

**2008 INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS LADIES WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

ATHENS - GREECE
22RD TO 31ST JULY 2008

PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF RACE

1. THE EVENT

The 2008 International 420 World Championship, International 420 Ladies World Championship will be held in Athens, Greece, from the 22rd to 31st of July 2008. The races will be sailed in the waters of Faliron Bay in the Saronic Gulf. (See appendix A)

2. ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The championship is organised by the Hellenic 420 Class Association and the Nautical Club of Tzitzifies– Kallithea with the support of the Yacht Club of Greece, in conjunction with the International 420 Class Association under the auspices of the Hellenic Sailing Federation.

3. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the current versions of:

- The "Rules" as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing.
- The ISAF Equipment Racing Rules of Sailing.
- The 420 Class Rules
- The Measurement Instructions.
- This Notice of Race
- The Sailing Instructions
- The prescriptions of the Hellenic Sailing Federation will not apply

If there is conflict between languages the English text will take precedence

4. ADVERTISING AND BOW NUMBERS

The 420 World Championship and the 420 Ladies Word Championship are classified category C, in accordance to the ISAF Regulation 20-advertising code. Boats may be required to display on each side of the hull:

- A bow number (See Class rule. C.3).
- Advertising of the event sponsor.

5. EVENTS FORMAT

5.1 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The Mens' World Championship shall be competed with:

- Qualifying series to divide the fleet into two fleets (Gold and Silver)
- Final series in two separate fleets (Gold and Silver)

LADIES WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The Ladies World Championship shall be competed with:

- Qualifying series to divide the fleet into two fleets (Gold and Silver)
- Final series in two separate fleets (Gold and Silver)

5.2 (a) If there are less than 60 entries the Championship will competed in one separated fleet with 12 final races.

(b) If there are 60 to 66 entries it's up to the Organize Committee to decide the format

(c) If there are 67 entries or more the format will be as 5.1 (qualifying/finals).

6. EVENTS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 22 July 2008	Registration and measurement inspections 10:00 – 18:00
Wednesday 23 July 2008	Registration and measurement inspections 10:00 – 18:00 Opening ceremony 20:00
Thursday 24 July 2008	Registration and measurement inspections 10:00 – 18:00 Practice Race: warning signal 14:00
Friday 25 July 2008	Qualifying series 12:00
Saturday 26 July 2008	Qualifying series 12:00
Sunday 27 July 2008	Lay day
Monday 28 July 2008	Qualifying/Final series 12:00
Tuesday 29 July 2008	Qualifying/Final series 12:00
Wednesday 30 July 2008	Qualifying/Final series 12:00
Thursday 31 July 2008	Qualifying/Final series 12:00 Last possible Warning Signal 16:00 Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony 20:00

7. ELIGIBILITY

The championships are only open to International 420 dinghies.

The ISAF competitors eligibility code (ISAF Regulation 19) shall apply. Each competitor shall be a member of his National Class Association and, if relevant, of his National Authority. Each competitor shall be entered by his National 420 Class Association or by his Federation/National Authority if such an Association does not exist.

8. ENTRIES AND RESTRICTIONS

8.1 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Entries for the World Championship shall be limited in accordance with the International 420 Class Association Guidelines: 7 boats for each country and 14 boats for the host country in each championship. Each entitled crew of the International 420 World Championship will be authorised to defend his title in addition to the teams defined above. This shall apply only if the crew is still the same (crew and helmsman). Only men and mixed crews are authorised to enter the World Championship

8.2 LADIES WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Entries for the Ladies World Championship shall be limited in accordance with the International 420 Class Association Guidelines: 7 boats for each country and 14 boats for the host country in each championship. Each entitled crew of the International 420 Ladies World Championship is authorised to defend her title in addition to the teams defined above. This shall apply only if the crew is still the same (crew and helmsman). Only ladies crews are authorised to enter the Ladies World Championship.

9. REGISTRATION

Preliminary and final entry forms shall be sent to:

Nino Shmueli

Newe-Yam, 30085 ISRAEL

Tel/Fax: + 972 4 9840697

E-mail: ninos@netvision.net.il

before 22 March 2008 for the Preliminary Entry Forms and before 22 June 2008 for the Final Entry Forms

Entry fee per boat : 250.00 EUROS.

Entry fees shall be paid in EUROS by swift to:

International 420 Class Association

Account No : 210 - 0467 - 180 - 80

Fortis Banque, Agence du Fort Jaco,

Chaussee de Waterloo 1341 A, 1180 Bruxelles, BELGIUM

IBAN : BE47 2100 4671 8080

SWIFT CODE : GEBABEBB

before 22 June 2008

ALL BANK TRANSFERS SHOULD BE CLEARLY ANNOTATED WITH THE NAME OF THE COUNTRY, THE EVENT AND THE SAIL NUMBERS AND/OR NAMES OF THE COMPETITORS.

Each entry and fee not received by the 22 June 2008 may not be accepted and shall be subject to a supplementary fee of 50 EURO.

10 DISCLAIMER

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.

11 MEASUREMENT / INSPECTION

All boats shall be inspected before racing in the days specified in this notice of race.

Each boat shall have a valid Measurement certificate, which must be produced at registration. Only original or certified true copies of the certificates shall be accepted.

Event charter boats are excluded from this obligation, but they must be accompanied by original or certified true copies of their measurement form.

Sails shall be certified and marked by an official measurer before being present for inspection. No sail shall be accepted for inspection if it is not certified according to the class rules, and no member of the event measurement team shall certify sails on the spot.

Random checks may be made at any time during the championships

12 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS and MEASUREMENT INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing instructions will be available at the race office for each competitor and Team Leader after the final country's registration has been completed. The Measurement Instructions will be available for each competitor and Team Leader at the race office at registration.

13 LADIES CREWS IDENTIFICATION

Each ladies crew shall have a square 25 cm red diamond mark on the head of the main sail for identification.

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

Competitors shall wear a life-jacket or other adequate personal buoyancy at all time when afloat (See Class rule C.4). Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

15 DRUG TESTING

Competitors are required to comply with the RRS 5 and ISAF Regulation 21 which bans the use of drugs. Drugs testing may take place during the event.

16 COURSES

The format of the course shall be a trapezium. The target time of a race shall be 50min.

17 JURY, PROTESTS and PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULES OF PART 2

An International Jury shall be appointed, in accordance to RRS Appendix N, and its decisions shall be final and not subject to appeal (RRS 70.4).

18 SCORING WORLD AND LADIES WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The low point scoring system of appendix A shall apply (RRS Appendix A).

18.1 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP/LADIES WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Qualifying series :

- a. There will be 6 Qualifying series races with one discard.
- b. The qualifying series results shall be converted to race scores. These races scores shall be treated in all aspects as a race score for the final series (race Q).
- c. The result of each round in the Qualifying series will be valid when all the boats complete this round.

Final series

There will be 11 races plus the Qualifying series result (total 12 scores in the Results).

- a. Two (2) final series (3 results in the final series including the Race Q), are required to be completed to constitute a final series.
- b. When 3 races have been completed in the final series, all Races in both the Qualifying and final series count towards a boat's score, excluding that boat's score.
- c. When 4 to 7 final series races have been completed (5-8, Including Race Q) a boat's score shall be the total of her race. Score in the final series excluding her worst score.
- d. When 8 or more final series have been completed (9-12, Including Race Q) a boat's scores shall be the total of her race score in the final series excluding her two worst scores. No more than three races can be competed each day.

18.2 If less than 66 entries the Championship will be competed in one separated fleet as follow

- a. The number of races will be 12.
- b. A minimum of 5 races completed is required to award the Championship.
- c. If 5 to 8 races are sailed there will be one discard.
- d. If 9 to 12 races are sailed there will be two discards.
No more than three races can be competed each day.

19 PRIZES

The first three crews in Gold, Silver shall be given a trophy.

The first three crews in World and Ladies World championships shall receive a gold, silver and bronze medal. At least, the first 20% of crews in the Gold ranking lists shall be given a souvenir of the event.

The prizes are given to both member of a crew.

20 TITLES

The title of International 420 Class World Champion will be awarded to the first team in the Gold fleet ranking list of the World Championship.

The title of International 420 Class Ladies World Champion will be awarded to the first team in the Gold fleet ranking list of the Ladies World Championship.

21 ANTHEM

For the prize giving ceremony, each team is leader required to bring his national anthem (short version) on compact disc (CD).

22 SUPPORT BOATS

Each coach boat of a national team shall fly a 20 x 30 cm flag displaying their national letters (according to ISAF RRS) black on white.

23 INSURANCE

Each competitor shall produce on registration, an evidence of valid third party insurance with a minimum cover of 500.000 EURO or the equivalent in other currencies. Each participant warrants the suitability of his or her boat for the event

24 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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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