



British 420 Class Association Winter Championship

4th & 5th February 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) in conjunction with the GBR 420 Class Association.

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 will be governed by the latest rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The International 420 Class Rules (www.420sailing.org/content/420-class-rules) will apply. [DP].
- 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 Appendix T will apply.
- 1.5 RRS 35 is changed so that after the first boat has finished, boats may be finished based on their observed position on the course.
- 1.6 RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. [DP]
- 1.7 RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on the GBR 420 Class event webpage by Thursday 1st February 2023.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located at: Official Notice Board | WPNSA - Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy (link: <https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/official-notice-board>)
- 3.2 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 communication that is not available to all boats. [DP].
- 3.3 Competitors should note that communication for this event may be online.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the International 420 class.
- 4.2 All competitors shall be current members or affiliates of the International 420 Class Association. Competitors may be required to show evidence of membership of their affiliated organisation at registration.

- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 Eligible boats shall enter online via Class website.
- 4.5 To be considered an entry for the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.6 The closing date for entries is midnight on Sunday 29th January 2023.
- 4.7 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.
- 4.8 All competitors are required to complete a medical form as part of the online entry.

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 ADVERTISING

- 6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. See World Sailing Advertising Code. [DP] [NP].

7 FORMAT OF RACING

- 7.1 The event will be run as a single series **but will form part of the 2023 Teams Selection Series.**

8 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 8.1 Registration will be from 9.00 - 9.45 on Saturday 4th February 2023 in the Event Hall.
- 8.2 The competitor briefing will be detailed in the sailing instructions and may be online.
- 8.3 The schedule is:

Day	Date	Time	Event	Intended no of races
Saturday	4th Feb	11:25	First warning signal	4 races back to back
Sunday	5th Feb	09:55	First warning signal	4 races back to back

- 8.4 On the last day of racing no warning signal shall be made after 14:30.

9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1 Each 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 via the link accessed via the dedicated Winter Championships webpage on the class website; for up to 2 mainsails, 2 jibs and 2 spinnakers and only these sails shall be used in the event. These sails should bear the correct number as corresponds to the hull, or have written permission from the race office for a different number which must not be in use by another boat at this event. Spinnakers must carry either the correct sail number or no sail number.
- 9.3 Boats should display the bow number registered with the Class.
- 9.4 Boats may be inspected at anytime. [NP] [DP].
- 9.5 Boats shall comply with RRS 78.1 when presented for inspection. [DP].
- 9.6 Each boat shall carry a tow line of minimum 8 metres length and 8mm diameter, secured to the mast, and which can be grasped at the stem (even if the boat is capsized) from a rescue boat. [NP],[DP].

10 VENUE

- 10.1 The venue is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, Osprey Quay, Portland, Dorset, DT5 1SA.
- 10.2 The racing area will be in Portland Harbour.

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 SIs.

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 boat's series score will be calculated as follows:

- When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- When four 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 PERSONS VESSELS [DP]

14.1 All support boats will register with the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy by completing an online Event Support Boat Registration Form at <https://www.wpnsa.org.uk/event-support-boat-registration-form>. Once submitted, a member of staff will contact you to take the payment of £10 by card.

14.2 RRS 37 will be used. Except when responding to the signal in RRS 37, support boats, coaches and other support persons shall stay at least 100 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start on that course until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

14.3 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.

14.4 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.

14.5 All Support Boat drivers shall attend the Safety Briefing. Details will be advised once the Support Boat Registration Form has been received.

15 BERTHING

15.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned spaces whilst in the boat park. [DP].

16 PRIZES

16.1 Prizes will be awarded for the top performing boats.

17 DATA PROTECTION

17.1 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 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 COVID STATEMENT [DP] [NP]

19.1 By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the WPNSA and Organising Authority COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

20 RISK STATEMENT

20.1 Rule 3 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 involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 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;
- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- 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

20.2 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

21 INSURANCE

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

22 FURTHER INFORMATION

22.1 For further information please contact:

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