



420 GRAND PRIX 1

Organising authority

DABCHICKS SAILING CLUB (DSC)

In conjunction with

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS (UK)

**11th-12th September 2021
West Mersea, United Kingdom**

NOTICE OF RACE

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 shall undertake to sail in compliance with the charters.
- 1.4 RRS 40.1 applies at all times whilst afloat.
- 1.5 [DP] Protocols relating to Covid 19 may be published at any time and will state if they have a status of a rule.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be published on the GBR 420 class website by 17:00 on Wednesday 8th September.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://gbr420.ourclubadmin.com/mini-event.php?event=215>

- 3.2 [DP] While racing (from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day), except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.3 Competitors should note that it is anticipated that all communication for this event will be on line. The DSC WiFi system may not be accessible and they must have a device which can connect to the internet via an alternative means.
- 3.4 Hearings may be held remotely under procedures which will be set out in the Sailing Instructions.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 Eligible boats shall enter by completing the online entry form accessed via the GBR 420 Class Association website, paying the entry fee and completing registration by midnight on Monday 6th September.
- 4.3 No late entries will be accepted.
- 4.4 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 to 420classoffice@gmail.com.
- 4.5 Medical forms and sailor declarations included as part of the on-line entry are required to be completed for all competitors.
- 4.6 Competitors may apply for temporary weekend membership of the British International 420 Class (UK) Association by email to 420sailingsecretary@gmail.com. Competitors applying for Temporary Membership may only do so for one Regatta organised by the Class Association.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The Entry Fee will be set out on the Class Association website and shall be paid via the online payment system

6 IDENTIFICATION & ADVERTISING

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

7 EVENT SERIES

- 7.1 The regatta will consist of a single series.
- 7.2 The regatta may form part of a further Grand Prix series, details of which can be found on the GBR 420 Class Association website.

8 SCHEDULE

- 8.1 There will be no in-person registration. All competitors should join the event WhatsApp group as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

- 8.2 Competitor Briefing: There will be no formal, live briefings. Any relevant notices, including COVID-19 requirements and procedures will be posted on the event on-line Notice Board. These will also be emailed out to all competitors on Wednesday 8th September.
- 8.3 Format of Racing: 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
11th September 2021	10:55hrs	3 races back to back
12th September 2021	10:25hrs	3 races back to back

- 8.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1 A boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate if requested by the 420 Class. This may be in electronic format.
- 9.2 [DP] Each boat shall supply button numbers for one mainsail and up to two jibs and two spinnakers by email to 420classadmin@gmail.com, and only these sails shall be used in the regatta.
- 9.3. [DP] Boats, sails and equipment may be inspected for class rules compliance prior to or during or after racing.
- 9.4. [DP] [NP] Class Rule C.5.2.b)1) applies: The boat shall be fitted with a floating towing rope of a minimum length of 8 m and minimum diameter of 8 mm, secured to the mast, and which can be grasped at the stem (even if the boat is capsized) from a rescue boat.

10 VENUE

- 10.1 The venue will be Dabchicks Sailing Club, Coast Road, West Mersea, CO5 8NX.
- 10.2 NoR Addendum 1 shows the plan of the event venue
- 10.3 NoR Addendum 2 shows the location of the racing areas.

11 COURSES

- 11.1 The Course(s) to be sailed will be detailed in the SIs.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 The penalty system will be described in the SIs.
- 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 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.

14 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 14.1 Support person vessels 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 person vessels 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 person vessels 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 300m 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 14.3 a) are unable to be met, the Race Officer may designate a specific area for team leaders, coaches or support boats
- 14.4 Competitors will not be able to place food, drink and spares on support person vessels and/or safety boats due to the risk of Covid transmission.

15 BERTHING

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

16 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 16.1 A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided the race committee has approved her sail identification and bow number before the first race.

17 DATA PROTECTION

- 17.1 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, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

18 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS

- 18.1 Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority and their sponsors without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

19 RISK STATEMENT

- 19.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia of other causes. 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 competitor briefing held for the event.

20 INSURANCE

- 20.1 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.

21 PRIZES

- 21.1 Prizes will be awarded depending on entry numbers.

22 COVID STATEMENT

- 22.1 By taking part in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of the containment of the spread of coronavirus and for complying with the DSC COVID-19 procedures. A breach of this rule shall not be grounds for protest by another boat. This amends RRS 60.1(a).
- 22.2 COVID19 guidelines in operation at the event may restrict the support boat provision, consequently the upper wind limit for racing may be reduced.
- 22.3 The final decision on whether the event can proceed will be made on Thursday 9th September at 12:00. If the forecast wind strength, or COVID19 restrictions cause cancellation of the event, full refunds of the entry fees will be given. Notice of cancellation will be posted on the GBR 420 Class Association website no later than 20:00 Thursday 9th September.

23 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact either the GBR 420 Class Sailing Secretary - 420sailingsecretary@gmail.com, visit the host venue website or the class association website.

Addendum 1 - Site Plan



Addendum 2 - Racing area

