



**Irish International 420  
Class Association  
National  
Championships**



**Organising Authority: Howth Yacht  
Club CLG**

**in association with the**

**Irish International 420 Class  
Association**

**4th – 6th August 2018**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1.0 RULES**

**1.1** The Racing will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS), Notice of Race, the prescriptions of Irish Sailing 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 HYC Marina office

**2.2** The Race Office is beside the HYC Marina Office.

**2.3** The competitors briefing will take place next to the race office at 1015 on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August at the bottom of the stairs located beside the HYC Marina Office.

**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.

**3.2** In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

**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:

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| Saturday, 4 <sup>th</sup> August 2018 | First Warning Signal 1155 | 3 races |
| Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup> August 2018   | First Warning Signal 1025 | 3 races |



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| Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2018 | First Warning Signal 1025 | 3 races |
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- 5.1** Races each day are scheduled to be sailed 'back to back'.  
**5.2** 9 races are scheduled, of which three shall be completed to constitute a series.  
**5.3** The Race Committee may run one additional race each day to pick up lost races or forestall losing races.  
**5.4** ICF 'Q' (solid yellow) displayed on the Committee finishing vessel during the finish of a race shall indicate that another race is to be started that day.
- 6.0 RACING AREA**  
**6.1** The Racing Area will be north of Howth Harbour, approximately 2 miles from the harbour mouth.
- 7.0 COURSES**  
**7.1** The course to be sailed will be displayed on the Race Committee Starting Boat not later than the Preparatory Signal. This changes RRS 27.1.  
**7.2** 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.  
**7.3** The Race Committee may replace the gate with a single mark. If a single mark is used it is to be left to port.
- 8.0 MARKS**  
Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be black inflatable marks. The start mark will be a large yellow 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 starting vessel and a large yellow 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 leading to the mark that is being moved. Any mark to be rounded subsequently may be relocated, without signalling, to maintain the original course configuration. This changes RRS 33.
- 11.0 FINISHING**  
**11.1** The finishing line will be between red and white striped pole on the Committee finishing vessel and a small orange buoy.  
**11.2** If ICF 'V' is displayed on a vessel making repeated sound signals and located near a mark on the course, boats shall pass between the vessel and the mark and sail to the finishing line after rounding the mark. This changes Rule 32.2.  
**11.3** In addition to the 'shorten course' provisions of RRS 32.2, when any boat has finished the Race Committee may award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a Committee vessel (which may be in motion) ICF 'W' with one sound signal. The first boat to have ICF 'W' displayed to her shall be the one with the greatest distance to sail to the finish. The process may then be repeated in turn for each boat still racing. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course, shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or



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return ashore if there is no more racing. Her finishing score under this Sailing Instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. The decision by the Race Committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b), 62.1(a), A4 and A5.

### 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 RULE 42; PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 The provisions of Appendix P5 will apply with respect to 'pumping, rocking and ooching', as permitted by the Class Rules. The display of ICF 'O' from a Committee vessel shall indicate that 'pumping, rocking and ooching', as permitted by the Class Rules, is allowed. ICF 'R' displayed with sound signals from a Committee vessel at a mark, after ICF 'O' was previously displayed before or during the race, shall signal to a boat that RRS 42 as changed by the Class Rules applies after the boat has passed the mark.
- 13.2 Immediate penalties for breaking RRS 42, Appendix P (Special Procedures for Rule 42) will apply.
- 13.3 RRS 44.3 (yellow flag scoring penalty) will not apply.

### 14.0 PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS AND ARBITRATION

- 14.1 Boats intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee on the Committee Vessel 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 **30 minutes** after the last boat has returned ashore and been accounted for by the Beachmaster. The Protest Time Limit will be posted on the official Regatta Notice Board.
- 14.4 Arbitration, as per RRS Appendix T will apply. If a party is not present at an arbitration meeting, any party that was present may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time until the Protest Committee has completed taking evidence. This changes RRS T1 (a).
- 14.5 Arbitration hearings and protest hearings may begin without a notice and within protest time when the parties are available. Hearings will be held in the Boyd Room (off first floor landing upstairs) in HYC, beginning as soon as possible.
- 14.6 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.
- 14.7 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).
- 14.8 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.
- 14.9 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.



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**15.2** Three races will constitute a series in the event.

**15.3** When three races or less have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. When 4 or more are sailed a boat may discard the worst score from her total. This changes RRS App A2.1.

**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. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

**17.3** 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.

**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 for a race 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:

**Irish National Championship Perpetual Trophy** - 1<sup>st</sup> IRL Boat in overall rankings  
**Lyttle Family Trophy** – 1<sup>st</sup> all female IRL boat in the overall rankings



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- 1<sup>st</sup> Gold Fleet Helm & Crew
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gold Fleet Helm & Crew
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Gold Fleet Helm & Crew
- 1<sup>st</sup> Silver Fleet Helm & Crew
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Silver Fleet Helm & Crew
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Silver Fleet Helm & Crew

Gold and Silver fleet divisions will be determined by the Irish International 420 Class Association at the after racing on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August.



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**SI Addendum 1**

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**Course diagram**

**SI Addendum 1**

