Irish International 420 Association

2024
Munster CHAMPIONSHIPS
Friday, 16th and Saturday, 17th February

Kinsale Yacht Club

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES
   1.1. The Racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024, the ISA prescriptions thereto, Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions, and the Rules of the International 420 Class.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & BRIEFING
   2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Regatta Notice Board, located in the Race Office window.
   2.2. The competitors briefing will take place at 10.00 am in the sailing club on Friday, 18th February.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
   3.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official Regatta Notice Board at least 90 mins before the first start of the day and indicated by displaying flag L ashore. However, any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 18:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE
   4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main club flagpole.
   4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES
   5.1. The intended schedule of races is as follows.

Day	First Warning Signal	Number of Races
Friday 16th February	11:30 am	3
Saturday 17th February	10.00 am	3

   5.2. Races subsequent to the first on each day will start as soon as possible after the finish of the previous race. Competitors should, therefore, stay close to the start area.
   5.3. The Race Officer may complete four races on either day in order to complete a maximum of 6 races. Competitors should assume that there will be at least 3 on the Saturday.

5.4. Code flag R on the Committee Boat at the end of Race 3 on either day signals the intention to run a 4th Race on that day.

6. RACING AREA

6.1. The Racing Area will be in the outer Kinsale harbour area. Please ensure you allow enough time to get to the race area.

7. COURSES

7.1. The diagrams in **Appendix 1 -** show the courses, including the course signals, the order in which marks are to be passed. All rounding marks are to be passed to port.

7.2. The course number will be posted on the committee boat.

8. MARKS

8.1. Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be yellow pencil marks.

8.2. The start mark will be a danbuoy with an orange flag.

8.3. The finish line mark will be a danbuoy with an orange flag.

8.4. The Committee Vessel will be described at briefing.

9. THE START

9.1. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 *(5-4-1-Go).*

9.2. The starting line will be between a **candy-striped pole** on the **port side** of the Committee Vessel and a Danbuoy mark with an orange flag.

9.3. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with repeated sound signal at least one minute before the warning signal is displayed.

9.4. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

10.1. A change of course after the start may be made without any signals before the leading boat has begun the leg. Any mark to be rounded may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. This changes RRS 33.

11. FINISHING LINE

The finish line will be between a red and white pole on the Committee Vessel and a Dahn buoy ODM of the port side of the Committee Vessel. The only exception is when the Committee Vessel is not used as the finishing vessel.

11.1. After the first boat has finished, the race committee may finish other boats at any mark of the course. When a boat displays flag W with two sound signals, boats which have not yet rounded the nearby mark shall finish between this mark and the staff on the boat displaying W. When a boat finishes in accordance with this SI, she shall be awarded a finishing place after all boats that have completed more legs of the course and then finished.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1. Immediate Penalties for Breaking RRS 42: RRS Appendix P will apply.

12.2. If the Protest Committee observes a boat infringing a rule of Parts 2 or 3 of the RRS and failing to take a penalty, the boat may be disqualified without a hearing. A boat so penalised is entitled to request redress but must do so within the time limit

defined in SI 14.2, or within 30 minutes of the results being posted, whichever is the later time. This changes RRS 63.1.

12.3. Rule 44.3 (yellow flag scoring penalty) will NOT be in force at the event, and this changes RRS44.

13. TIME LIMIT

13.1. The target time for each race is approx. 40 minutes and the time limit for a race shall be 60 minutes for first boat to finish.

13.2. Any boat not finishing within 10 minutes after the first boat to finish shall be scored as DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

13.3. If no boat has rounded the first mark within 15 minutes after a valid start, the race shall be abandoned.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1. Protests forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

14.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The actual Time Limit will be posted on the official Regatta Notice Board.

14.3. Notices will be posted on the official Regatta Notice Board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

14.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted on the official Regatta Notice Board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

14.5. On the last day of scheduled racing, a party to a hearing may ask for a re-opening no later than 30 minutes after being informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

14.6. Protests under SIs 16, 19, and 20 may be brought only by the Race Committee and not by a competitor. This changes RRS 60.1.

14.7. All protests will be under Arbitration.

15. SCORING

15.1. As defined in the Notice of Race. Scoring system shall be RRS Appendix A4.1 *(min.2 races for a Series; 3 or less races = no discard; 4 + = 1 discard)*

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1. Lifejackets or other adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors at all times while afloat. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy. Flag Y will <u>not</u> be displayed. This changes RRS 40 and Race Signal Y.

17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

17.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

17.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee.
Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

17.3. Sail numbers other than those required by RRS G1.1(c) will only be allowed in exceptional circumstances and with the written permission of the race committee. Under no circumstances will a boat be permitted to use the sail number of another boat that is racing. This changes RRS 77.

18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

18.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat may be instructed by a Race Committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19. SUPPORT BOATS

19.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall remain more than 100 metres from the course area from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

19.2. The penalty for failing to comply with SI 19.1 may be the disqualification of boats associated with the infringing personnel in that race, or such other penalty that the jury may decide.

20. RUBBISH DISPOSAL

20.1. Boats shall not discharge trash into the water. Trash may be deposited on support and official boats.

21. RADIO COMMUNICATION

21.1. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction includes cellular telephones.

22. PRIZES

22.1. Prizes are detailed in the Notice of Race.

22.2. Prizegiving will be in /outside the clubhouse after racing on completion of the event.

1 Further Information

– Race Organiser KYC

Email

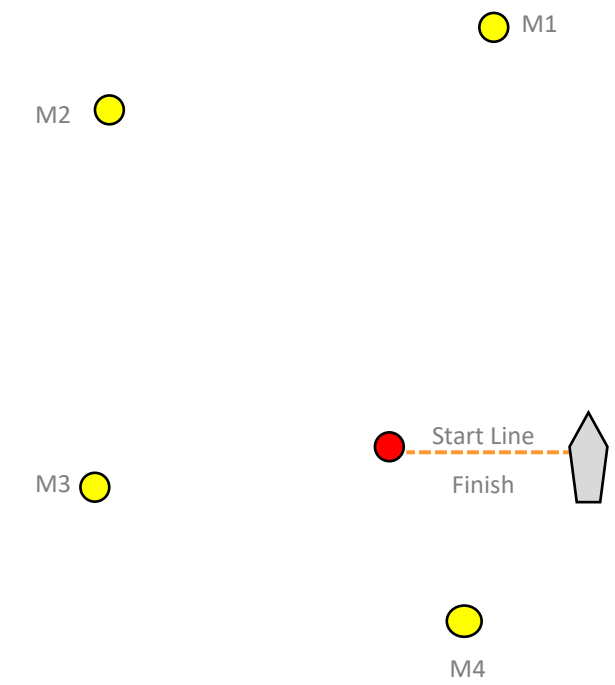
Phone

Appendix 1

Trapezoid Course

Course 1
Start 1,2,3,2,3,4 Finish

Course 2
Start 1,4,1,2,3,2,3,4 Finish



Note:
Mark colours are for reference only.
There may be a separate start and finish boat.