



420 Gill Extremity Championship Events 2026

COMBINED NOTICE OF RACE

For each event, the **Organising Authority** is the **host organisation** in conjunction with

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS (UK)

DATES AS PER TABLE OF EVENTS BELOW

		Event Date	Entries close at midnight on
Winter Championships https://gbr420.ourclubadmin.com/event.php?event=506	<u>Draycote Water Sailing Club</u> Kites Hardwick, Rugby CV23 8AB	7/8 February	Monday 2nd February
Inland Championships https://gbr420.ourclubadmin.com/event.php?event=508	<u>Rutland Sailing Club</u> Gibbet Lane, Edith Weston, Rutland, LE15 8HJ	21/22 March	Monday 16th March
Spring Championships https://gbr420.ourclubadmin.com/event.php?event=509	<u>Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy</u> Osprey Quay, Portland DT5 1SA	18/19 April	Monday 13th April
Autumn Championships	<u>Royal Southern Yacht Club</u> Gate House School Lane, Hamble-Le-Rice SO31 4HB	24/25th October	Monday 19th October
End of Season Championships https://gbr420.ourclubadmin.com/event.php?event=513	<u>Grafham Water Sailing Club</u> Perry, Huntingdon, Cambs, PE28 0BU	14/15 November	Monday 9th November

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 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 event site web page approximately three days prior to each event.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The Official Noticeboard is located online on the event web page as listed in the TABLE OF EVENTS. Notices may be repeated for convenience at a prominent location at the host venue.
- 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 Host Venue WiFi system may not be accessible and they must have access to 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. It is also open to International 470 class helms and crews. 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 Event Web Page, paying the entry fee and completing registration by the closing date shown in the TABLE OF EVENTS.
- 4.3. Late entries will only be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 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 420classoffice@gmail.com.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The Entry Fee for each event will be £90 and shall be paid via the online payment system.
- 5.2. Cancellation and Refunds:
 - 5.2.1. Entries cancelled prior to the event's closing date will be subject to a full refund minus 10% to cover administration costs. Alternatively, the entry may be transferred to another event covered by this NoR .

- 5.2.2. Entries cancelled after the event's closing date will be at the discretion of the Organising Authority and will only be considered in extreme circumstances (e.g. illness or injury). When granted, they will be subject to a 50% refund or the entry may be transferred to another event covered by this NoR.

6. IDENTIFICATION & ADVERTISING

- 6.1. [NP] [DP] 420 boats should display the 2 digit bow number registered to the helm as per the instructions on the Class website:
<https://gbr420.uk/the-boat/rules-and-other-official-things/bow-numbers-and-bow-number-stickers/>
. Helms may use a different bow number to their allocated bow number - for example if they have borrowed a boat. Use of a different bow number is only possible if this alternative number is not being used by another competitor at the event and with granted permission from the Organising Authority.
- 6.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority

7. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 7.1. Each event will consist of a single series.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1. Registration will be held at 0900 on the first day of racing at a location stated in the SIs or signposted at the venue. All competitors should download the NoR, SIs and any joining instructions prior to the event and be aware of the official noticeboard located as per the TABLE OF EVENTS.
- 8.2. There will be a competitors' briefing at 10:00am on the first day of racing at a location stated in the SIs or signposted at the venue. The SIs may change this time to be later but will not make it earlier.
- 8.3. Format of Racing: It is intended to run a maximum of 7 races over the two days.
- 8.4. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1. A 420 boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate if requested by the 420 Class. This may be in electronic format.
- 9.2. [DP] Each 420 boat shall supply Sail Sticker numbers (aka Button Numbers) via the online form on the Event Web Page and only these sails shall be used in the regatta. Sail Sticker number uploads must be completed no later than 1 hour before the First Warning Signal on the first day of racing. Information on how to find your Sail Sticker numbers can be found here:
[https://gbr420.uk/the-boat/rules-and-other-official-things/sail-stickers-\(button-numbers\)/](https://gbr420.uk/the-boat/rules-and-other-official-things/sail-stickers-(button-numbers)/)
- 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 to all 420 boats: 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.

10. VENUE

10.1. The venue as stated in the TABLE OF EVENTS

11. COURSES

11.1. The Course(s) to be sailed will be detailed in the SIs but will consist of predominantly windward/leeward legs (e.g. Trapezoid)

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.

13. SCORING

13.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.2. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores as listed below:

Races Completed	Scores Excluded
1 – 3	0
4 – 7	1

14. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

14.1. Support person vessels may be allowed depending on the venue and shall be expected to act as part of the safety fleet if requested to do so by the Race Committee.

14.2. Official and support person vessels may be required to be marked with an appropriate flag and shall comply with instructions from the event safety officer.

14.3. [DP] From the time of the preparatory signal for the first race until the last boat returns to shore, support person vessels shall neither be in the racing area nor shall their crew communicate with any competitors. 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 *person* vessel 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 support vessels

14.4. Competitors will not be able to place food or drink on official or support vessels.

14.5. Competitors may be able to place limited spare equipment such as a spare spinnaker or spinnaker pole on an official vessel with the agreement of the Organising Authority and the vessel's helm.

15. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 15.1. 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.

16. BERTHING

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

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 RRS 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.
- 17.2. **RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS** Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority, the International 420 Class Association, the RYA and/or World Sailing and their respective sponsors without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures, and live or recorded video of or relating to the event.

18. RISK STATEMENT

- 18.1. 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.

19. INSURANCE

- 19.1. 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 boats may be asked to provide evidence that the competing boat is insured.

20. PRIZES

- 20.1. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority with the aim of being fully inclusive to all categories where possible.
- 20.2. 420 Prizes will include as a minimum:
- 1st Female
 - 1st Male
 - 1st Mixed
 - 1st U17
 - 1st -3rd overall
 - Additional prizes and trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please visit the class website at <https://gbr420.uk/> or email the GBR 420 Class Sailing Secretary at 420sailingsecretary@gmail.com.