



Sailing Instructions

British International 420 Class Association

Noble Marine End of Seasons Championships

2nd & 3rd December 2017

1. RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*, the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions and the Rules of the International 420 Class.
- 1.2. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall apply. This changes rule 63.7.
- 1.3. 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 Bylaws. Failure to observe these may result in exclusion from the club premises.
- 1.4. The Race Committee or the Event technical Officers may inspect, weigh or measure any boat, sails, gear, or clothing at any time.
- 1.5. Wet or dry suits must be worn whilst afloat.
- 1.6. Rule 40 shall apply at all times while afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed on shore. This changes RRS 40.
- 1.7. 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).

1.8. SAIL NUMBERS

A boat shall not race with an incorrect sail number unless she has notified the Race Committee at registration. Even when such confirmation is received the Race Committee has not the authority to amend the requirements of class rules. As a result, a boat could be protested for failing to comply with class rules.

1.9. CAMERAS & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment, or positioning equipment as specified by the organising authority. A boat shall not be given redress based on a claim involving this equipment. This changes RRS 62.1.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the ground floor café.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change(s) to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 45 minutes before the first start 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.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on flagpole 2 on the foreshore in front of the Clubhouse.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3. No boats shall leave the shore until flag D is displayed ashore with 2 sound signals. The first warning signal will be not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. The intended schedule of races is as follows:

Day	First Warning	Class Flag	No of Races
Saturday 2 December 2017	10:55hrs	420 class flag	4 Races back to back
Sunday 3 December 2017	10:25hrs	420 class flag	3 Races back to back

The number of races on each day may be varied at the discretion of the Race Officer, taking into account the prevailing conditions.

5.2. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with multiple sound signals not less than 1 minute before the warning signal is made.

5.3. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1400hrs.

6. CLASS FLAG

This will be the 420 Class flag.

7. RACING AREAS

The racing area will be displayed on the official notice board.

8. THE COURSES

8.1. The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. They do not indicate the angle or distance between the legs. The course to be sailed will be displayed on the starboard side of the committee boat.

8.2. Mark 3 is shown as a gate, 3s and 3p, and Mark 4 is shown as a gate, 4s and 4p. One or both gates may be replaced by single marks, Mark 3 and Mark 4 respectively, to be left to port. When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

9. MARKS

Marks 1,1a,2,3s,3p,4s,4p,5 will be Yellow and Orange Pillar buoys. Any change mark, if applicable, will be a blue pillar buoy.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions:

The prohibited area at the West end of the water is an obstruction. Its boundary is a line of small yellow buoys forming its eastern boundary.

Each fishing boat, and an area extending 20 metres in any direction from the fishing boat is an obstruction.

A safety boat in close attendance to a craft or competitor in difficulty is an obstruction.

11. THE START

11.1. Races will be started by using rule 26 as follows:

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound	Means
5	Class flag	One	Warning Signal
4	P, U, or black flag	One	Preparatory Signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

11.2. The Starting Line will be between the staff of the committee boat displaying an orange flag and the port end starting mark, which will be an orange dan buoy displaying an orange flag or a pole flying an orange flag on an anchored boat.

11.3. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes Rule A4.

12. CHANGE OF COURSE

- 12.1.** To change the next leg of a course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position or replace it with an alternative mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When, in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. This changes Rule 33.
- 12.2.** A change of course after the start will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the relocated mark may not then be in position.
- 12.3.** Any mark to be rounded after rounding the relocated mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1.** The finishing line will be between the mast displaying a Blue flag on the committee vessel and either a Dan buoy flying a blue flag or a pole flying a blue flag on an anchored boat.
- 13.2.** The race committee may award a finishing place to a boat by pointing flag T at her with a sound signal. The signalled boat shall be deemed to have finished, and the score awarded shall be the position she occupied at the time of the signal. If two or more overlapped boats are signalled they shall be scored as if they were tied. This changes rules 28.1 and A3.
- 13.3.** Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored according to their observed position on the course, which may be their position at the last mark rounded. This changes Rule 35, A4 and A5.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1.** Appendix P will apply.
- 14.2.** Rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any protest after the first one. This changes Appendix P.
- 14.3.** To encourage boats to take a penalty afloat, judges may blow a whistle and wave a red flag when they see what they believe to be a breach of a rule.

15. TIME LIMIT

- 15.1.** If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes, the race for that class will be abandoned.
- 15.2.** The time limit for each race will be 90 minutes after the start with a target time for the first boat of 45 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1.** Protest forms are available at the race office. Protest and requests for redress or re-opening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2.** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The actual Time Limit will be posted on the Notice Board at the conclusion of racing.
- 16.3.** Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the expiry of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be heard by the jury in the Protest Room. Parties to each protest are requested to remain in the vicinity.
- 16.4.** Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5.** Protests will be heard as soon as possible, in approximately the order of receipt. It is the responsibility of the Protestor, Protestee and Witnesses to make themselves available for the hearing.
- 16.6.** On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes RRS Rule 66

- 16.7.** Data and information from cameras, video and positioning equipment shall not be grounds for redress.

17. SCORING

- 17.1.** The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 17.2.** One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3.** Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, except that if 4 or more races are completed there will be 1 discard.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

18.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Association rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection

20. OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT BOATS

20.1 No support boats will be allowed.

20.2. Except when requested or agreed by the race committee, coaches and supporters may not communicate with competitors afloat, tow competitors to or from the race area, or enter the race area.

20.3 Specified coaches from selected international MNA's, whose names (and coach boat description) will be posted on the official notice board, are permitted to communicate with sailors within their own team while afloat before and after races.

20.4 Competitors may be able to place food, drink and reasonable spares on specified boats at their own risk.

20.5 Team leaders, coaches, parents and other support personnel shall not be within 200 metres of the areas outlined in SI 7 (Racing Areas) from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

Team leaders, coaches, parents and other support personnel shall remain to leeward of the start line or one of its extensions during the starting sequence from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have cleared the starting area.

This sailing instruction shall not apply to those on board Race Committee boats or boats in the act of providing safety as directed by the Race Committee Event Safety Officer, or to support boats that are responding to a request to provide safety cover from the Race Committee.

20.6 During the period of the event, competitors, Team Leaders, coaches, parents and other support personnel shall not interfere or seek to interfere with or influence or seek to influence the decisions or decision making process of the ROC, the Jury or the Race Committee or any of their members unless invited to do so by the body or person concerned or unless that forms part of their function as a member of one of those bodies.

20.7 A boat is responsible for any breach of SIs 20 by a person associated with that boat. If, after a hearing the protest committee decides SI 20 has been broken, that boat's penalty will be at the discretion of the protest committee but may result in that boat's disqualification. Another boat may not protest for a breach of SI 20. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

21. TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats. The penalty for breaking Rule 55, Trash Disposal, is at the discretion of the protest committee (DPI) and may be less than disqualification

22. IDENTIFICATION

22.1. Boats shall display bow numbers. The Organising Authority will make the numbers available and give instructions for their use.

22.2. A boat's recall number will be their bow number. This changes RRS 30.3.

22.3. For the purpose of scoring, only bow numbers will be used. Sail numbers are optional. Where sail numbers are present, they will be in accordance with class rules.

23. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display event advertising as supplied. These shall be attached to the hull as per current Class Rules. Failure to comply with this SI will not be grounds for protest by another competitor and any penalty will be at the discretion of the Jury.

24. RADIO COMMUNICATION

While on the water, a boat shall not carry equipment capable of making radio transmissions or receiving radio communications, except for equipment provided by the Organizing Authority. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

25. PRIZES

Prizes will include a trophy for the winner of the Championship and trophies for the highest placed boats. The Prize giving will be held in the upstairs bar as soon as possible after the completion of racing. ISAF group 3 sailors will be ineligible for prizes.

26. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. 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 to themselves, their crew, their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their 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 a patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances
- (g) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.
- (h) 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 safety briefing held for the event

27. OTHER INFORMATION

27.1. Signals displayed on the safety boat jetty.

A GREEN FLAG means 'sailing is unrestricted, except that sailing in the creeks at the West end of the water is PROHIBITED at all times. Wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times when afloat.

A RED FLAG or RED MAROON means 'If ashore, do not go afloat. If afloat, come ashore immediately.

A RED & WHITE flag (Flag U) will be displayed in strong wind conditions. This signifies that only experienced sailors who can cope with these conditions should launch.

A YELLOW FLAG flying from one or more of the waterfront flag poles means sailing is restricted to Area 1 as defined on maps situated around the Club.

A BLUE AND WHITE flag indicates that conditions are such that dinghy sailing is not allowed but experienced windsurfers are permitted to sail.

A BLUE AND GREEN flag indicates the presence of BLUE GREEN ALGAE in the reservoir and care should be taken whilst afloat and during launching and recovery of boats.

27.2. BRIEFING - There will be a briefing at 9.45 in the ground floor café on Saturday 2nd December 2017.



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APPENDIX 1

