

Notice of Race

RYA Olympic Classes Autumn Series and 420 Autumn Championship 2017

Event 1: 30th September and 1st October - Olympic Classes, 2.4mR and 420s

Event 2: 4th and 5th November - Olympic Classes and 2.4mR only

[RYA Racing Events Website](#)

The Organising Authority shall be the RYA, British International 420 Class and WPNSA.

1. Rules

1.1. The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the RYA Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2. Advertising

2.1. Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3. Classes

3.1. Racing in the RYA Olympic Classes Autumn Series 2017 will be in the following classes: 2.4mR, 470 men, 470 women, 470 mixed, Finn, 49er, 49er FX, Nacra 17, RSX 8.5, RSX 9.5.

3.2. Racing will also take place on 30th September and 1st October for the 420 Autumn Championship.

4. Eligibility and Entry

4.1. Olympic class Entries for each event should be made in advance online via the [Racing Events Website](#) no later than the date listed under Fees (5.2). 420 entries should be made via [the class website](#). Entry for non RYA run events will be as per the class association's discretion.

4.2. Late entries will incur an increased entry fee.

4.3. Three class entries are required for racing to take place for that class.

4.4. All sailors under 18 years of age must produce a completed parent/guardian consent form available on the RYA Events website. Without a completed form, sailors under the age of 18 will not be allowed to register.

5. Fees

5.1. The entry fees for Events 1 and 2.

	Entry Fee	Late Entry Fee
Single Hander	£40.00	£60.00
Double Hander	£45.00	£70.00
420 class	£65.00	£75.00

5.2. The Late Entry fee will apply for those entries received after the following date for each event:

5.2.1. Event 1: Entries received after 12pm on Monday 25th September 2017.

5.2.2. Event 2: Entries received after 12pm on Monday 30th October 2017.

5.3. If the class is cancelled by the Organising Authority, a full refund will be offered.

5.4. If an entry is cancelled by the competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:

Event 1		Event 2	
Cancellation Date	Entry Fee Refunded	Cancellation Date	Entry Fee Refunded
Before 25th September	80%	Before 30th October	80%
After 25th September	0%	After 30th October	0%

6. Format

6.1. For all classes there will be a maximum of 5 races per day, apart from the RS:X where there will be a maximum of 4 races per day, using a shorter race format. Addendum Q will apply at nominated events as outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

7. Schedule

7.1. Registration for competitors will take place in the Race Office between 0900 and 1000 on the first day of racing. The location of the Race Office will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

7.2. The warning signal for the first race is scheduled for 1125 on Saturday and 10.25 On Sunday.

7.3. On the last day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

7.4. The event prize giving will take place as soon as possible after racing at the end of each event.

8. Measurement

8.1. Each boat shall have a valid measurement certificate (if required by class rules). Boats shall use the approved National Code Letters on their sails as required by the RRS.

8.2. During an event, equipment shall only be replaced with permission of the Protest Committee.

9. Sailing Instructions

9.1. Sailing Instructions and Local Instructions will be available at Registration.

10. Venue

10.1. The regatta will be held at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy.

10.2. The racing areas will be Weymouth Bay and Portland Harbour.

11. The Courses

11.1. The courses will be Windward/Leeward or Trapezoid.

12. Penalty System

12.1. For the 49er, 49er FX and Nacra 17 classes the RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and gybe, is required.

13. Scoring

13.1. The Low Points Scoring System will be used at all events.

13.2. The RYA Olympic Classes Autumn Series winner will be scored on the total points of the final finishing position in all nominated class National Ranking events.

14. Support Boats

14.1. Support boats will need to register in the race office as per NOR 7.1. If called upon support boats will be required to act as rescue boats.

15. Electronic Equipment

15.1. The organisers may require competitors to carry electronic recording equipment.

16. Risk Statement

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

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore 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 of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue;

17. Insurance

17.1. The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3,000,000.

18. Further Information

- 18.1 For Olympic classes contact Olivia Risk at the RYA olivia.risk@rya.org.uk
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- 18.2 For 420s contact Helem Clemetson 420sailingsecretary@gmail.com