a Protest](#)

[Submit Question for Jury](#)

[Submit Crew Substitution Request](#)

[Submit Equipment Substitution Request](#)

[Submit Scoring Inquiry](#)

[Submit Penalty Report](#)

[Protest Hearing Schedule](#)

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