

British International 420 Selection Series for the 2003 World, Ladies' World, & Junior European Championships

Hayling Island Sailing Club

22 & 23 March, 5 & 6 April, 3,4 & 5 May 2003

Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

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

2 Additional Identification

- 2.1 While racing, all boats shall display bow numbers. These will be issued at registration and shall be fixed to the hull on both sides of the bow, as illustrated in Attachment A. If a bow number becomes detached or damaged so that, in the opinion of the race committee, it is unclear or unreadable, it must be replaced before the first race of the following day. Replacement numbers are available at 50p.
- 2.2 Boats sailed by all female crews will be issued at registration with red self-adhesive diamond shapes. These shall be displayed on both sides of the mainsail, above the top batten.

3 Notices to Competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located in the clubhouse.

4 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at least two hours before the advertised warning signal of the race or races concerned, and indicated by displaying flag L ashore. However, any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5 Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the HISC signals mast.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signal AP.
- 5.3 No boat shall leave the shore until the class flag is displayed with two sound signals. Competitors may tally out (see 6.3 below) before the class flag is displayed. The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after this signal, or not before the scheduled time, whichever is later.
- 5.4 Flag P displayed with the class flag means racing will be held in Chichester Harbour. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after this signal, or not before the scheduled time, whichever is later.

6 Safety Regulations

- 6.1 Life-jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors 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 and Race Signal Y.
- 6.2 Either a wet suit or a dry suit shall be worn by all competitors at all times while afloat.
- 6.3 **Tallies.** The requirements of this SI are specified for the safety of competitors.
- (a) The tally system will be located at the top of the south launching ramp (known as tally control).
 - (b) Tallies comprise a pair of numbered rubber wrist bands matching the boat's bow number issued at or prior to registration (see SI 2 - Identification). Tallies shall be worn visibly (i.e. over clothing) on the wrist by both helm and crew at all times while afloat.
 - (c) Both helm and crew shall individually tally-out before racing by personally collecting his/her tally, and individually tally-in immediately on returning to shore after racing by returning the tally personally to tally control.
 - (d) Boats whose crew fail to comply may accept an alternative penalty for a first infringement by making a donation of £5 to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Otherwise the penalty will be disqualification from all races on the day concerned. This changes RRS 63.1 and A4.1

7 Schedule of Races

7.1 Racing is scheduled in three selection regattas as follows:

Regatta	Date	Time of warning signal of first race
1	Saturday 22 March	10:55
	Sunday 23 March	09:55
2	Saturday 5 April	10:55
	Sunday 6 April	09:55
3	Saturday 3 May	10:55
	Sunday 4 May	09:55
	Monday 5 May	09:55

7.2 A total of 24 races are scheduled, with up to four races per day.

7.3 Subsequent races on each day will start as soon as possible after the finish of the previous race.

7.4 On Monday 5 May no warning signal will be made after 12:25.

8 Class Flag

8.1 The class flag will be the International 420 Class Flag.

9 Race Area

9.1 The racing areas will include Hayling Bay and Chichester Harbour.

10 The Courses

10.1 The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, including the course signals, the order in which marks and gates are to be passed, and the side on which each mark and gate mark is to be left.

10.2 Gates (3a-3b) and/or (4a-4b) will be laid. When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

10.3 The approximate magnetic bearing from the start to mark 1 may be displayed on the race committee signal vessel.

11 Marks

11.1 Marks 1, 2, and 5, and gate marks 3a, 3b, 4a, and 4b will be inflatable buoys.

11.2 The starboard-end starting mark will be a race committee vessel (including any attached boats or buoys).

11.3 The port-end starting mark will be one of the following:

- (a) An orange inflatable buoy.
- (b) A dan-buoy with an orange flag.

11.4 Finishing marks will be a race committee vessel and a dan-buoy with a blue flag.

12 The Start

12.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard-end starting mark, and the port-end starting mark.

12.3 If flag F is displayed on the race committee vessel with one sound signal between races, it will be removed after four minutes with one sound signal, followed one minute later by the warning signal for the next race.

12.4 If a start using a black flag is subject to a general recall the bow numbers of the boats identified as infringing RRS 30.3 may be displayed instead of the sail numbers. This amends RRS 30.3.

12.5 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4.1.

13 Change of Course after the Start

- 13.1 A change of course after the start will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not then be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration without a further course change signal. This changes RRS 33.

14 The Finish

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the finish line outer distance mark.
- 14.2 When the race is shortened at a mark that is designated a "gate", the finishing line will be between the two buoys comprising the gate. This changes Race Signal S.

14.3 Alternative Finishing Line

- (a) After the first boat has finished, the race committee may finish other boats at any mark of the course.
- (b) When a committee boat displays flag W with two sound signals, boats which have not yet rounded the nearby mark shall finish between this mark and the staff on the boat displaying W.
- (c) When a boat finishes in accordance with this SI, she shall be awarded a finishing place after all boats that have completed more legs of the course and then finished.
- (d) After flag W has been displayed any boat that fails to complete the leg she is sailing within the time limit for a valid race shall be awarded the place she is judged by the race committee to be occupying at the end of the time limit for that race.

15 Penalty System

- 15.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office, within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 **Immediate Penalties for Breaking RRS 42:** RRS Appendix N will apply.

16 Time Limit

- 16.1 The time limit for a boat shall be 20 minutes after the first boat finishes after a valid start, except that if no boat finishes within 90 minutes of a valid start, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.2 If no boat has rounded the first mark within 30 minutes after a valid start, the race will be abandoned.

17 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 17.1 Protests forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. This is the notice under RRS 63.2.
- 17.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.5 On the last day of scheduled racing, a party to a hearing may ask for a re-opening no later than one hour after being informed of the decision. This changes RRS 66.
- 17.6 Protests under SI 6 or SI 19 may be brought only by the race committee or jury and not by a competitor. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 17.7 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.4.

18 Scoring

- 18.1 The low points scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

18.2 Selection Series Scoring

- (a) 12 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- (b) Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, except that discards will be applied:
8 races completed 1 discard

12 races completed	2 discards
17 races completed	3 discards
22 races completed	4 discards

18.3 Individual Regatta Scoring

- (a) One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- (b) When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (c) When 3 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

19 Support Boats

- 19.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall remain more than 100 metres from the course area from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 19.2 The penalty for failing to comply with this SI may be the disqualification of boats associated with the infringing personnel in that race, or such other penalty that the jury may decide.

20 Trash Disposal

- 20.1 Boats shall not discharge trash into the water. Trash may be deposited on support and official boats.

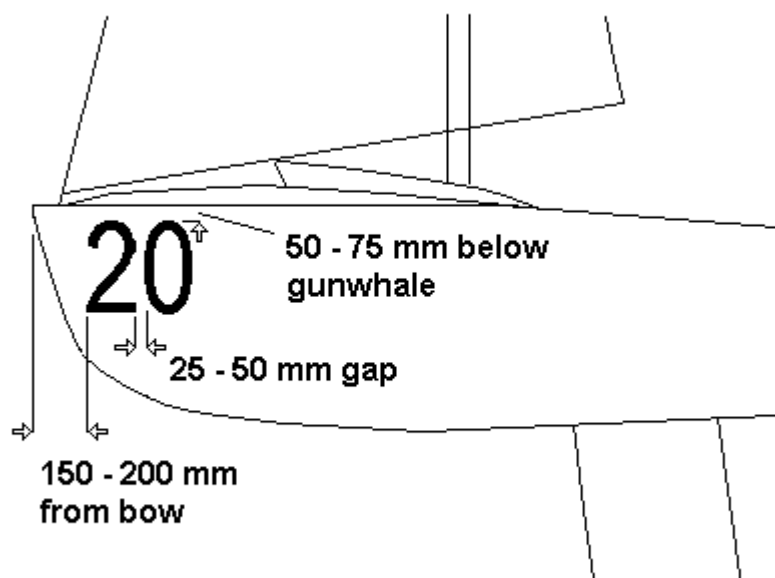
21 Radio Communication

- 21.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction includes cellular telephones.

22 Prizes

- 22.1 Prizes are detailed in the Notice of Race.

Attachment A - Bow Number Position

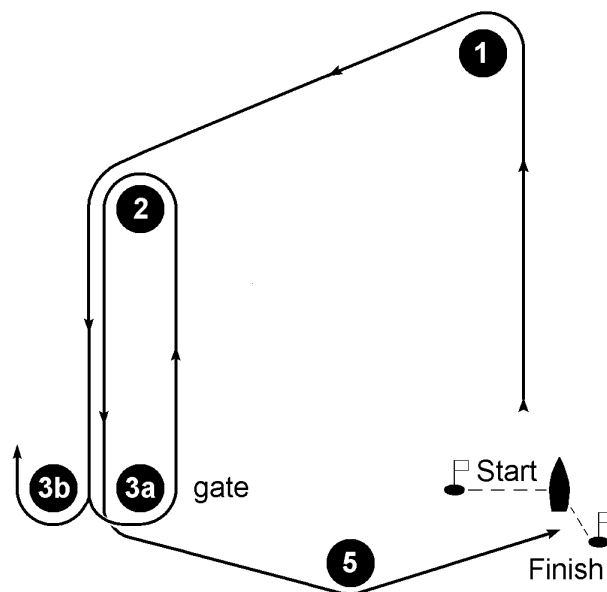


Attachment B - Courses

Course 1

Start, 1P, 2P, gate(3aP-3bS), 2P, 3aP, 5P, Finish

Sail this course when Pennant 1 is displayed at the warning signal.



Course 2

Start, 1P, gate(4aP-4bS), 1P, 2P, 3aP, 5P, Finish

Sail this course when Pennant 2 is displayed at the warning signal.

