

British International 420 Open Regattas and Selection Series

Weymouth & Portland Sailing Academy
30 & 31 August, 6 & 7 September, 13 & 14 September 2003



Notice of Race

1 The Events

Three Open Regattas will be held at Weymouth & Portland Sailing Academy on the following dates:

Regatta	Date
1	30 & 31 August 2003
2	6 & 7 September 2003
3	13 & 14 September 2003

The races will be sailed in the waters of Weymouth Bay and Portland Harbour.

The Organising Authority is the British International 420 Class Association in conjunction with Weymouth & Portland Sailing Academy (WPSA), under the burgee of Portland Castle Sailing Club.

Taken together, these events will comprise a team selection process, details of which are described in the Selection Notice, and scored as described in this Notice of Race.

2 Rules

Racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Owing to the need for an immediate result, decisions of the jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.4(a)

This Notice of Race may be amended by the Organising Authority, and in any conflict with a Sailing Instruction, the Sailing Instruction shall prevail.

3 Eligibility

Entry is open to all International 420 Class dinghies, sailed by helms and crews who are members or affiliates of the International 420 Class Association. At registration competitors will be required to show a valid measurement certificate for their boat, and evidence of membership of their affiliated organisation.

4 Entries

Entries shall be made using the event entry form, and accompanied by the entry fee by cheque payable to *British International 420 Class Association*, as follows:

Received by 22 August 2003: £115.00 per boat.

Received after 22 August 2003: £145.00 per boat.

Individual regattas: £40.00 per boat.

All helms and crews who are under 18 years of age must submit declarations signed by their parent or guardian with their entry.

Entries to be sent to: Catherine Dodds, 'Barnside', Willow Road, Great Mongeham, Deal, Kent, CT14 0HN

Tel: + 44 (0) 1304 361016

Email: catherine@barnside.demon.co.uk

5 Identification

All boats will be required to display bow numbers. Boats sailed by a helm and crew who are both female will be required to display a red diamond mark on each side of their mainsail.

These items will be issued at the Event Registration.

6 Event Schedule

Competitors shall register with the Race Office at WPSA from 08:30 on Saturday 30 August, and from 09:00 on 6 September and 13 September.

4 races per day will be scheduled. The warning signal for the first race each day will not be made before 10:55 on Saturdays, and 10:25 on Sundays

7 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing reduces this responsibility. It is for competitors to decide whether their boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea competitors confirm the boat is fit for those conditions and that they are competent to sail and compete in them. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and/or competitors, nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the event. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve owners and competitors of their responsibilities.

8 Insurance

Boats are required to be adequately insured including insurance against third party claims of at least £2m or the equivalent in other currencies.

9 Measurement

Each boat requires a valid Measurement certificate, which shall be shown at the Event Registration. No formal pre-event measurement will take place, however check measurement will occur during the series.

10 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be issued at the Event Registration. A draft version may be available for download from the Class Association website in advance of the events.

11 Safety Regulations

Life-jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors at all times whilst afloat. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy.

12 Scoring

The low points scoring system of RRS Appendix A, as amended in June 2002, will apply.

8 races will be scheduled in each Regatta, of which 4 shall be completed to constitute a series.

The Selection Series will be scored separately. A total of 24 races will be scheduled, of which 12 shall be completed to constitute a series.

In each Regatta, and in the overall Selection Series, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, with discards applied as follows:

6 races completed	1 discard
12 races completed	2 discards
17 races completed	3 discards
22 races completed	4 discards

13 Private or Team Support Boats

Support boats shall register at the Race Office during the registration period. During racing support boats shall remain more than 100 metres from the course area, except when asked to assist by the Race Committee.

14 Prizes

Prizes will be presented at each Regatta depending on entry numbers. This will include a prize for the first all male or mixed boat, and the first all female boat at each Regatta.

Trophies will be presented to the first all male or mixed boat, and the first all female boat, in the Selection Series.