

Spinnaker Sailing Club

NOTICE of RACE

Qualifier for International 420 Team Racing

July 1st 2017

1 INTRODUCTION

The event is for three boat teams and will be sailed in Fireflies supplied by the Organising Authority. Each boat shall be sailed by 2 people. The purpose of the event is to select 2 teams who will be nominated by the UK 420 Class Association to represent GBR at the 420 Team Racing World Championships which will take place from August 23rd-26th in Campione del Garda, Brescia, Italy

2 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is the UK 420 Class Association. Competitors must be members of the UK 420 class association. Temporary Membership will be available for £7.50 at registration.

3 RULES

3.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules.

3.2 Races will be umpired.

3.3 The UK Team Racing Association (UKTRA) Standard Team Racing Sailing Instructions will apply. These change some rules in the RRS; they are available on the UKTRA web site (www.teamracing.org) and at registration.

3.4 In accordance with RRS 70.5(a) the right of appeal will be denied.

4 ENTRIES AND DEPOSIT

4.1 Entries are invited from eligible and “ineligible” teams.

4.1.1 An eligible team satisfies the following conditions:

1. No sailors are born before 1st January 1997.
2. The team contains no more than four sailors of the same gender.
3. A minimum of 3 members of the team must have sailed in the 420 class since December 31st 2013. Note that this is an

amendment of the details published earlier on the class website.

- 4.1.2 An “ineligible” team satisfies the age restriction above, but not the gender requirements or the requirement to include current or ex-420 class participants. An ineligible team cannot be selected to represent the UK class at the Garda event.
- 4.2 The closing date for receipt of entries and payment of the entry fee is Monday June 12th.
- 4.3 The entry fee will be £180 per team.
- 4.4 Each team will be liable for the cost of damage to boats, equipment and property up to a maximum of £300 per incident. A deposit cheque (or cash) for this amount will be required at registration and before a team may sail. When a team is assessed as liable for damage, it shall restore the deposit to the original value in order to continue sailing. Damage attributed to competitors generally or to an unidentified team will be attributed equally between all teams. A team may apply to the protest committee to determine their responsibility for any damage.
- 4.5 Entry to the trials is provisionally limited to 8 teams. (If there is further demand, we hope to increase this.)
- 4.6 The Organising Authority reserves the right to cancel the event if fewer than 4 teams enter. Entry fees will be refunded in full in the event of cancellation.

Further information available from Peter Collyer petercollyer@ntlworld.com

5 EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The format of the event will be available at registration
- 5.2 Registration will take place at Spinnaker Sailing Club from 0830 on July 2nd
- 5.3 There will be a briefing at 0900 on July 2nd
- 5.4 The first warning signal will be at 0930 on July 2nd .

6 BUOYANCY AND CLOTHING

Adequate personal flotation devices shall be worn by all competitors at all times when afloat.

7 RISK STATEMENT, INSURANCE

7.1 Rule 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 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 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event 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.

8 RESULTS AND PRIZES

The top two teams at the end of the series will be offered the opportunity to be nominated by the UK 420 Class Association to attend the 420 Team Racing World Championships. Nominations must be accepted at the closing of the event, and if declined, will be offered to the next highest ranked team. No substitution of sailors will be allowed except in exceptional circumstances.

(We hope that both teams will be accepted by the organisers of the international event, but this cannot be guaranteed).

No other prizes will be awarded.

ENTRY FORM

Team Name Team Contact Address Phone & Email

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I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this event. In particular I have read paragraph 7 of the notice of race and confirm that I agree to its provisions and that my boat will conform to its requirements throughout the event.

Signed On behalf of the team entered

NOTES All helms will be required to sign a copy of this declaration at registration. An additional disclaimer may be required at registration from a parent or guardian of any competitor that is under 18 years of age. This is available in advance on request.

The entry form to be returned to Mark Smallwood (mark@oaksworth.co.uk) and copied to Pauline Baker, gbr420treasurer@gmail.com with the fee preferably transferred to British 420 Class Association account:

Sort Code 60-20-40,

Account Number 79101518.

Or by cheque to:

British 420 Class Association, Briarstead, Lewes Road, Ashurstwood, East Grinstead, West Sussex, RH19 3TD