

Irish International 420 Class Association

National Championships



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**Organising Authority: Howth Yacht
Club in association with the Irish
International 420 Class Association**

9th – 11th August 2016

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The Racing will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS), Notice of Race, the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association and the Rules of the International 420 Class, except where amended by these Sailing Instructions.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & BRIEFING

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Regatta Notice Board, located under the balcony beside the Marina office
- 2.2 The Race Office is beside the Marina Office.
- 2.3 The competitors briefing will take place next to the race office at 1015 on Tuesday 9th August.

3.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Notice Board at least one hour before the first start of the day and indicated by displaying flag L ashore. However, any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the entrance to the Marina walkway.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

5.0 SCHEDULE

The-schedule of races is as follows:

Tuesday 9 th August 2016	First Warning Signal 1155	2 races
Wednesday 10 th August 2016	First Warning Signal 1025	3 races
Thursday 11 th August 2016	First Warning Signal 1025	3 races

- 5.1 Races will be sailed back to back
- 5.2 8 races are scheduled of which three shall be completed to constitute a series.

6.0 RACING AREA

- 6.1 The Racing Area will be North of Howth Harbour, approximately 2 miles.

7.0 COURSES

- 7.1 The diagrams in **SI Addendum 1** 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.
- 7.2 The race Committee may replace the gate with a single mark. If a single mark is used it is to rounded to PORT.

8.0 MARKS

Marks 1, 2, 3 will be Black inflatable marks. The start mark will be a Large Orange buoy, and the finish mark will be a Small Orange buoy.

9.0 THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 (5-4-1-Go).
- 9.2 The starting line will be between a red and white striped pole on the Committee Boat and a Large Orange buoy.
- 9.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

10.0 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

- 10.1 A change of course after the start may be made without any signals before the leading boat has begun the leg. Any mark to be rounded may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. This changes RRS 33.

11.0 FINISHING LINE

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between Red and White striped pole on Committee boat and a Small Orange buoy.
- 11.2 After the first boat has finished, the race committee may finish other boats at any mark of the course. 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. 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.

12.0 TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 The time limit for a race shall be 90 minutes.
- 12.2 Any boat not finishing within 20 minutes after the first boat to finish shall be scored as DNF. This changes RRS35 and A5.
- 12.3 If no boat has rounded the first mark within 30 minutes after a valid start, the race shall be abandoned.

13.0 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 RRS 44.3 (Yellow flag scoring penalty) will not apply. This changes RRS 44.
- 13.2 Immediate penalties for breaking RRS 42. Appendix P will apply.
- 13.3 If the Protest Committee observes a boat infringing a rule of Parts 2 or 3 of the RRS and failing to take a penalty, the boat may be disqualified without a hearing. A boat so penalised is entitled to request redress, but must do so within the time limit defined in SI 14.2, or within 30 minutes of the results being posted, whichever is the later time. This changes RRS 63.1.

14.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Boats intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee on the Committee Boat after finishing the race in which the incident occurred.
- 14.2 Protests forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 14.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The Time Limit will be posted on the official Regatta Notice Board.
- 14.4 Notices will be posted on the official Regatta Notice Board within 15 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 Jury will be posted on the official Regatta Notice Board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.6 On the last day of scheduled racing, a party to a hearing may ask for a re-opening no later than 30 minutes after being informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 14.7 Protests under SIs 16, 19, and 20 may be brought only by the Race Committee and not by a competitor. This changes RRS 60.1.

15.0 SCORING

- 15.1 The low points scoring system of RRS Appendix A, will apply.
- 15.2 Three races will constitute a series in the event.
- 15.3 There will be one discard after four races and two discards after eight races.

16.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 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.

17.0 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 without prior approval of the Race Committee.

- 17.3 Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 17.4 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.

18.0 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.

19.0 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 SI 19.1 may be the disqualification of boats associated with the infringing personnel in that race, or such other penalty that the Jury may decide.

20.0 RUBBISH DISPOSAL

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

21.0 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.

22.0 PRIZES

The following prizes will be awarded :

Helm & Crew trophies (keepers) will be awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd for both Gold & Silver IRL boats who are current members of the Irish 420 Association.

Gold fleet

- 1st 420 Irish National Champion 2016 – Perpetual Trophy
*1st Irish 420 Ladies National Champions
2nd 420 National Champion 2016
3rd 420 National Champion 2016

Silver Fleet

Helm & Crew trophies (keepers) will be awarded to 1st , 2nd & 3rd

- 1st 420 National Championship 2016
2nd 420 National Championship 2016
3rd 420 National Championship 2016

Other prizes:

1st local boat, Irish 420 National Championships 2016

1st Overseas Boat, Irish 420 National Championships 2016

*Note: A new prize donated by the Lyttle family. To be presented to the 1st female pairing whose nationality is Irish. If a female pairing win the Nationals overall then they win two trophies

SI Addendum 1

NOTE. The Race Committee may replace the GATE with a single Mark. If a single mark is used it is to be left to PORT

Course diagram

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