

BRIGHTLINGSEA SAILING CLUB

INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

25th - 28th August 2018

Organised by Brightlingsea Sailing Club in conjunction with the Class Association

BSC, Oyster Tank Road, Brightlingsea, Essex CO7 0BA

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES.

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing.*
- 1.2 Part 5, Section B of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, as well as rules 44.1 and 63.1 will be changed in the Sailing Instructions to permit Protest Arbitration.
- 1.3 When on the water competitors shall wear lifejackets or other adequate personal buoyancy except for short periods when changing clothing. Wetsuits and drysuits are not adequate personal buoyancy. Flag y will not be used, this changes RRS 40 and signals.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 Boats will be required to display identification numbers and may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the International 420 class that meet with the obligations of their Class Rules and their National Authority.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form available on the website http://gbr420.uk/

4. FEES

4.1 The Entry Fees will be:

'Early Bird' entry before 13th July: £290 per boat.

Standard entry by 10th August: £320 per boat.

Late entry after 10th August: £350 per boat.

This will include supper on Sat, Sun and the Black Tie dinner on Monday.

4.2 Payment shall be made following the instructions on the class website http://gbr420.uk/

5. SCHEDULE

5.1

Day Saturday	Date 25 th	Event Registration Competitor Briefing 1 or 2 Races	Time 09.00 – 12.00 approx. 12.30 First start 14.00
Sunday	26 th	3 or 4 Races	First start 10.30
Monday	27 th	3 or 4 Races	First start 10.30
Tuesday	28 th	2 or 3 Races Prize giving	First start 10.30 Asap after racing

- 5.2 Races will be sailed back to back. 10 Races are scheduled.
- 5.3 No race will started after 15.00 on Tuesday 28th June.
- 5.4 The O.A. and/or the R.C. reserve the right to modify the programme due to weather conditions or other causes.

6. MEASUREMENT & INSPECTION

- 6.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate at registration or prove that one exists before start of the event.
- 6.2 The Organisers may weigh, measure or inspect any boat and or her equipment and sails before, during or after the races.
- 6.3 Sails shall be measured by an approved measurer before arrival at the regatta and shall have a valid sail button.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be published on the class and club website and will be available during registration.

8. VENUE

8.1 All races will be held in the Colne Estuary. Competitors should ensure they allow sufficient time to reach the race area which may be some distance from the launch area.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1 The course to be sailed will be a trapezoid or windward/leeward configuration.
- 9.2 Spreader/offset marks and leeward gates may be used.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 Rule 'Appendix P' (Special Procedures for Rule 42) shall apply.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.3 When from 5 to 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

12.1 Support boats shall register at registration and state the boats that they are associated with. At all times they will follow the instructions of the PRO and/or the Safety Officer.

13. BERTHING

13.1 Boat shall be kept in the designated dinghy park area. This will be the grass area behind the council car park to the side of the main BSC Dinghy Park. Cars may also be parked on this area. Cars must display a permit available from registration.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

14.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

15. PRIZES

15.1 Prizes will be a combination of perpetual class trophies and event trophies if applicable.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising 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.

17. RISK ASSESMENT

17.1 Rule 4 of the RRS states "the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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 while taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other property whether afloat or ashore;

- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss 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 con be practically provided in the circumstances;

N.B When applicable, parents or guardians of competitors under 16 years old will be required to take full responsibility for their dependents throughout the event and to sign the parental permission form provided at registration.

18. INSURANCE

18.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

19. TELEVISION & PHOTOGRAPHERS' RIGHTS

19.1 Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION and KEY CONTACTS

20.1 Club Contacts:

Brightlingsea Sailing Club,

Waterside, Oyster Tank Road, Brightlingsea, Essex CO7 0BA

Email: info@sailbrightlingsea.com vcsailing@sailbrightlingsea.com

Web: www.sailbrightlingsea.com - full information on how to find the club,

where to stay and where to park your boat is available on the site.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Day Friday	Date 24 th	The club will be open from approx. 16.00 to 21.00
Saturday	25 th	Breakfast from 08.30 Light snacks and drinks available all day BBQ on the beach
Sunday	26 th	Breakfast from 07.30 Light snacks and drinks available all day Pasta supper Class AGM
Monday	27 th	Breakfast from 07.30 Light snacks and drinks available all day Black Tie Dinner and Disco

Tuesday 28th Breakfast from 08.30 Light snacks and drinks available all day Prize giving tea