



## **420 Grand Prix (GP) Series 4**

Organising authority

**RUTLAND SAILING CLUB on RUTLAND WATER**

In conjunction with

**BRITISH INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS (UK)**

**30th September - 1st October 2023**

**Rutland Sailing Club, Rutland Water, United Kingdom**

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS V1**

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 <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter>. 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).
- 1.7 Penalties for breaches of Class Rules shall be at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification.
- 1.8 During the months of November, December, January, February and March, all persons on the water shall wear exposure proof clothing. For the purpose of this instruction 'Exposure proof clothing' shall mean an adequate expanded neoprene wet suit providing protection from neck to ankle or a dry suit providing watertight cover from neck to ankle.

## 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice board  
**ONLINE:** <https://gbr420.ourclubadmin.com/event/347> 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 20:00 on the day before it will take effect. Copies of these notices may also be displayed on the notice board in the restaurant of RSC (1st floor).

## 3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the RWSC Official notice board.  
3.2 An event chat (WhatsApp Signal or other) group has also been set up for competitors. You will be invited by mobile phone.  
3.3 a) A competitor Briefing will be held in the restaurant of the club at 10:00 on Saturday 11th March, sailors should be prepared to go afloat immediately after.  
b) There is no event registration onsite as the process is completed online via the class website.

## 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the clubhouse race  
4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' 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. Boats shall not leave the slipway until this signal is made.

## 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 It is intended to run 6 to 7 races over the 2 days. The intended format is as follows, this may be varied:

Day	First Warning Signal	Intended no. of races
Saturday	10:55hrs	3 (+ 1) races back to back
Sunday	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 **one minute** before a warning signal is made.  
5.3 No start sequence will commence after 14:30 on Sunday except following a general recall of a race started before 14:30

## 6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The class flag will be the 420 class flag or Numeral 4.

## 7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be on Rutland Water reservoir on a course determined by the PRO.

## **8 COURSES**

- 8.1 The diagrams in SI Addendum 1 shows the courses available to the PRO.
- 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 If a gate is replaced by a single mark, it is to be rounded to port.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1 All rounding marks will be 'hard' spherical yellow buoys
- 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 a dan buoy displaying a blue flag.
- 9.4 The Race Committee may use marks of a different size or colour and the start and finish marks may both be in place at the same time.

## **10 [DP] LOCAL RULES**

- 10.1 If you call an emergency service, you **must** inform a Staff Member of RSC immediately via the main office.

### **10.2 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS:**

The 'RUTLAND BELLE' (a pleasure cruiser), water towers, launching platforms and the no sailing zones at the western ends of the northern and southern arms are designated as obstructions; competitors shall give reasonable clearance.

Competitors shall give a clearance of at least 40 metres from anglers who are fishing whether in drifting fishing boats or on the shore.

Competitors shall not sail through the moorings in the East and West Creeks.

Rescue boats or committee boats when not displaying defined start or finish signals.

## **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 When a limit mark is laid near the Committee Boat it is a starting mark that shall be left to starboard when starting.
- 11.4 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.
- 12.3 When Flag F is displayed with repeated sound signals at mark 3 or mark 4, boats shall round the mark and proceed directly to the finish.

### **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:

<b>Time Limit</b>	<b>Mark 1 time limit</b>	<b>Target time</b>
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 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course will be scored TLE (time Limit Excluded). The score will be Last confirmed Finishing Position + 1
- 15.4 The race committee may award a finishing place to individual boats 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.
- 15.5 In the unlikely scenario that 15.4 is being used by the committee and marks boats and rule 15.3 occurs, 15.3 will take precedence.

### **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 the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.3 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat returns ashore.
- 16.4 Notices will be posted on the official noticeboard no later than 30 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) on the official noticeboard.
- 16.6 A list of boats that have been penalised for breaking RRS 42 will be posted on the official noticeboard

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 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 the only 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.

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

18.1 A safety tally system will not be in operation.

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 may do so once they have notified a race official or the committee boat of retirement.

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.

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.

## **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 a stencil available and give instructions for their use or Bow numbers purchased can be applied.

21.2 [DP] Boats wishing to use sails carrying a distinguishing and valid 5 digit number other than that required by RRS 77 and RRS Appendix G may only do so with written permission from the Race committee, 420 Class Sailing Secretary or 420 Class Technical Officer.

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 to be disposed of into a bin. 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 as a minimum.

1st Mixed

1st Female

1st Male

1st Under 17

Spot prizes may also be awarded.

## **25 RISK STATEMENT**

See NoR 19.

## **26 INSURANCE**

See NoR 20

## Addendum One – COURSE DIAGRAMS

