

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

16, 17 & 23, 24 September 2006

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

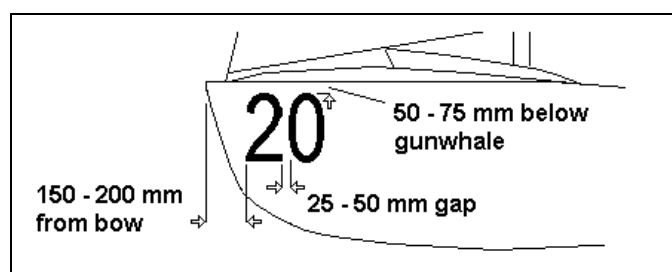
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

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

2 ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION

- 2.1 Boats shall display bow numbers while racing. These will be issued at registration and shall be fixed to both sides of the bow as illustrated below. If a bow number becomes lost 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 £1 each.



- 2.2 Boats sailed by all female crews shall display a red rhombus on both sides of the mainsail, above the top batten, approximately in the centre of the upper triangle. These will be available at registration.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located in the event hall of WPNSA.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at least 30 minutes before the launch signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag mast on the WPNSA balcony outside the race office.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, 'warning signal' is replaced with 'launch signal' (SI 5.3) in race signal AP.
- 5.3 Flag D with a sound is the launch signal. No boat shall leave the shore until this signal is made, though competitors may tally out beforehand (SI 18.2(c)).
- 5.4 Flag P or W will be displayed under flag D to indicate the racing area:
- (a) Flag P means racing will be held in Portland Harbour.
 - (b) Flag W means racing will be held in Weymouth Bay.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date - September 2006</i>	<i>Time of launch signal</i>	<i>Races</i>
Regatta #1	Sat 16	11:00	3 races

	Sun 17	09:30	3 races
Regatta #2	Sat 23	11:00	3 races
	Sun 24	09:30	3 races

- 6.2 Warning signal times are not stated (amending rule J2.1 (3)). Boats are advised to launch promptly after the launch signal (SI 5.3), after which they will be allowed sufficient time to reach the racing area before racing commences.
- 6.3 The warning signal for the first race and each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound, five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 6.4 One extra race per day may be sailed. This will be signaled by displaying flag T from the committee boat at the finish of the last scheduled race of a day.

7 CLASS FLAGS

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

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area includes Weymouth Bay and Portland Harbour (see SI 5.4).
- 8.2 Boats shall use the Northern Harbour entrance at all times on passage to and from racing areas in Weymouth bay.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left, and the signals indicating the course to be sailed. Courses will be signaled from a board on the committee boat.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 9.3 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.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2, 3S, 3P, 4S, 4P and 5 will be orange inflatable buoys.
- 10.2 The starboard end starting mark will be a race committee boat, including any buoy, object or boat attached to it for the duration of the starting period.
- 10.3 The port end starting mark will be a dan-buoy with an orange flag, or a race committee boat, including any buoy, object or boat attached to it for the duration of the starting period.
- 10.4 Finishing marks will be a race committee boat and a dan-buoy with a blue flag.

11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.
- 11.2 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rule A4.1.
- 11.3 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal, the race committee will display flag V. It will be displayed until all boats have sailed completely to the pre-start side, but not after the starting signal.
- 11.4 If a start using a black flag is subject to a general recall or is abandoned after the starting signal, either the bow numbers or the sail numbers of the boats identified as infringing rule 30.3 may be displayed. This amends rule 30.3.
- 11.5 If a boat fails to start or breaks rule 30.3, the race committee at mark 1, or elsewhere, will point flag X at her, make a sound, and hail her sail number or bow number. The hailed boat shall immediately leave the course area. If she fails to do so she will be disqualified without a hearing and her score will not be excluded. This changes rule A5.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or move the finishing line) to a new position.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat, and the finishing line outer distance mark.
- 13.2 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 shall be awarded a finishing place after all boats that have passed the nearby mark before flag W was displayed.
 - (c) Boats that have passed the mark before flag W is displayed, but subsequently fail to finish, shall be awarded the average of the points for places available to them had they finished. This changes rule A4.2.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 A boat that has taken a penalty under rule 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the race office within the protest time limit.
- 14.2 Appendix P will apply to each Regatta, as changed by SI 14.3.
- 14.3 Rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any protest after the first one.
- 14.4 Pumping, rocking and ooching may be allowed:
- (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.
 - (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. 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, the race committee may display flag R with repetitive sounds at any rounding mark to signal that rule 42 applies. This SI applies to a boat after she has passed the mark.

15 TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 The time limit is 90 minutes.
- 15.2 The target time is 55 minutes.
- 15.3 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.
- 15.4 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat completes the course in accordance with rule 28.1 will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protests forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 The RYA Rules Dispute Advisory Hearing is available at this event.
- (a) 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 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. The rules advisor will log these details.
 - (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 rule 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.
- 16.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and protest committee and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 16.4 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.
- 16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.6 A list of boats that, under SI 14.2, have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the protest committee will be posted before the protest time limit.
- 16.7 Breaches of SIs 2, 5.3, 14.1, 18, 19.2, 22.1, and 24 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 16.8 On the last day of each regatta rule 66 is changed so that 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.
- 16.9 On the last day of each regatta a request for redress from a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.
- 16.10 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.4.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 The regatta races will contribute to the selection series, which will be scored as stated in the Notice of Race.
- 17.3 The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under SI 16.7 will be DPI.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 When racing, each crewmember 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 rule 40.1 and race signal Y.
- 18.2 **Tallies.** The requirements of this SI are specified for the safety of competitors.
- (a) The tally control point to check-in and check-out competitors will be located adjacent to the launching slipway.
 - (b) Tallies comprise a pair of numbered rubber wrist bands matching the boat's bow number (see SI 2.1), issued at or prior to registration. 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 their tally, and individually tally-in immediately on returning to shore after racing by returning the tally personally to tally control.
 - (d) The penalty for boats whose crew fails to comply with this instruction will be 5 points added to the boat's series score for each infringement. Notice of infringements will be posted on the official notice board before the protest time limit. This changes rule 63.1.

- 18.3 Boats wishing to sail ashore before the end of the day's racing shall inform a race committee boat of their intention. The race committee boat will instruct boats in the procedure for returning ashore.
- 18.4 Boats failing to follow the instructions of safety boats will be reported to the race committee, which may protest the boat. Boats penalized under this SI may be scored DNE. This amends rule 64.1(a).

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 19.2 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.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 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.

21 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 21.1 Official boats will be marked as follows:

Official Boat	Flag
Protest committee	White flag with letters PC
Safety boats	Pink flag

22 SUPPORT BOATS

- 22.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel and boats shall remain more than 100 meters 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. The course area is defined as the area bounded by all the racing marks and any boat(s) racing on the course.

23 RUBBISH DISPOSAL

- 23.1 Boats shall not throw rubbish into the water. Rubbish may be deposited on support and race committee boats.

24 BERTHING

- 24.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned spaces in the boat park.

25 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

26 PRIZES

- 26.1 Prizes are detailed in the Notice of Race.

27 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

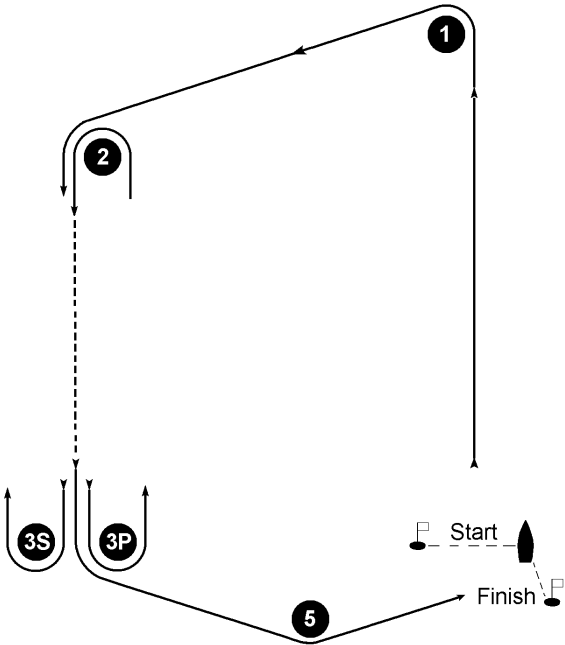
- 27.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

28 INSURANCE

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

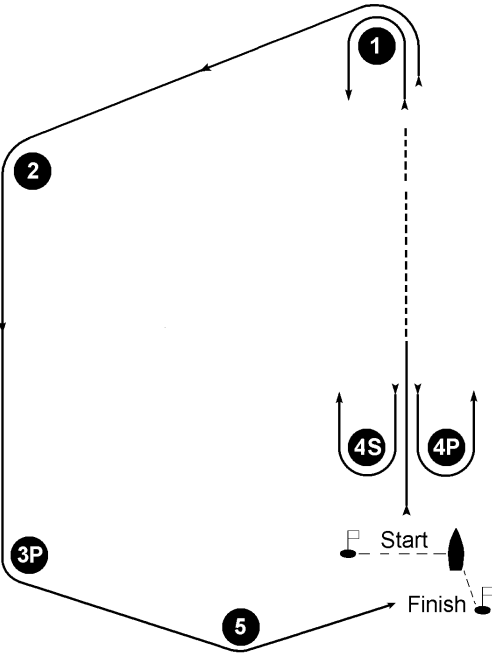
Attachment A
COURSE DIAGRAMS

TRAPEZOID OUTER



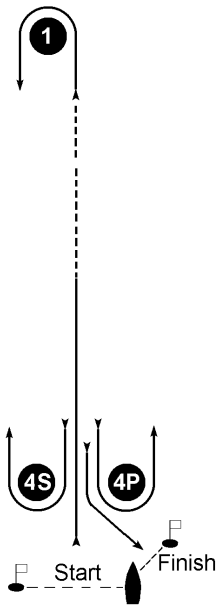
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O 2	Start, 1, 2, 3S/P, 2, 3S/P, 2, 3P, 5, Finish

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