

The Sailing Club "Uskok", in co-operation with the International 420 Class Association and with the International 470 Class Association and their respective Croatian Class Associations, is pleased to invite 420 and 470 sailors to take part in the

Junior 420 and 470 European Championships
Sailed within the frame of open
“470 OTP banka Cup”
and open
“420 event”

to be held at Zadar (Croatia) from 7th to 15th August 2008.

1. – Rules

- 1.1 - The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the 2005-2008 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 - No prescription of the Croatian Sailing Federation will apply
- 1.3 - The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply to the extent they are referenced into the 420 and 470 Class Rules.
- 1.4 - No Racing Rule change requiring advance preparation will apply. Racing Rule changes will appear in the sailing instructions. For the 470 Class, the Medal race of the Gold fleet may be subject to on-the-water umpiring according to Racing Rule Addendum Q.
- 1.5 - No Class Rule change will apply
- 1.6 - If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. – Advertising

- 2.1 - 470 - Category C will apply.
- 2.2 - 420 - Category C will apply except as amended by C.R. C4.2.

3. – Eligibility and entry

- 3.1 – The regatta is open to boats of the 420 Class and of the 470 Class and to competitors who comply with the ISAF Regulation 19. Each crew member of a competing boat shall be national or ordinarily resident of the nation where the National Authority the crew intends to represent is established.

Participating crews in the regatta shall be designated by their National Class Association, or by their National Authority where there is no National Class Association. Each crew member of a 420 boat and at least one crew member of a 470 boat shall be member of a National Association of the relevant Class, affiliated to the National Authority, or of the relevant International Class Association when there is no National Association in the concerned country.

The regatta is open to all nations, but only crews from European nations, or from nations of the Mediterranean Basin having a National 470 Class Association.

Entries in 420 Class are restricted to 7 crews per country, but the hosting country limited to 14 crews. Each entitled crew may defend his/her title in addition to those limits provided the two crew members are eligible.

Entries in 470 Class are not restricted.

Each crew member shall not have attained:

- 420 Class: his or her 19th birthday before or on 31.12.2008 (i.e. born in 1990 or later),
- 470 Class: his or her 22nd birthday before or on 31.12.2008 (i.e. born in 1987 or later).

Boats shall comply with the relevant Class Rules and have a valid measurement form. The sail number shall conform to the Class Rules.

3.2 – Each eligible 420 Class crew shall fill in and send:

- their preliminary entry form before 8th April 2008,
- On line registration before **8th July 2008**,

Preliminary entry form *and* the On line registration can be found at the Int. 420 website:

www.420sailing.org

3.3 - Each eligible 470 Class crew shall fill in before **8th July 2008** the relevant “Request for Entry” posted on the website of the International 470 Class Association www.470.org/champ08/jec/. A request for entry becomes a valid pre-entry when the relevant National 470 Class Association, or the National Authority where there is no National Association, has confirmed to the International 470 Class Association that the corresponding crew has effectively been designated to take part in the Championship and meets the eligibility criteria, and when the International 470 Class Association has received the payment of the entry fees. The International 470 Class Association will publish the list of pre-entries on its website. The list of pre-entry will be published as soon as the first request for entry has been validated, and then updated as long as other requests for entry are validated. Only crews mentioned on the pre-entry list may take part in the Championship, provided their pre-entry be confirmed on site.

3.4 – A late entry or payment sent after 8th July 2008 will be accepted only at the discretion of the relevant International Class Association whose decision shall be final and will be subject to payment of a penalty. The amount of this penalty is indicated on the On line registration process.

4. - Fees

4.1 – The amount of the required entry fees to be paid by 8th July 2008 and all necessary information to pay are indicated on the On line registration process.

5. – Regatta format

5.1 - The regatta will consist of a qualifying series and a final series, all boats taking part in the qualifying series and in the final series.

For the 420 Class, all crews will race together in the qualifying and final series.

For the 470 Class, there will be a qualifying series and a final series for the men-mixed category and a qualifying series and a final series for the women category separately provided that there are at least 25 boats in each category, otherwise all crews will race together in the qualifying and final series.

5.2 - For the qualifying series, crews will be divided into fleets.

For the 420 Class, there will be two fleets.

For the 470 Class, the number of fleets will be defined to have a number of boats per fleet as close as possible to 35 for men and mixed crews and to 30 for women crews (or 35 in the case all categories sail together). This means that only one fleet will be organised if less than 48 men and mixed crews and/or less than 40 women crews have entered.

- 5.3 -** For the final series, crews in the qualifying series will be divided into final fleets according to the final scores of the qualifying series. There will be the same number of fleets as in the qualifying series. The fleets will have approximately the same number of crews each. Gold fleet will consist of the first part of the final scores of the qualifying series, Silver fleet of the second part, and so on.
- 5.4 -** For the 470 class, On the last day, the first ten crews of the fleet Gold at the end of the day before the last day will sail the “Medal” race, whereas the other crews of this fleet will sail the “Last” race and the crews of the other fleets will continue to sail their final races.

6. – Schedule

Date - time	420 Class	470 Class
7 th August – 9.00-18.00 8 th August – 9.00-18.00	Registration and measurement inspections	
8 th August – 15.00	Practice race: warning signal	
8 th August – 19.00	Opening ceremony	
9 th August – 1200	First warning signal for the first race	
9 th August 10 th August	Qualifying series: six races per fleet over two days (no more than three races a day)	Qualifying series*: six races per fleet over three days (no more than three races a day)
11 th August	Lay day	
The qualifying series will be prolonged for fleets not having sailed six races within three days		
12 th August 13 th August 14 th August 15 th August	Final series: eleven races over four days (no more than three races a day)	Final series*: seven races over four days (no more than three races a day) with at least one race per fleet on the last day and including the Medal race and the Last race for the fleet Gold on the last day.
15 th August	No warning signal will be given after 1500 on the last day	
15 th August 2030	Prize giving and Closing ceremony	

*470 Class: when only one fleet is organised (refer to article 5.2), the qualifying series will be deleted and the final series will be sailed from 9th to 15th August, which will consist of thirteen races over seven days for each crew (no more than three races a day), including the Medal race and the Last race organised the last day.

7. - Measurements

- 7.1** - Each boat shall produce a valid Measurement Certificate, including the completed Measurement Form, at the time of pre-race measurement inspections. If the completed Measurement Form is a photocopy, its authenticity shall be confirmed with an original stamp and signature from the issuing authority.
- 7.2** - Pre-race measurement inspection proceedings will be posted on the official notice board the day before the first day for these inspections, and made available to competitors, team leaders and coaches at the Race Office.
- 7.3** - In accordance with Racing Rule 78, competitors are responsible for maintaining their boat in accordance with the Class Rules (for the purpose of Racing Rule 78, competitors are considered to be the owners). Measurement inspections at random during the regatta will be organised.

8. – Sailing instructions

The sailing instructions will be delivered to competitors at the time of registration at the Race Office.

9. - Venue

The regatta site is located to:

Sailing Club “Uskok”
Trpimirova Obala bb - 23000 – Zadar - Croatia
tel: +385 (0)23 337 830 - fax: +385 (0)23 333 888
E-mail: office@uskok.biz.hr – Website: www.uskok.biz.hr

10. – The courses

Except for the Medal race of the 470 Class Gold fleet, course types will be the Olympic trapezoid (with outer loop or with inner loop). Length of courses will be adapted according to wind strength in order to have an expected race duration of about:

- fifty minutes for the leading 420 boat,
- sixty to seventy minutes for the leading 470 boat.

For the Medal race of the 470 Class Gold fleet, course types will be windward-leeward courses with two or three loops and a leeward reach to finish. Length between marks and number of loops will be chosen according to wind strength in order to have an expected race duration of about thirty to forty minutes for the leading boat.

11. – Penalty system

11.1 - Racing Rule Appendix P will apply.

11.2 - Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in Racing Rule 70.4.

12. - Scoring

12.1 – The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

12.2 – 420 Class scoring

Qualifying series

There will be 6 Qualifying series races with one discard.

The Qualifying series results shall be converted to race scores. These scores shall be treated in all aspects as a race score for the Final series (race Q).

The result of each round in the Qualifying series will be valid when all boats complete this round.

Final series

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

Two (2) Final races (3 results in the Final series including the race Q) are required to be completed to constitute a Final series.

When 2 or 3 Final races have been completed (3 or 4 including race Q), all races in both the Qualifying and Final series count towards a boat's score, excluding that boat's worst score.

When 4 to 7 Final races have been completed (5-8 including race Q in the final series), a boat's score shall be the total of her race score in the Final series excluding her worst score.

When 8 or more Final races have been completed (9-12 including race Q in the final series), a boat's score shall be the total of her race score in the Final series excluding her two worst scores.

12.3 – 470 Class scoring

- 1) When a qualifying series and a final series are organised,
 - (a) at least four qualifying races are required to be completed for each fleet to constitute the qualifying series and to enter the final series;
 - (b) at least two final races for the fleet Gold are required to be completed to constitute the regatta series for all fleets and/or to enter the Medal race and the Last race.

Race scores from those qualifying races completed by all fleets will be carried forward to the regatta series.

- 2) When no qualifying series is organised, at least six races are required to be completed for the fleet to constitute the regatta series and/or to enter the Medal race and the Last race.
- 3) Each series score will be established as follows:
 - when fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores,
 - when four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

The Medal race cannot be discarded as the worst score, and the points for this Medal race are multiplied by:

- 2 when more than eight qualifying and final races have been completed,
- 1,5 when seven or eight qualifying and final races have been completed,
- 1 when less than seven qualifying and final races have been completed.

The boats competing in the Last race will receive ten points more than their place for this race.

- 4) There will be only one final official ranking list for the open "470 OTP banka Cup" in each category (men and mixed, women). The crews having entered the Medal race (or the first ten crews of the fleet Gold) will rank the first ten places, the first crew having entered the Last race (or the crew ranked eleventh of the fleet Gold) will rank eleventh, the first crew of Silver fleet will rank a place after the last crew of Gold fleet, the first crew of Bronze fleet will rank a place after the last crew of Silver fleet, and so on. Then, the final official ranking lists of the Junior European Championship for the men and mixed crews and of the Junior Women's European Championship will be deducted from the respective final official ranking list of the open "470 OTP banka Cup", by deleting the crews who are not originating from a European nation, or from a nation of the Mediterranean Basin having a National 470 Class Association. When all categories have sailed together, the final official ranking list of each category will be deducted from the overall final ranking list of the open "470 OTP banka Cup" by deleting the crews who are not of the relevant category
- 5) A boat assigned to compete in the Medal race of the fleet Gold shall make a genuine effort to start, sail the course and finish. The penalty for a breach of this instruction will be ranking the boat tenth in the regatta.

13. – Support boats

- 13.1** - Coaches, team leaders and representatives from participating nations shall be registered at the Regatta Office before the first racing day. They shall provide at the same time the Regatta Office with their national flag (around 120 cm x 80 cm) and their national anthem on CD-ROM, for the Opening Ceremony.
- 13.2** - Support boats shall fly their national flag or a flag with their three national letters clearly, or shall be permanently marked with a sticker of their national flag or of their three national letters on each side of the boat.

14. – Prizes and titles

14.1 – 420 Class

The first three crews in Gold and Silver fleets ranking lists shall be given a trophy.

The first three European men or mixed crews and the first European Ladies crews in Junior European Championship shall receive a gold, silver and bronze medal.

At least, the first 20% crews of the Gold ranking list shall be given a souvenir of the event.

The prizes are given to both members of a crew.

The title of International 420 Class Men Junior European Champion will be awarded to the first male or mixed European crew in the Gold fleet ranking list of the Junior European Championship. If there is no European men/mixed crew in the Gold fleet, the title of International 420 Class Men Junior European Champion will be awarded to the first male or mixed European crew in the Gold fleet ranking list of the Junior European Championship.

The title of International 420 Class Ladies Junior European Champion will be awarded to the first Ladies European crew in the Gold fleet ranking list of the Junior European Championship. If there is no European Ladies crew in the Gold fleet, the title of International 420 Class Ladies Junior European Champion will be awarded to the first Ladies European crew in the Gold fleet ranking list of the Junior European Championship.

14.2 – 470 Class

For each category (men and mixed, women) :

- prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third crews of the open “470 OTP banka Cup” by the Sailing Club “Uskok”,
- medals will be awarded to the first, second and third crews of the Junior European Championship by the International 470 Class Association.

The first men or mixed crew of final official ranking list of the Junior European Championship will be declared 470 Class Junior European Champion.

The first women crew of final official ranking list of the Women’s Junior European Championship will be declared 470 Class Women’s Junior European Champion.

15. – Disclaimer of liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Racing Rule 4, Decision to race. The Organising Authority and all parties involved in the regatta organisation 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.

16. – Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 500.000 EUR per event or equivalent.

A certificate of such insurance shall be shown during registration.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Charter boats

Official charter 420 will be **Sport-Sails Center** (well know as Blueblue).

For price and details please contact :

Web : www.baranowski.civ.pl

E-mail : centrum-baranowski@wp.pl

Contact person: Lukas Formella

Mob. 0048 664 196 558, Tel. 0048 523985322, Fax 0048 523985323

2. Weather information : Summer weather conditions

Weather conditions during event period is approximately 28 – 35 degree Celsius air temperatures and 23 – 25 degree Celsius water temperatures.

Wind during event period:

High pressure (expected): NW afternoon breeze averaging 10 – 14 knots, through the channel.

Low pressure: SE wind from 10 to 25 knots.

Summer in Zadar is mostly dry.

3. Racing area :

Tide 0,5 meters

Currents Up to 1 knot through the channel.

Depth 40 meters.

4. Accommodation :

Terra travel agency

Matije Gupca 2a, Zadar

Tel : +385 (0)23 337294 Fax : +385 (0)23 337295

Web : www.terratravel.hr

E-mail : info@terratravel.hr

For more informations please check event website : www.uskok.biz.hr .

5. Chandlers and repairs

Madex marine

Contact person: Mario Janković

Mobile +385 (0)98 303324

Web: www.madex.hr

will be a chandler and a sail maker on the site for small repairs.

Reful

Contact person Davor Paleka

Mobile +385 (0)95 8084015

will be a service for small boat and rigging repairs.

6. General Information

The official web site www.uskok.biz.hr will have links to all relevant information.

7. Organising committee

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