



GBR 420 Class Association Spring Championship

6th & 7th April 2019

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) in conjunction with the GBR 420 Class Association

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020* (RRS).
- 1.2. Competitors shall sail in accordance with the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter.
- 1.3. The Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
RRS 40 is changed so that Competitors will be required to wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times whilst afloat, except for a short period whilst changing clothing. Flag 'Y' will not be displayed; this changes RRS 40 and Race Signals 'Y'.
- 1.4. The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP].

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The event is open to all boats of the 420 class.
- 3.2. All competitors (helm & crew) must be a current member of the UK 420 Class Association or an International 420 Class Association. Evidence of membership may be required at registration.
- 3.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry at <http://gbr420.uk/> and making the required entry fee payment.
- 3.4. A Parent/Guardian Consent shall be completed as part of the on-line entry process for each helm and crew under the age of 18 years at the start of the event. Details for persons acting as loco parentis at the event will be collected at registration.
- 3.5. Medical Information and Sailor Declarations are included in the on-line entry process and shall be completed for all competitors.
- 3.6. Bow numbers will be used.

4. Fees

- 4.1. £65 before midnight on Friday 22nd March 2019.
- 4.2. £100 after midnight on Friday 22nd March 2019.
- 4.3. Online entry closes at midnight on Sunday 31st March 2019.
- 4.4. Late entries will only be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1.

| Day | Date | Event | Time | Where |
|----------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Saturday | 6 th April 2019 | Registration | 08:30 – 09:30 | Room 4 |
| | | Competitors Briefing | 10:00 | Spinnakers |
| | | First warning signal | 11:25 | |
| Sunday | 7 th April 2019 | First warning signal | 10:25 | |
| | | Prize giving | asap after racing | Spinnakers |

5.2. All competitors must complete registration during the times indicated unless agreed by prior arrangement with the 420 Sailing Secretary.

5.3. The Championship will consist of seven races. The intention is that there will be no more than four races a day. However, additional races may be sailed either in advance or arrears in order to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate.

5.4. On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

6. MEASUREMENT

6.1. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate at Registration, which may be in an electronic format. Alternatively, an electronic copy of a valid measurement certificate for a competing boat may be emailed to Karen Ferguson at 420sailingsecretary@gmail.com by Sunday 31st March 2019.

6.2. Each boat shall supply the button numbers for a single suit of sails at registration, and these sails shall be used in the regatta.

6.3. Boats may be inspected for compliance to the class rules prior to, during or after racing.

6.4. 420 class rule C.10.3.1(c) shall apply for an all-female entry.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the event page on the 420 Class website at least three days prior to the event and displayed on the official notice board. Printed copies will not be available at the event, so should be printed in advance if required.

8. VENUE

8.1. The Venue is the Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy, Osprey Quay, Portland, Dorset, DT5 1SA.

8.2. The race area will be in Portland Harbour or Weymouth Bay.

9. THE COURSES

The courses will be windward/leeward or trapezoid.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

11. SCORING

11.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.

11.2. One race shall be completed to constitute a series.

11.3. The total score for each boat will be the sum of her scores as follows:

11.3.1. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

11.3.2. When from four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12. SUPPORT BOATS [DP].

- 12.1. Upon arrival Support Boats must report to the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy reception, pay appropriate charges and complete a registration form. They must not launch before this requirement has been met.
- 12.2. Support Boats will comply with the support boat regulations as defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 12.3. Support boats shall be controlled within the race area, they will not be free to roam up and down the course during racing, further details will be included within the Sailing Instructions.
- 12.4. All support boat helms shall attend all the safety boat briefings. Details will be given when registering as in NoR 12.1.
- 12.5. To ensure fairness to all competitors, all support boats may be required to carry drinks, snacks and spares for competitors who do not have their own support boat.

13. BOATS AND TRAILER STORAGE

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park for the duration of the regatta unless instructed otherwise. [DP].

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP].

15. PRIZES

Prizes will be given dependent on number of entries, but as a minimum 1st – 3rd overall.

16. 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 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 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 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 competitors briefing held for the event.

17. INSPECTIONS

The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

18. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or equivalent.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact Karen Ferguson, GBR 420 Class Association Sailing Secretary, at 420sailingsecretary@gmail.com.