



GBR 420 End of Season Championship

Organising authority Grafham Water Sailing Club (GWSC) In conjunction with
BRITISH INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS (UK)
11th & 12th November 2023

NOTICE OF RACE 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).

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.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://gbr420.ourclubadmin.com/notice-board.php?event=349>
- 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 GWSC WiFi system may not be accessible and they must have a device which can connect to the internet via an alternative means.
- 3.4 A competitor briefing will be held outside the ground floor café at 09:45 on Saturday 11th November.

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 Sunday 5th November.
- 4.3 Late Entries may be accepted on the event system or by e-mailing 420sailingsecretary@gmail.com.
- 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 Temporary membership for the event can be purchased from the Class event page.

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 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 Class rules shall apply.

7 ADVERTISING

7.1 [DP] [NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

7.1 The event will make up the finale of the Grand Prix series - all races completed on Saturday counting towards the Final Grand Prix 8 and the overall series. The Event will also act as the End of Season Major Event Championships with eight races scheduled.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES-does not apply.

9 SCHEDULE

9.1 Registration will be held in the lower cafeteria from 8:30 on the 11th November. All competitors should download the NOR, SI's and joining Instructions prior to the event. No event documentation will be issued at the event.

9.3 Format of Racing: It is intended to run a maximum of seven races over the two days.

The intended format is as follows, the Race Committee may adjust this over the weekend:

Saturday 11th November: First warning signal 1055. 3 or 4 races sailed back to back.

Sunday 12th November: First warning signal 1025. 3 races sailed back to back.

9.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14:30.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 A boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate if requested by the 420 Class. This may be in electronic format.

10.2 [DP] Each boat shall supply button numbers via the link accessed via the dedicated Grafham EOS 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.

10.3. [DP] Boats, sails and equipment may be inspected for class rules compliance prior to or during or after racing.

10.4. [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.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

12 VENUE

12.1 The venue will be Grafham Water Sailing Club - Chichester Way, Perry, Huntingdon PE28 0BU.

12.2 The race area will be posted on the ONB.

13 COURSES

13.1 The courses to be sailed will be either:

Windward/Leeward or
Standard 420 Trapezoid

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 The penalty system will be described in the SIs.

14.2 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply as described in the SI's.

14.3 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.

15 SCORING

15.1 The event will make up single series of the End of Season Championships.

15.2 One race is required to be completed for the series.

15.3 (a) When fewer than four races have been completed a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

(b) When four or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score.

16 SUPPORT VESSELS

16.1 Support vessels are not allowed.

16.2 Official, Patrol and Support vessels may be required to be marked with an appropriate coloured flag and shall comply with instructions from the event safety officer.

16.3 [DP][NP] 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.

a) For the purposes of this rule, the racing area shall be defined as not less than 100m from any boat that is racing, and this shall specifically include an area not less than 50m immediately to leeward of the finish line for any race. These distances have been reduced for this series specifically due to on water restrictions.

17 CHARTERED OR LOAN BOATS

17.1 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.

18 BERTHING

18.1 [DP][NP] Boats and trailers shall be stored so that access for Club members is not impeded.

18.2 [DP][NP] Equipment shall not be placed on Club members' boats.

19 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS-does not apply

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS-does not apply

21 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.

22 RISK STATEMENT

22.1 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.

- (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.

23 INSURANCE

23.1 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. Sailors or Owners of competing 420's may be asked to provide evidence the competing boat is insured.

24 PRIZES

24.1 Prizes for the GP will be awarded on Saturday night in the upper bar after the evening meal. These will be at the discretion of the 420 Class Committee.

24.2 Prizes for the End of Seasons will be awarded on Sunday and will be based on entry numbers and detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1 GENERAL

Campers and camper vans are welcome and pre booking is available online at <https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/category/open-events-1>.

Pre-booking of camper vans is essential. There is a charge of £15 per night for Campervans, £10 per night for Camping (please note – NO caravans – our lease does not allow them).

Directions to Grafham Water Sailing Club, details of local accommodation, and other information are available on the Club website - <http://www.grafham.org>.

Entrants and authorised guests are temporary members of Grafham Water Sailing Club during the period of the event and shall comply with Club Rules and Regulations. Failure to observe these may result in exclusion from the club premises.

25.2 CAFETERIA and BAR

All day cafeteria both days serving hot drinks and a variety of food.

25.3 MOVEMENT OF BOATS TO GRAFHAM WATER

In order to prevent the spread of non-native species there is a requirement to ensure that boats are clean before they visit the site using the principle of Check Clean Dry :see

<http://www.nonnativespecies.org/checkcleandry/index.cfm>.

This includes:

CHECK your equipment and clothing for live organisms – particularly in areas that are damp or hard to inspect. CLEAN and wash equipment, footwear and clothing thoroughly. If you do come across any organisms, leave them at the water body where you found them.

DRY all equipment and clothing – some species can live for many days in moist conditions. Make sure you don't transfer water elsewhere.

Anglian Water ask for boats and equipment, arriving at Grafham Water that are from the following locations, to have been clean and dry for at least two days prior to arrival – if not, then they must not be launched at the Club:

- Wraysbury Reservoir and Wraysbury River near to Staines
- The Queen Mother Reservoir
- Queen Elizabeth II/Bessborough Reservoirs
- Queen Mary Reservoir
- Warwick East Reservoir, Warwick West Reservoir and William Girling Reservoir all located in the Lee Valley

25.4 MOVEMENT OF BOATS FROM GRAFHAM WATER

A non-native species of fresh-water shrimp (commonly known as killer shrimps) has been found in Grafham Water and certain restrictions on boat movement have been imposed by AW, DEFRA or other bodies to prevent the spread of these to other locations in the UK. These requirements are prominently displayed on the club premises and will include washing boats and equipment before removal from the Club premises. Failure to comply with the requirements of these restrictions may lead to expulsion from the event.

25.5 For further information please contact either the GBR 420 Class Sailing Secretary -

420sailingsecretary@gmail.com, visit the host venue website or the class association

SEE BELOW FOR SITE MAP

