

# NOTICE OF RACE

## BRITISH INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS ASSOCIATION

## NOBLE MARINE END OF SEASON CHAMPIONSHIPS

## 28th & 29th November 2015

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The organising authority shall be Grafham Water Sailing Club and the British International 420 Class Association.
- 1.2. The regatta will be governed by rules as defined the Racing Rules of Sailing..
- 1.3. 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 2013-2016) or at <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter> .
- 1.4. Competitors will be required to wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times whilst afloat – except for a short period whilst changing or adjusting clothing. This changes Rule 40.
- 1.5. By participating in this event the competitor automatically grants to the organizing authority and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.
- 1.6. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall apply. This changes rule 63.7.

### 2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. These will be attached to the hull as per current Class Rules.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the International 420 class sailed by helms and crews who are members or affiliates of the International 420 Class Association. At registration, competitors will be required to show evidence of membership of their affiliated organization.
- 3.2. Eligible boats shall enter by completing the online entry form accessed via the 420 GBR website by 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015, submitting the entry fee and completing registration. Entries will only be accepted after 26<sup>th</sup> November at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 3.3. **Parent/Guardian Declarations:** All helms and crews under 18 years of age during the event shall submit signed Parent/Guardian Declarations on-line as part of the entry process and submit details of the parent acting in loco parentis at registration.
- 3.4. Medical forms and sailor declarations included as part of the on-line entry are required to be completed for all competitors.

### 4. FEES

The entry fee for this event is £60 per boat for payments received by 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015 (£25 for GWSC Club Members) and £70.00 per boat (£35 for GWSC members) if received after that date.

### 5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. Registration: Boats shall register at the Race Office on Saturday 28th November from 09:00 to 09:45.
- 5.2. The competitors briefing will take place on Saturday 28th November at 9.45 in the ground floor café.
- 5.3. **Race Format**

It is intended to run 7 races over the two days with up to 4 races per day. The intended format is as follows, this may be varied as required by the race officer.

<i>Day</i>	<i>First Warning</i>	<i>Class Flag</i>	<i>No of Races</i>
Saturday 28nd Nov	10:55hrs	420 class flag	4 Races back to back
Sunday 29rd Nov	10:25hrs	420 class flag	3 Races back to back

## **6. MEASUREMENTS**

- 6.1. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate at registration. This may be in electronic format.
- 6.2. Each boat shall supply button numbers for a single suit of sails at registration, and these sails shall be used in the regatta.
- 6.3. Boats may be inspected for class rules compliance prior to or during racing.
- 6.4. 420 class rule C.10.3.1.(c) shall apply for an all female entry.

## **7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be published on the event and club websites, and on the Official Notice Board in the ground floor cafe. Competitors requiring their own copy should print this in advance. Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

## **8. THE COURSES**

- 8.1. The race area on Grafham Water will be confirmed at the briefing.
- 8.2. The courses to be sailed will be trapezoid or windward/leeward with a target time of 45 minutes for the lead boat and will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

## **9. PENALTY SYSTEM**

Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5(a).

## **10. SCORING**

- 10.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2. When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores.
- 10.3. When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **11. SUPPORT BOATS**

- 11.1. Support boats shall not be allowed.
- 11.2. Except when requested or agreed with the race committee, coaches and supporters may not communicate with competitors afloat, tow competitors to or from the race area, or enter the race area.
- 11.3. Specified visiting coaches from selected international MNA's, whose names (and coach boat description) will be posted on the Official Notice Board, are permitted to communicate with sailors within their own team while afloat before and after races.
- 11.4. Competitors may be able to place food, drink and reasonable spares on safety boats.

## **12. BERTHING**

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park.

## **13. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Whilst on the water, a boat shall not carry equipment capable of making or receiving radio communications, except for equipment supplied by the Organising Authority. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **14. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded, depending on entry numbers. ISAF Group 3 sailors will be ineligible for prizes.

## **15. RISK STATEMENT**

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure to themselves, their crew, their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of a patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims;

## OTHER INFORMATION

**15.1.** Campers and camper vans are welcome and pre booking of a Campervan site from the Club Secretariat ([office@grafham.org](mailto:office@grafham.org) / 01480 810478) is essential. There is a charge of £15 per night for Campervans, £10 per night for Camping (please note – NO caravans please – our lease does not allow them). All day cafeteria both days, meal available on Saturday evening.

**15.2.** Directions to Grafham Water Sailing Club, details of local accommodation, and other information are available on the Club website - <http://www.grafham.org>

**15.3.** Entrants and authorised guests are temporary members of Grafham Water Sailing Club during the period of the event and shall comply with Club Rules and Bylaws. Failure to observe these may result in exclusion from the club premises.

### **15.4. MOVEMENT OF BOATS TO GRAFHAM WATER**

In order to prevent the spread of non-native species there is a requirement to ensure that boats are clean before they visit the site using the principle of Check Clean Dry <http://www.nonnativespecies.org/checkcleandry/index.cfm>. This includes:

**CHECK** your equipment and clothing for live organisms – particularly in areas that are damp or hard to inspect.

**CLEAN** and wash equipment, footwear and clothing thoroughly. If you do come across any organisms, leave them at the water body where you found them.

**DRY** all equipment and clothing – some species can live for many days in moist conditions. Make sure you don't transfer water elsewhere.

Anglian Water ask for boats and equipment, arriving at Grafham Water that are from the following locations, to have been clean and dry for at least two days prior to arrival – if not, then they must not be launched at the Club:

Wraysbury Reservoir and Wraysbury River near to Staines

The Queen Mother Reservoir

Queen Elizabeth II/Bessborough Reservoirs

Queen Mary Reservoir

Warwick East Reservoir, Warwick West Reservoir and William Girling Reservoir all located in the Lee Valley

### **15.5. MOVEMENT OF BOATS FROM GRAFHAM WATER**

A non-native species of fresh water shrimp (commonly known as killer shrimps) have been found in Grafham Water and certain restrictions on boat movement have been imposed by AW, DEFRA or other bodies to prevent the spread of these to other locations in the UK. These requirements are prominently displayed on the club premises and will include washing boats and equipment before removal from the Club premises.

**Failure to comply with the requirements of these restrictions may lead to expulsion from the event**

**15.6.** Competitors may sail at Grafham free of charge on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

For further information please contact the host club, or:

Mark Smallwood (Event Manager 420 class Association)

[mark@oaksworth.co.uk](mailto:mark@oaksworth.co.uk) Mob: 07887 705755

Sue Kalderon (Sailing Secretary 420 Class Association)

Tel: 020 8946 1726 Mob: 07973 229384

[420sailingsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:420sailingsecretary@gmail.com)



Grafham Water Sailing Club, Perry, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE28 0BU.  
Tel: 01480 810478. Email: [office@grafham.org](mailto:office@grafham.org) Website: [www.grafham.org](http://www.grafham.org)

