

Irish 420 Class Association Event

Event: Christmas 2009
Organising Club: Howth Yacht Club
Date: 12th & 13th December 2009

Notice of Race

1 Organising Authority

1.1 The Organising Authority is the Irish 420 Class Association in conjunction with Howth Yacht Club.

2 Rules

2.1 Racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

2.2 This Notice of Race may be amended by the Organising Authority, and in any conflict with a Sailing Instruction, the Sailing Instruction shall prevail.

2.3 Helms may not change crews during the event without prior permission of the organizing authority.

2.4 Equipment (i.e. foils, spars, sails) shall not be changed between races except in the case of damage and then only with the approval of the Race Officer. In such cases the damaged equipment will be inspected by the class Scrutineer for the event.

2.5 **Parent/Guardian Declarations:** All helms and crews who are under 18 years of age must submit declarations signed by their parent or guardian with their entry form or at event registration.

3 Eligibility

3.1 Entry is open to all International 420 Class dinghies, sailed by helms and crews who are members of their National 420 Class Association and are also members of their National Authority (e.g. ISA) or an affiliated club.

3.2 At regatta registration, competitors will be required to show a valid measurement certificate for their boat, and evidence of membership of their class association.

4 Entries

4.1 Entries must be made using the event entry form, accompanied by the entry fee of €40 per boat. There will be no entry fee for boats that took part in the End of Seasons in Lough Derg.

4.2 Cheques to be made payable to: 420 Class Association.

5 Event Schedule

5.1 Competitors shall register with the Race Office on the first day of the event from 09:00 to 10:30.

5.2 The target time for each race will be approximately 45 minutes for the leading boat.

5.3 The warning signal for the first race each day will not be made before 11:55 on the first day of the event, and 10:25 on subsequent days of the event. It is intended that no warning signal will be made after 14:30 on the last day of the event.

6 Statement of Liability

6.1 Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing reduces this responsibility. It is for competitors to decide whether their boat and its helm and crew are fit to sail in the conditions which they might find. By launching or going to sea competitors confirm their boat is fit for those conditions and that they are competent to sail and compete in them. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and/or competitors, nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the event and includes the organizing authority, race committee, race officer, safety officer, patrol boat personnel and beach masters. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve owners and competitors of their responsibilities.

7 Insurance

7.1 Boats are required to sign a declaration to the effect that they are adequately insured for the duration of the event, including insurance against third party claims of at least €2.5m or the equivalent in other currencies.

8 Sailing Instructions

8.1 Sailing Instructions will be issued at Event Registration. A draft version may be available on the 420 website in advance of the event.

9 Safety Regulations

9.1 Life-jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors at all times whilst afloat. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy. All boats must have an appropriate tow line, tapped to the deck in accordance to International 420 class rules.

10 Scoring

10.1 The low points scoring system of RRS Appendix A, will apply.

10.2 2 races shall be completed to constitute a series in the event.

10.3 If four or less races are completed, no score will be excluded.

11 Private or Team Support Boats

11.1 Support boats shall register at the Race Office during the registration period.

During racing support boats shall remain more than 100 metres from the course area, except when asked to assist by the Race Committee.

12 Prizes

12.1 There will be a prize for the first three boats in the gold fleet, the first boat in the silver fleet and the first girl boat in both fleets.