



# Irish International 420 Association



**2025 LEINSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

**Malahide Yacht Club**

## **Sailing Instructions**

1. **RULES**
  - 1.1. The Organising Authority is Malahide Yacht Club.
  - 1.2. The Regatta will be governed by the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association and the current International 420 Class Rules, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions or the Notice of Race.
  - 1.3. International 420 class rule C1,1,1 will apply when wind speeds clearly exceed 13 knots across the course. When applied the signal will be in accordance with RRS appendix P5.
2. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & BRIEFING**
  - 2.1. The Official Regatta Notice Board will be hosted on the [www.racingrulesofsailing.org](http://www.racingrulesofsailing.org) website. Links are provided in Appendix 2 of these instructions and will be displayed at the Race Office and standby notice board located on the window beside the main door of the centre.
3. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
  - 3.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official Regatta Notice Board at least one hour before the first start of the day. However, any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.
4. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**
  - 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole on shore.
  - 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, subject to a maximum of six:

Day	First Warning Signal	Number of Races
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	11:00	3
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	3

- 5.2. Races subsequent the first on each day will start as soon as possible after the finish of the previous race.
- 5.3. The Race Officer may complete four races on either day in order to complete a maximum of six races.

6. RACING AREA

- 6.1. The Racing Area will be on the Broadmeadows Estuary and the Malahide Yacht Club Dinghy Centre.

7. COURSES

- 7.1. The diagrams in **Appendix 1** - show the courses, including the course signals, the order in which marks and gates are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8. MARKS

- 8.1. Marks 1, 2, 3s, 3p will be yellow.  
8.2. The start and finish marks will be red marks.  
8.3. The Committee Vessel will be a white motor vessel.

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 striped red and white pole on the Committee Vessel and a red mark  
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

- 11.1. The finishing line will be between a striped red and white pole on the committee vessel and a red mark.  
11.2. Non finishing boats shall not sail through the finish line while the Blue Flag is being flown on the committee boat

12. SHORTENING THE COURSE

- 12.1. In addition to RRS 32.2 when a race committee vessel displays code flag F with repeated sound signals adjacent to a mark of the course, boats having rounded that mark shall proceed directly to the Finish Line and finish. This changes RRS 32.2 and 33

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. Immediate Penalties for Breaking RRS 42: RRS Appendix P will apply.  
13.2. 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.  
13.3. Rule 44.3 (yellow flag scoring penalty) will NOT be in force at the event and this changes RRS44.

#### 14. TIME LIMIT

- 14.1. The time limit for a race shall be 60 minutes.
- 14.2. Any boat not finishing within 20 minutes after the first boat to finish shall be scored as DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.
- 14.3. If no boat has rounded the first mark within 30 minutes after a valid start, the race shall be abandoned.
- 14.4. In addition to RRS 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course, shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return to shore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this sailing instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and RRS 62.1(a).

#### 15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. Hearing request forms must be submitted online using the [racingrulesofsailing.org](http://racingrulesofsailing.org) website. The link is provided in Appendix II of these Sailing Instructions.
- 15.2. The protest time limit is 60 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. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.3. 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 Race Office on first floor of the clubhouse.

#### 16. SCORING

- 16.1. All fleets will be scored on one result sheet so that any competitor may see their position relative to the entire entry in their Class.
- 16.2. As defined in the Notice of Race (*min 2 races; 3 or less races: no discard; 4-6: 1 discard*)

#### 17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. Life-jackets 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 not be displayed. This changes RRS 40 and Race Signal Y.

#### 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 approved by the Race Committee.  
Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 18.3. 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.

#### 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 may 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 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.

20.2. 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.

21. RUBBISH DISPOSAL

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

22. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

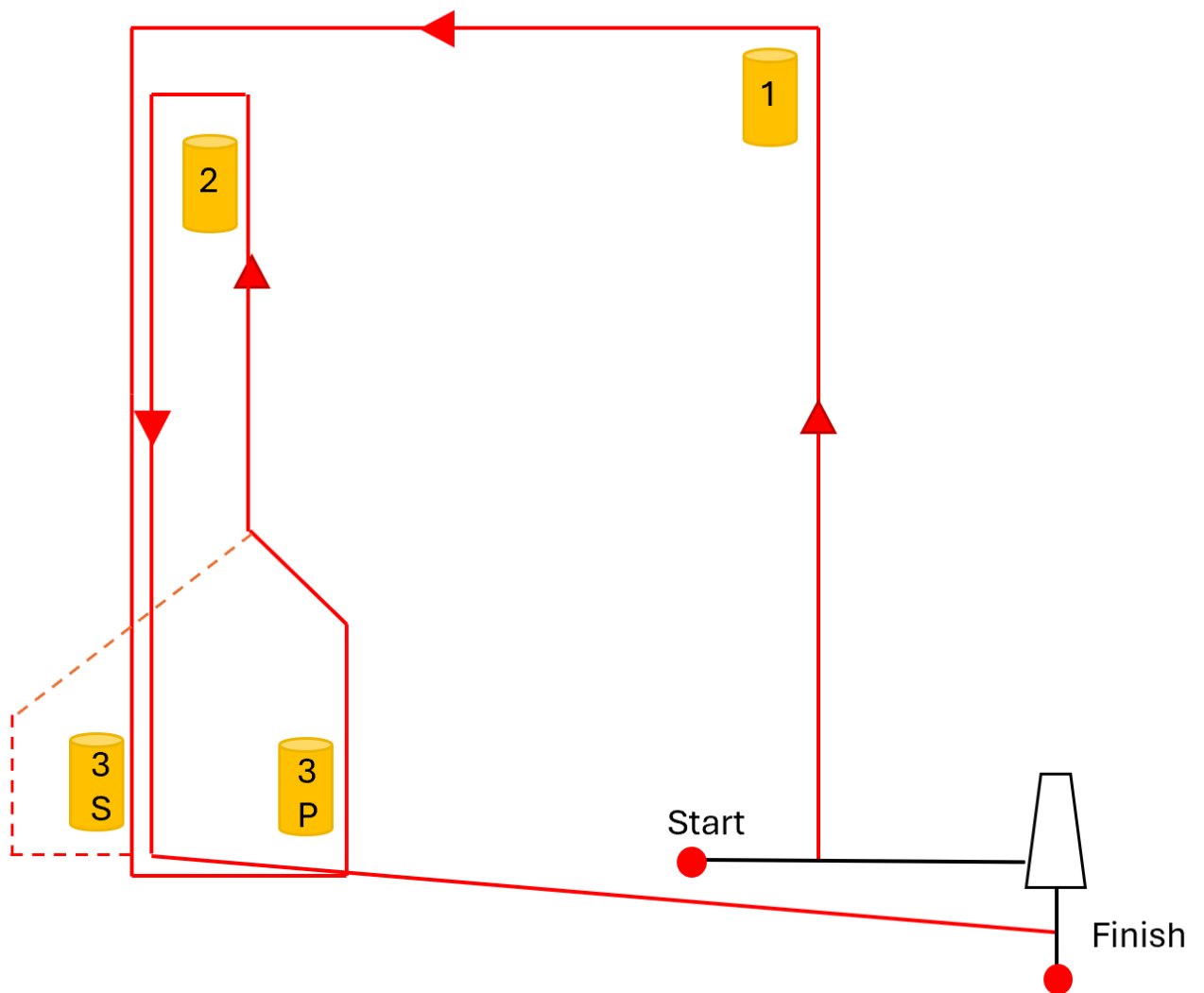
23. PRIZES

23.1. Prizes are detailed in the Notice of Race.

24. Further Information

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## Appendix 1



Course: Start-1-2-Gate (3S or 3P) -2-3P-Finish

All marks to be rounded to Port except 3S which may be rounded to starboard



## Appendix 2

# 420 Class - Leinster Championships 2025

## Links to Public Information

Regatta officials are using a web-based program to assist with the management of this regatta. It provides electronic forms for such actions as scoring inquiries, protests, equipment substitutions, etc. And it provides for electronic communication with competitors if competitors have provided an email and/or telephone number accepting SMS. Competitors will be notified electronically of protest time limits, confirmation of a protest filing, scheduled hearing times, etc. This electronic system allows competitors to move freely about the event and remain in contact with relevant officials. And all competitors have electronic access to the scoring inquiries, jury decisions, etc.\*

**Notice: The Official Notice Board (ONB) is still the only official source of information for this regatta.**



**Submit Request for Hearing**



**Submit Scoring Inquiry**

**NOTICE:** When submitting a protest, request or report, the procedure (as set forth in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Sailing Instructions) remains unchanged.



**Online Notice Board**



**Hearing Schedule**



**Hearing Decisions**



**Scoring Inquiries**

The jury and parties reserve the right to limit public access to certain decisions.\*



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