



BRITISH INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS INLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

Rutland Sailing Club, 16th & 17th March 2019.

The Organizing Authority is RSC in conjunction with The British International 420 Class Association.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions and the Rules of the International 420 Class.
- 1.2 If there is 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 RSC 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 may inspect, weigh or measure any boat, sails, gear or clothing at any time.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND BRIEFING

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Regatta Notice board situated in the upstairs wet bar.
- 2.2 The Race Office will be situated upstairs in the clubhouse.
- 2.3 The competitors briefing will take place at 10.00 am in the upstairs wet bar on Saturday 16th March.

3 CAMERAS & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 3.1 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.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 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.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the clubhouse race hut.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 5.3 No boats shall leave the shore until Flag D is displayed ashore with two sound signals.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES & CLASS FLAG

The intended schedule of races is as follows:

<i>Day</i>	<i>First Warning</i>	<i>Class Flag</i>	<i>No of Races</i>
Saturday 16 th March	11:25hrs	420 class flag	4 Races back to back
Sunday 17 th March	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.

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 Racing will take place on Rutland Water.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in Appendix 1 show the courses, including 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 legs.
- 8.2 The course to be sailed shall be displayed from the committee vessel.
- 8.3 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.
- 8.4 A safety boat in close attendance to a craft or competitor in difficulty is an obstruction.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 1a, 2, 3S, 3P, 4S, 4P and 5 will be yellow inflatables. Any change mark, if applicable, will be a yellow inflatable. Details will be confirmed at the briefing.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel and either a Dan buoy flying an orange flag or a pole flying an orange flag on an anchored boat.
- 10.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.4 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or re-sailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes RRS26 and A5. When flag U is used as the preparatory signal, RRS29.1 does not apply. The scoring abbreviation for a flag U penalty is UFD. This changes RRS A11.

11 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 A change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the relocated mark may not then be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the relocated mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

12 FINISHING LINE

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 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.
- 12.3 The race committee may award a finishing place to a boat by pointing flag T at her with a sound signal. The signaled 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 signaled they shall be scored as if they were tied. This changes rules 28.1 and A3.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 Appendix P will apply.
- 13.2 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.
- 13.3 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.

14 TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 If no boat has passed mark 1 within 30 minutes of the start of a race the race shall be abandoned
- 14.2 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).

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS.

- 15.1 Protest forms are available from the Race Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 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.

- 15.3 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.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.5 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.
- 15.6 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.
- 15.7 Data and information from cameras, video and positioning equipment shall not be grounds for redress.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3 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.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 All competitors shall wear life jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy at all times while afloat. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.
- 17.2 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).

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

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat may 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 safety boats at their own risk.

21 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 21.1 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

- 23.1 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

- 24.1 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

- 25.1 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.

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 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:

- 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the 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;

27 INSURANCE

- 27.1 Before going afloat, entrants shall have and shall sign a declaration that they have valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

APPENDIX 1

TRAPEZOID OUTER

Display	Mark rounding order
O 1	Start, 1, 2, 3S/P, 5, Finish
O 2	Start, 1, 2, 3S/P, 2, 3P, 5, Finish
O 3	Start, 1, 2, 3S/P, 2, 3S/P, 2, 3P, 5, Finish

TRAPEZOID INNER

Display	Mark rounding order
I 1	Start, 1, 2, 3P, 5, Finish
I 2	Start, 1, 4S/P, 1, 2, 3P, 5, Finish
I 3	Start, 1, 4S/P, 1, 4S/P, 1, 2, 3P, 5, Finish

WINDWARD - LEEWARD

Display	Mark rounding order
W 1	Start, 1, 4P, Finish
W 2	Start, 1, 4S/P, 1, 4P, Finish
W 3	Start, 1, 4S/P, 1, 4S/P, 1, 4P, Finish