



Irish Fireball Association and International 420 Class Association ULSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

6th/7th May 2017

Ballyholme Yacht Club, Bangor, County Down



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.
- 1.3 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 32, 35, 40, 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2 A4 and A5 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in these sailing instructions.
- 1.4 Rules of the relevant International Associations will apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the foyer of Ballyholme Yacht Club.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the main flagpole at the sea side of the club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES ETC.

- 5.1 Briefing – A Briefing will be held at 1015 on Saturday 6th May 2017.

5.2 Racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>
Saturday 6 th May	Races 1,2 and 3
Sunday 7 th May	Races 4, 5 and 6

- 5.3 Six Races are scheduled.

- 5.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The class flag for the Fireball Class will be Numeral 1.
- 6.2 The class flag for the 420 Class will be the 420 class flag.

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 Racing will take place to the north of Ballyholme Bay.

8 THE COURSE

- 8.1 Old Olympic triangle, or Trapezoid or Windward Leeward courses will be used. The diagrams in Addendum A show the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be passed.
- 8.2 The courses to be sailed will be indicated by course boards on the committee boat.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks will be yellow inflatables except that the start/finish mark will be a green inflatable. When a separate finish line is used the finish mark will be a red inflatable.

10 THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between an orange mast on the committee boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and the course side of a port-end starting mark.

10.2 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

11.2 Minor Course changes may not be signalled.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between a mast on the committee boat displaying a blue flag at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

13 SHORTENING COURSE

13.1 In addition to RRS 32 the course may be shortened for any reason by displaying flag F at a rounding mark with continuous sound signals. Boats shall round the mark and sail directly to the finish line to finish.

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Boats intending to protest for an incident on the race course shall inform the Race Committee vessel at the finish line. This changes RRS 61.

15.2 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

15.3 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

15.4 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest committee room in the Dark Blue Portacabin in the north dinghy park.

15.5 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15.6 Breaches of instructions 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

15.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 62.2.

16 SCORING

16.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

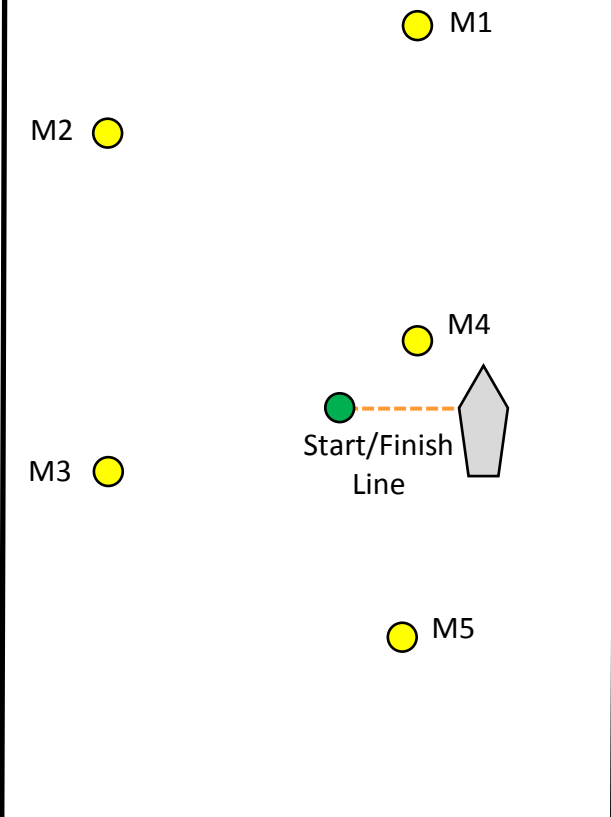
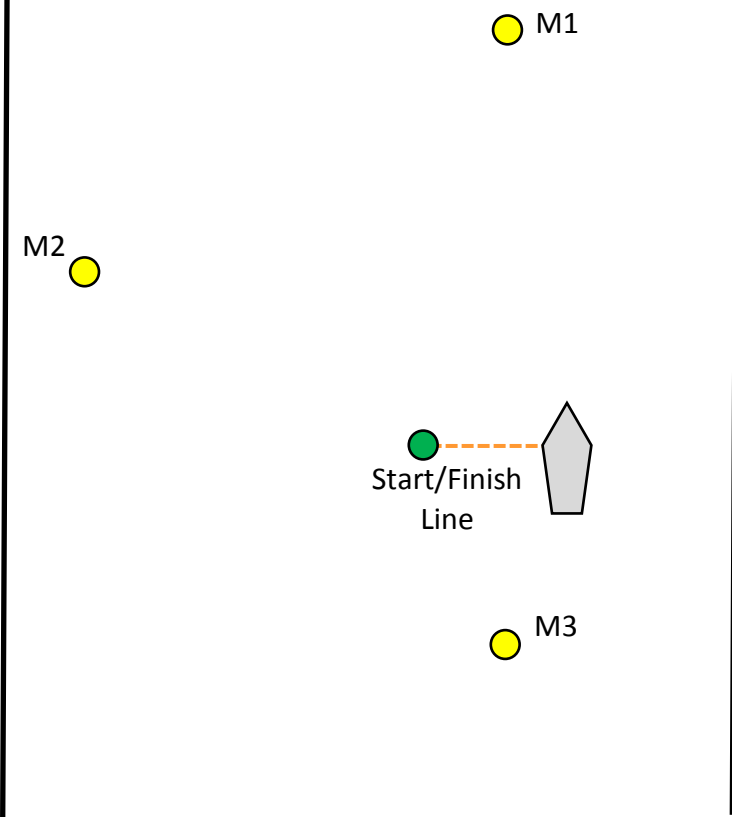
16.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 As per NOR 10

- 17.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**
- 18.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 18.2** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**
- 19.1** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 20 SUPPORT BOATS**
- 20.1** Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 21 TRASH DISPOSAL**
- 21.1** Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.
- 22 RADIO COMMUNICATION**
- 22.1** Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications not available to all boats.
- 23 PRIZES**
- 23.1** Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organisers
- 24 RISK STATEMENT**
- 24.1** Risk Statement is as published in the Notice of Race.
- 25 INSURANCE**
- 25.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000.00 Sterling or the equivalent.

ADDENDUM A – Courses

Trapezoids	Old Olympic Triangle	Windward Leeward
<p>O2 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 5, Finish O3 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 5, Finish I2 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, 5, Finish I3 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, 5, Finish Marks 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 to be left to Port</p> 	<p>T2 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, Finish T3 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 1, 2, 3, Finish T4 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, Finish Marks 1, 2 and 3 to be left to Port</p> 	<p>L2 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P/4S, Finish L3 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P/4S, 1, 4P/4S, Finish Mark 1 to be left to port Marks 4P/4S are a Gate</p> 