



SEPTEMBER 2006 BRITISH INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS ASSOCIATION OPEN REGATTAS (INCORPORATING TEAM SELECTION SERIES FOR THE 2007 INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS WORLD & LADIES' WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS)

The Organizing Authority is the British International 420 Class Association in conjunction with Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy (Portland Castle Sailing Club).

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

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

The Organizing Authority implements the RYA Racing Charter. Competitors shall undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008) or at <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter>

2 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 each regatta registration, competitors will be required to show a valid measurement certificate for their boat, and evidence of membership of their affiliated organisation.

Eligibility for team selection is restricted in accordance with the Team Selection Notice.

3 ENTRIES

Eligible boats may pre-enter for individual regattas, or the whole selection series, using the online entry form on the 420 GBR Website.

Entry Fees: Series of two events £100.00 per boat (£120.00 if received after 8 September).

Single regatta entries: £50.00 per boat. Payment shall be by cheque payable to *British International 420 Class Association*, submitted by post as instructed on the entry form. Overseas (non-GBR) entrants may pay the entry fee in cash at the event registration.

Parent/Guardian Declarations: All helms and crews under 18 years of age shall submit declarations signed by their parent or guardian. The declaration form may be printed as part of the online entry procedure, and signed and submitted by post, or brought to the event registration.

4 SCHEDULE

Competitors shall register with the Race Office on the first day of each regatta from 09:00.

The intended schedule is as follows. A competitors' briefing will be held before launching for the first race at each regatta.

Regatta	Venue	Date 2006	Time of launch signal	Number of Races
1	Weymouth & Portland NSA	Sat 16 September	11:00	3
		Sun 17 September	09:30	3
2	Weymouth & Portland NSA	Sat 23 September	11:00	3
		Sun 24 September	09:30	3

For the Selection Series to be valid six races are required to be completed. If fewer than six races are completed by the end of Regatta 2, then a further Regatta will be scheduled, and its races will be incorporated into the Selection Series.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at each regatta. Draft versions may be available in advance for download from the Class Association website.

6 THE COURSES

The intended courses will be trapezoids, though windward-leeward courses may be used. The target time for a race will be approximately 55 minutes for the leading boat.

7 PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendix P (Immediate Penalties for Breaking Rule 42) will apply. Any rule 42 penalties incurred will be cumulative within each regatta, but not over the whole selection series.

Owing to the need for an immediate result for team selection purposes, decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.4(a)

8 SCORING

In each Regatta, two races are required to be completed to constitute a series. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, except that if 4 or more races are completed her worst score will be excluded..

The Selection Series will be scored separately from each regatta. 6 races are required to be completed to constitute a selection series. In the Selection Series, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores in all the regattas, with worst scores excluded as follows:

6 races completed – worst score excluded.

12 races completed – two worst scores excluded.

9 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.

10 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.

11 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESSES

Competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

12 SAFETY REGULATIONS

When racing, each crewmember shall wear personal buoyancy to the minimum standard EN 393 (CE 50N) or equivalent. Inflatable buoyancy vests are not permitted.

13 STATEMENT 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 and its helm and crew are fit to sail in the conditions that they might find. By launching or going to sea competitors confirm their 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 and include the organizing authority, race committee, race officer, safety officer, patrol boat personnel and beach masters. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve owners and competitors of their responsibilities.

14 INSURANCE

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