

2004
BRITISH INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS INLAND CHAMPIONSHIP

Datchet Water Sailing Club

23 & 24 October 2004

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

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

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located in the Club wet bar.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at least one hour before the advertised warning signal of the race or races concerned, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 18:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the south end of the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signal AP.
- 4.3 No boat shall leave the shore until flag R is displayed with two sound signals. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after this signal, or not before the scheduled time, whichever is later.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The warning signal for the first race of the day is scheduled at 11:25 on the Saturday and at 09.55 on the Sunday.
- 5.2 4 races per day are scheduled.
- 5.3 Subsequent races on each day will start as soon as possible after the finish of the previous race.
- 5.4 No warning signal will be made after 14:30 on Sunday 24 October

6 CLASS FLAG

- 6.1 The class flag will be the International 420 Class Flag.

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be the Queen Mother Reservoir.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the course signals, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing from the start to mark 1.
- 8.3 Marks 3 and 4 are shown as gates, (3a-3b) and (4a-4b), which the race committee may replace by single marks 3 and/or 4. If a single mark 3 or 4 is used, it is to be left to port. When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2, 3a, 3b, 4a, and 4b will be orange inflatable buoys with logos.
- 9.2 Starting marks will be a race committee boat and a dan-buoy with a yellow flag
- 9.3 Finishing marks will be a race committee boat and a dan-buoy with a blue flag.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between staffs displaying yellow flags on the starting marks.
- 10.3 If flag F is displayed on the race committee boat 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.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4.1.

11 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 RRS 33 is changed so that, instead of displaying a compass bearing, the race committee will display a green flag if the direction is changed to starboard or a red flag if the direction is changed to port.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and the finish line outer distance mark.
- 12.2 When the race is shortened at a gate, the finishing line will be between the two buoys comprising the gate. This changes Race Signal S.
- 12.3 After the first boat has finished, the race committee may set alternative finishing lines as follows:
 - (a) 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.
 - (b) 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.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31.2 or 44.1 shall acknowledge this in writing within the protest time limit. Acknowledgement sheets are available from and should be returned to the race office.
- 13.2 Immediate Penalties for Breaking RRS 42: RRS Appendix N will apply.

14 TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 The time limit is 75 minutes.
- 14.2 The mark 1 time limit is 30 minutes. If no boat has passed mark 1 within the mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.
- 14.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protests forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.3 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.
- 15.4 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).
- 15.5 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.
- 15.6 Protests under SI 17 may be brought only by the race committee or jury and not by a competitor. This changes RRS 60.1.

16 SCORING

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

16.2 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.3 Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, except that if 4 or more races are completed there will be 1 discard.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 Competitors shall wear life jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy 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.

17.2 Competitors shall obey instructions from official safety boats.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

18.3 Sail numbers other than those required by RRS G1.1(c) will only be allowed in exceptional circumstances and with the written permission of the race committee. Under no circumstances will a boat be permitted to use the sail number of another boat that is racing. This changes RRS 77.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat may be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20 OFFICIAL BOATS

20.1 Official boats will be marked as follows:

Jury boats	White flag with letters JURY.
Race committee/safety boats	Unmarked RIBs.

21 RUBBISH DISPOSAL

21.1 Boats shall not throw rubbish into the water. Rubbish may be deposited on official boats.

22 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

23 PRIZES

23.1 Prizes are detailed in the Notice of Race.

ATTACHMENT A - COURSES

