

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS ASSOCIATION



SPRING CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Weymouth and Portland Sailing Academy under the burgee of the WPNSA Sailing Club,
28th & 29th March 2015**

The Organising Authority is WPSNA in conjunction with The British International 420 Class Association

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016*.
- 1.2 The Organising Authority implements the RYA Racing Charter. Competitors shall undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016) or at <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter>

2 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 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 will be required to show evidence of membership of their affiliated organisation.
- 3.2 Eligible boats shall enter by completing the online entry form accessed via the 420 GBR website by 26th March 2015, and submitting the entry fee. Entries will only be accepted after 26th March at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 3.3 **Parent/Guardian Declarations:** All helms and crews under 18 years of age during the event shall submit signed Parent/Guardian Declarations either on- line or at registration.
- 3.4 Medical forms included as part of the on-line entry are required to be completed for all competitors.

4 FEES

Entry fee is £60.00 per boat for payments received by 20th March 2015 and £70.00 per boat if received after that date.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration: Boats shall register at the Race Office on 28nd March from 08:45.
- 5.2 There will be a competitors briefing at 10:00am followed by a coaches briefing on Saturday 28th March.
- 5.3 It is intended to run 7 races over the two days with up to 4 races per day. The intended format is as follows, this may be varied as required by the race officer:

<i>Day</i>	<i>First Warning</i>	<i>Class Flag</i>
Saturday 28 th March	11:25hrs	420 class flag
Sunday 29 th March	10:25hrs	420 class flag

6 MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate at registration. This may be in electronic format.
- 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 class rules compliance prior to or during racing.
- 6.4 420 class rule C.10.3.1(c) shall apply for an all female entry.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The sailing instructions will be published on the event website, and on the official notice board. Competitors requiring their own copy should print this in advance. Amendments to the sailing instructions will be on the official notice board.
- 7.2 Sailing Instructions will be available in advance on the Class and Club websites.

8 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be trapezoid or windward/leeward. The target time for a race will be 45 minutes for the leading boat.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5(a).

10 SCORING

- 10.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 10.2 **Series Scores:**
 - (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11 SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1 No support boats will be allowed.
- 11.2 Except when requested by or agreed with 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.
- 11.3 Specified visiting 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.

12 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

13 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded, depending on entry numbers.

14 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESSES

Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

15 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 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 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.

16 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per event or the equivalent.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1 For further information please contact WPNSA on 01305 866000 or reception@wpnsa.org.uk.

17.2 For accommodation competitors can contact www.weymouth.gov.uk/Visitors/Accommodation or www.wpnsa.org.uk/accommodation-2/

17.3 For access to the boat park in advance of Saturday morning, and campervan bookings, please contact WPNSA.

17.4 Any competitors wishing to leave their boat at WPNSA in the short term between training or events may do so for a charge of £16. Please contact WPNSA Reception to arrange.

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