

International 420

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

INTERNATIONAL 420 VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008

Saturday 7th June 2008 & Sunday 8th June 2008

Venue

**Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club, 3154 Pt Nepean Road,
Sorrento, Victoria**

Organising Authority

Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club in conjunction with
the Victorian International 420 Class Association



1 RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (2005 – 2008).
- 1.2** The Prescriptions (2005 – 2008) and Special Regulations, part 2, of Yachting Australia Inc will apply.
- 1.3** The rules of the international 420 class will apply.
- 1.4** If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1** The Regatta is classified as a category C event in accordance with rule 79.
- 2.2** Competitors may be required to display bow no's and or event sponsors decals. These items will be supplied and fitted by the Organising Authority.
- 2.3** The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse advertising by a boat or competitor which is in conflict with the law or an event sponsor.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the sail deck.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board no later than 0800 hours on the day that it is to take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole to the north of the hard stand.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

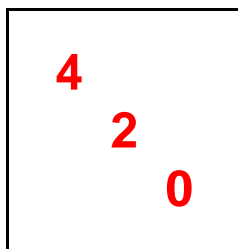
- 6.1 The championships will consist of 8 races. A minimum of three races will be required to constitute a series..
- 6.2 The schedule of events will be as shown below:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>
Saturday 7 th Jun 2008	Registration	08:00 > 09:30 hrs
Saturday 7 th Jun 2008	Competitor information session	09:45 > 10:00 hrs
Saturday 7 th Jun 2008	Session 1	11:00 hrs
Sunday 8 th Jun 2008	Session 2	10:00 hrs

- 6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for Session 1 is 11:00hrs and Session 2 is 10:00hrs.
- 6.3 When there has been a long postponement, or when more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for the first race and each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the AP flag will be displayed with one sound for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 6.4 Races on each day will be scheduled at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 6.5 No races will commence after 16:00 hrs on Sunday 8th Jun 2008.

7 CLASS FLAGS

The 420 class flag is a white flag with red 420 (as shown below)



8 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in open water approx 1 nautical mile in a North-Easterly direction from SSCBC

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in Attachments 1 & 2 details the course options, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be rounded.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat shall display the course number. Numeral 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5
- 9.3 When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Mark 1, 2, 3 and gates will be orange inflatable cones.
- 10.2 New mark, as provided in instruction 12.1, will be a black inflatable cone.
- 10.3 The starting mark will be an orange inflatable cone.
- 10.4 The finishing mark will be an orange flag

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given five minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 12.2** The change of course will be signalled by the race committee before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not be in position. The change of course is signalled with Race signal “ C “ over a port hand flag or a starboard hand flag.
- 12.3** When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark and any subsequent changes will alternate the change mark and the original mark.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing boat at the starboard end, and the port-end finishing line flag.
- 13.2** The start/finish line, when in the middle of the course and when the Committee Boat displays the orange (on station) start flag or the Blue (on station) finish flag, must be honored.
- 13.3** Boats shall **NOT** sail through the finishing line unless they are finishing.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1** Appendix P will apply [as changed by instruction 14.2].
- 14.2** Rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any protest after the first one.
- 14.3** A boat that has completed a penalty or retired under rule 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the control box within the protest time limit.

15. CLASS CHANGES TO RULE 42

- 15.1** If the class rules permit pumping, rocking and ooching when the wind speed exceeds a specified limit (13 knots for a period of 10 mins or longer), the race committee may signal by displaying flag O before or with the warning signal that those actions, as specified in the class rules, are permitted.
- 15.2** If the wind speed exceeds the specified limit after the starting signal, the race committee may display flag O with repetitive sounds at a rounding mark to signal

that the actions are permitted, as specified in the class rules, to a boat after she has passed the mark.

- 15.3** If the wind speed becomes less than the specified limit after flag O was displayed, the race committee may display flag R with repetitive sounds at a rounding mark to signal that rule 42, as changed by the class rules, applies to a boat after she has passed the mark.

This changes class rule C 1.2

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1** The time limit for the first boat in each race is seventy (70) minutes.
- 16.2** Boats failing to finish within ten (10) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1** Protest forms are available at the control box. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 17.2** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. This time frame will be displayed by the raising of a red ball, with one horn signal, from the flagpole, at the conclusion of 60 minutes the red ball will be lowered, with one horn signal, to indicate the conclusion of the protest window. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee or jury about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 17.3** Notices will be posted within 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room, which is located at the top of the stairs in the main clubhouse.
- 17.4** Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats protested under rule 61.1(b).
- 17.5** A list of boats that, under instruction 14.3, have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the protest committee will be posted before the protest time limit.
- 17.6** Breaches of instructions 2.2, 2.3, 11.3, 14.3, 19.3, 20, 23 and 24 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 17.7** On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

17.8 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.4.

17.9 ARBITRATION

(a) For protests involving a breach of a rule of Part 2, a short arbitration hearing will be held prior to a protest hearing. This changes Part 5, Section B, of the RRS.

(b) After a written protest form is filed, one representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator. No witnesses will be allowed. Unresolved arbitration will be referred to the Protest Committee.

(c) A boat that accepts fault at the arbitration hearing shall receive a penalty score equal to her finish position plus 40% of the number of boats entered (rounding 0.5 upward), except that she shall not be scored worse than DNF.

(d) Decisions made during arbitration cannot be grounds for redress and cannot be appealed.

(e) The arbitrator will not be a member of the Jury that hears the protest, but may be permitted to observe the testimony given to the Jury and offer testimony. This changes rule 63.3(a).

18 SCORING

18.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

18.2 A minimum of **three (3)** races shall be completed to constitute a series. Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, except if between **four (4) and seven (7)** races are completed, she may discard her worst score. If **eight (8)** races are completed she may discard her 2 worst scores.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 Boats shall sign on, on the appropriate sign-on sheet on the sail deck before leaving the beach to race and after racing sign off on the appropriate sheet on the sail deck within sixty minutes of finishing the last race of the day.

19.2 Failing to sign on or off may result in a protest by the race committee.

19.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19.4 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices that comply with Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 2. (off the beach boats) or equivalent international standard, at all times whilst afloat.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the

committee at the first reasonable opportunity, subsequently a reply in writing will be issued.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time by the official 420 association measurer 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.

22 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked with the SSCBC burgee.

23 SUPPORT BOATS

23.1 All coach and team support boats must pre register with the organising authority at the control box and shall carry a VHF (Channel 73) radio whilst afloat.

23.2 Unless directed by the race committee, team leaders, coaches and other support personnel whilst afloat shall not enter the course area or go closer than 100 metres to any boat racing between the Preparatory signal for a race and when a boat finishes or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment, except in boats provided by the organising authority. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may, after protest, be the disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing support personnel.

24 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

25 PRIZES

There will be four (4) categories competed for (excl Presidents Award);

Open Class (all sailors)

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters. The first place will also be awarded the Open Class Perpetual Trophy.

Youth Class (Under 19 yrs at 31st December 2007)

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters. The first place will also be awarded the Youth Class Perpetual Trophy

Novice (never raced as a team in a 420 class regatta prior to this event)

Prize for 1st place only will be awarded for this category

Ladies (all Female Competitors)

Prize for 1st place only will be awarded for this category. The first place will also be awarded the Ladies Class Perpetual Trophy.

Presidents Endeavour Award

Note – Perpetual Trophies will only be awarded to the leading boat that is crewed by members of the Victorian International 420 Class Association.

26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

27 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$5,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

Attachment 1

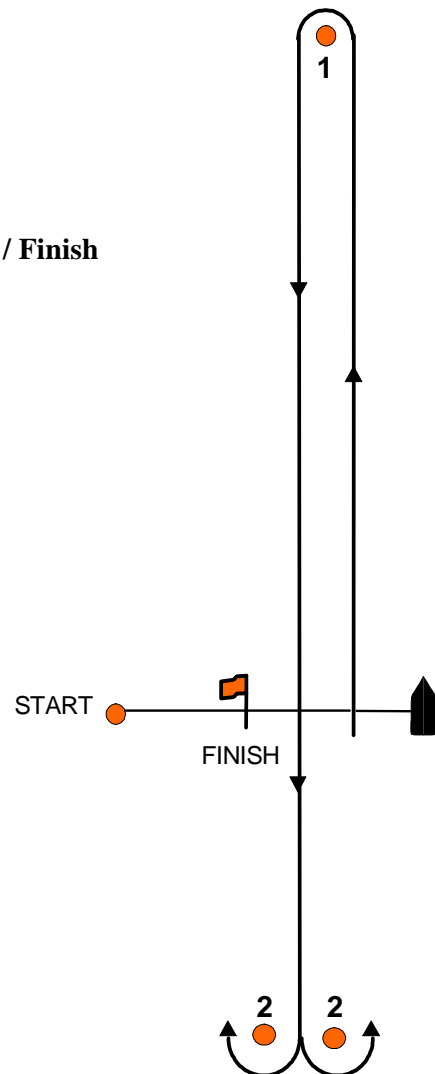
WINDWARD - LEEWARD COURSES

COURSES:

Numeral 1 - Start / 1 / gate 2 / Finish

Numeral 2 - Start / 1 / gate 2 / 1 / gate 2 / Finish

Numeral 3 - Start / 1 / gate 2 / 1 / gate 2 / 1 / gate 2 / Finish



Attachment 2

TRIANGULAR COURSES

COURSES:

Numeral 4 - Start / 1 / 2 / 3 / 1 / 3 / Finish

Numeral 5 - Start / 1 / 2 / 3 / 1 / 2 / 3 / Finish

