2003 EMM British International 420 Open & National Championships

Helensburgh Sailing Club

16 to 22 August 2003





Notice of Race

1 Organising Authority

The 2003 EMM British International 420 Open and National Championships will take place at Helensburgh Sailing Club from 16 to 22 August 2003. The Organising Authority is Helensburgh Sailing Club in conjunction with the British International 420 Class Association.

2 Rules

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

This Notice of Race may be amended by the Organising Authority, and if there is a conflict with a Sailing Instruction, the Sailing Instruction will prevail.

3 Eligibility

The Championships are open to all International 420 dinghies, sailed by helms and crews who are members or affiliates of the International 420 Class Association.

Boats sailed by a helm and crew who both hold or are entitled to hold a United Kingdom Passport, and who are members of the British International 420 Class Association, will be eligible for the National Championship.

Boats sailed by a helm and crew who are both under 19 years of age on 31 December 2003 will be eligible for youth prizes.

Boats sailed by a helm and crew who are both under 17 years of age on 31 December 2003 will be eligible for junior prizes.

Boats sailed by a helm and crew who are both over 21 years of age on 22 August 2003 (last day of the championship) will be eligible for master's prizes.

At registration competitors will be required to show a valid measurement certificate for their boat, including evidence of class association membership.

4 Entries

Entries should be made using the Entry Form, and sent, together with the Entry Fee, to:

Catherine Dodds, 'Barnside', Willow Road, Great Mongeham, Deal, Kent, CT14 0HN Tel: + 44 (0) 1304 361016 Email: *catherine@barnside.demon.co.uk*

Entry fee per boat (Cheques payable to: British International 420 Class Association):

Received by 14 July 2003: £140.00. Received after 14 July 2003: £160.00.

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

5 Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising of the event sponsor on each side of the hull, in accordance with Class Rule 19.

6 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 registration.

7 Event Schedule

Sat 16 August	Measurement & registration
Sun 17 August	Measurement & registration
	Practice race
Mon 18 August	Racing
Tue 19 August	Racing
Wed 20 August	Racing
Thur 21 August	Racing
Fri 22 August	Racing

The time of the warning signal for the Practice Race will not be made before 14:25.

The time of the warning signal for the first race on all racing days of the Championships will not be made before 10:55, except Thursday 21 August, when it will not be made before 12:55.

14 races are scheduled of which 7 shall be completed to constitute a series. It is intended to sail up to three races per day, though this may be increased at the discretion of the Race Committee.

8 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.

9 Insurance

Boats are required to be adequately insured including insurance against third party claims of at least $\pounds 2,000,000$ or the equivalent in other currencies.

10 Measurement

All boats shall go through the Championship measurement procedure before racing. A single suit of sails will be subject to measurement, and only these sails, stamped with the regatta stamp, may be used in the Championship.

Random measurement checks may be made at any time during the Championship.

11 Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be issued at or before the Event Registration.

12 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.

13 Scoring

The low points scoring system of RRS Appendix A will be used, as amended in June 2002. Each boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores, except that discards shall be applied as follows:

8 races completed	1 discard
12 races completed	2 discards

14 Prizes

Trophies will be presented according to the following schedule:

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Race 1	The Fat Face Rose Bowl
Race 2	Silver Cup
Race 3	Merricks/Walker Trophy
Race 4	Silver Cup
Race 5	Silver Cup
Race 6	Silver Cup
Race 7	North One Design Trophy
Race 8	Super Spar Trophy
Race 9	The Lenam Cup
Race 10	The Volumetrix Cup
Race 11	Rule 26 Salver
Race 12	Daewoo Trophy
Race 13	The Rondar Trophy
Last Race	Last Race Cup
Junior National Champion	The Hardy Trophy
Youth National Champion	John Tew Trophy
Ladies National Champion	Corinthian Bowl
Master	Cohn Masters Trophy
Special achievement award.	Kent Dhonau Remembrance Trophy
1st Welsh Boat	Red Dragon Salver
Open Champion	British International 420 Class Open Championship Trophy
National Champion	British Championship Challenge Trophy

15 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.