

2005
BRITISH INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS INLAND CHAMPIONSHIP

Grafham Water Sailing Club
29 & 30 October 2005

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta 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 wet bar on the ground floor of the clubhouse.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at least 30 minutes before the advertised time of the launch signal on the day concerned, and signaled by displaying flag L ashore (SI 4.2). However, 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 flag mast located on the foreshore to the north of the clubhouse.
- 4.2 Flag L will be displayed with a numeral pennant indicating the latest notice posted.
- 4.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, 'warning signal' is replaced with 'launch signal' (SI 4.4) in Race Signal AP.
- 4.4 Flag R with two sounds is the launch signal. No boat shall leave the shore until this signal is made.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Racing is scheduled as follows. The warning signal times are not stated (amending RRS J2.1 (3)), but warning signals will be made allowing boats sufficient time to reach the racing area after the launch signal on each day:

Date 2005	Time of launch signal	Event
Sat 29 October	11:00	3 races
Sun 30 October	10:00	3 races

- 5.2 Subsequent races on each day will start as soon as possible after the finish of the previous race.
- 5.3 No warning signal will be made after 14:25 on Sunday 30 October.

6 CLASS FLAGS

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

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be Grafham Water 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 boat will display on a board:
- (a) The course to be sailed.
 - (b) The approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

- 8.3 Marks 3 and 4 are shown as gates, (3S-3P) and (4S-4P), 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, 3S, 3P, 4S, 4P, and 5 will be orange inflatable buoys.
- 9.2 The starboard end starting mark will be race committee boat displaying an orange flag, including any buoy, object or boat attached to it for the duration of the starting period.
- 9.3 The port end starting mark will be one of the following:
- (a) A race committee boat displaying an orange flag, including any buoy, object or boat attached to it for the duration of the starting period.
 - (b) A dan buoy with an orange flag.
- 9.4 Finishing marks will be a race committee boat displaying a blue flag 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 or masts displaying orange flags on the starting marks.
- 10.3 Starting signals may be repeated on the port end starting mark. In any conflict those from the starboard mark will take precedence.
- 10.4 If flag F is displayed on the race committee vessel with one sound, it will be removed after four minutes with one sound, followed one minute later by the warning signal for the next race.
- 10.5 A boat starting later than 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4.1.
- 10.6 If a boat fails to start or breaks RRS 30.3, the race committee at mark 1, or another rounding mark, may display her sail number on a board.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between the staff or mast displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat, and the finishing line outer distance mark.
- 11.2 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 sounds, boats that have not yet rounded the nearby mark shall finish between this mark and the staff on the boat displaying flag W.
 - (b) When a boat finishes in accordance with this SI, she will be awarded a finishing place after all boats that have completed more legs of the course and then finished.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the race office within the protest time limit.
- 12.2 Appendix P will apply, as changed by SI 12.3.
- 12.3 RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any protest after the first one.
- 12.4 **Pumping, rocking and ooching:**
- (a) No later than the warning signal, the race committee may display flag O to signal that pumping, rocking and ooching are allowed as specified in class rule C2.1.2.1.
 - (b) After the starting signal, the race committee may display flag O with repetitive sounds at any rounding mark to signal that pumping, rocking and ooching are allowed as specified in class rule C2.1.2.1. This SI applies to a boat after she has passed the mark.
 - (c) If the race committee has acted under (a) or (b) and the wind speed becomes less than the limit specified in class rule C2.1.2.1, the race committee may display flag R with repetitive sounds at any rounding mark to signal that RRS 42 applies. This SI applies to a boat after she has passed the mark.

13 TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 The time limit is 90 minutes.
- 13.2 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.
- 13.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat completes the course in accordance with RRS 28.1 will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

14 PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protests forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 14.2 The RYA Rules Dispute Advisory Hearing is available at this event.
 - (a) Requests for hearings shall be made at the race office within the protest time limit. A boat, the race committee or protest committee may request a hearing with a rules advisor appointed by the organizing authority to assist with rules disputes.
 - (b) The request shall be made as a written request within the protest time limit, and shall identify the race in question (if applicable) or time of incident, the other party or parties, and when necessary contact information.
 - (c) The party requesting the hearing shall inform the other parties of this request.
 - (d) If a boat is identified as having broken a rule, but no party takes any further action, the penalty for this infringement is zero.
 - (e) If a boat is identified as having broken a rule, and a party thereafter submits a protest, a boat may exonerate herself by taking the exoneration penalty below prior to the start of the protest hearing.
 - (f) If a boat initially requests an advisory hearing, and then submits a protest for the same incident, the protest committee will use its flexibility under RRS 61.3 to extend the protest time limit to allow the protestor to submit a written protest promptly after the conclusion of the advisory hearing.
 - (g) The advisor will update the log in (b) above with his decision and the time it was given.
 - (h) The exoneration penalty is 20% of the number of boats ranking as starters, to a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 5 points. However if a boat caused injury or serious damage, or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her exoneration penalty shall be to retire.
- 14.3 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.
- 14.4 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 14.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.6 A list of boats that, under SI 12.2, have acknowledged breaking RRS 42 or have been disqualified by the protest committee will be posted before the protest time limit.
- 14.7 Breaches of SIs 12.1, 16, 17.2, and 20 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 14.8 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - (a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day.
 - (b) No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, except that if 4 or more races are completed there shall be 1 discard

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 When racing, each crew member shall wear personal buoyancy to the minimum standard EN 393 (CE 50N) or equivalent. Inflatable buoyancy vests are not permitted. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.1 and Race Signal Y.
- 16.2 Boats wishing to sail ashore before the end of the day's racing shall not do so unless permitted by a safety boat. The safety boat will instruct boats in the procedure for returning ashore.
- 16.3 Boats failing to follow the instructions of safety boats will be reported to the race committee, which may protest the boat. Boats penalised under this SI may be scored DNE. This amends RRS 64.1(a).

17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 17.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 18.1 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.

19 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 19.1 Official boats will be marked as follows:

Protest committee boats	White flag with letters PC.
Race committee safety boats	Pink flag.

20 RUBBISH DISPOSAL

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

21 BERTHING

- 21.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park.

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 communications using mobile telephones.

23 PRIZES

- 23.1 Prizes are detailed in the Notice of Race.

24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

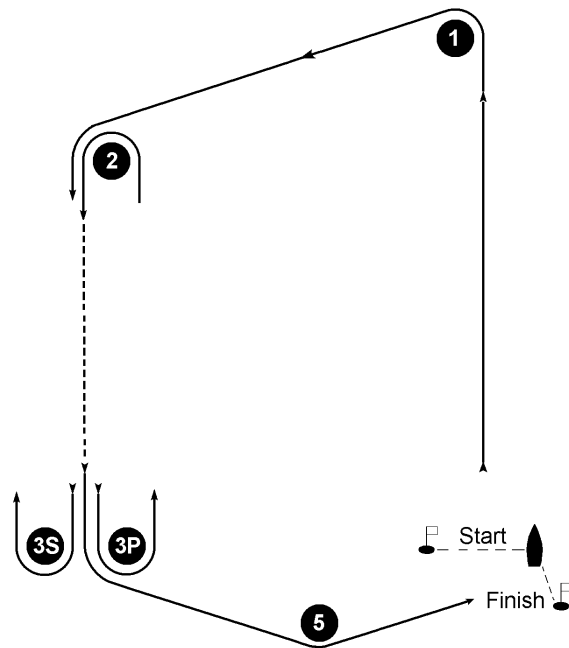
- 24.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

25 INSURANCE

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

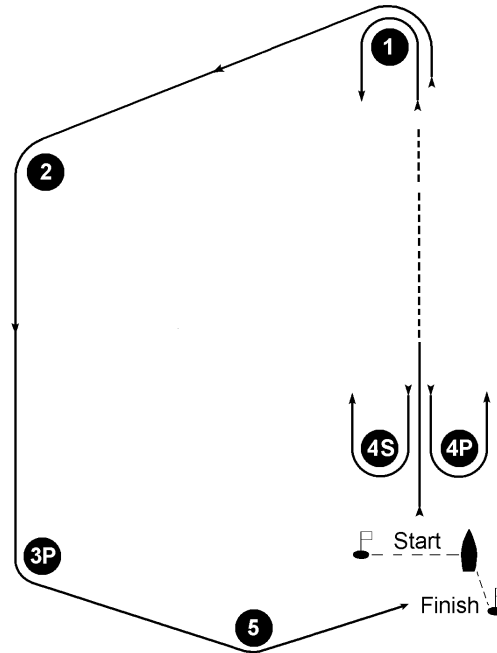
Attachment A COURSE DIAGRAMS

TRAPEZOID OUTER



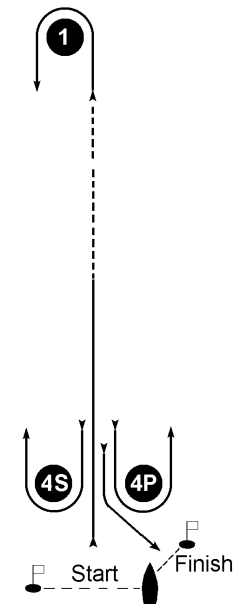
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O 2	Start, 1, 2, 3S/P, 2, 3S/P, 2, 3P, 5, Finish

TRAPEZOID INNER



Display	Mark rounding order
I 1	Start, 1, 4S/P, 1, 2, 3P, 5, Finish
I 2	Start, 1, 4S/P, 1, 4S/P, 1, 2, 3P, 5, Finish

WINDWARD - LEEWARD



Display	Mark rounding order
W 1	Start, 1, 4S/P, 1, 4P, Finish
W 2	Start, 1, 4S/P, 1, 4S/P, 1, 4P, Finish