



**WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP**
21-29 JULY 2023
ALICANTE - SPAIN



NOTICE OF RACE

INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 21-29 JULY 2023

Real Club de Regatas de Alicante in co-operation with the International 420 Class Association are pleased to invite 420 sailors to take part in the:

2023 420 World Championship (for Men & Mixed crews)
2023 420 Women's World Championship (for female crews)
and
2023 420 U17 World Championship (for all U17 crews)

in Alicante, Spain from 21 - 29 July 2023.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the rules as defined in *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS). Other documents under RRS Definition Rule (g) include the 420 Class Event Measurement Regulations and Policies.
- 1.2 National Authority prescriptions will not apply.
- 1.3 No Class Rule variations will apply.
- 1.4 In all rules governing this championship:
 - 1.4.1 [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
 - 1.4.2 [SP] denotes a rule which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 1.5 If boat is to produce a measurement certificate, she shall do so before 18:00 on 23 July 2023. This changes RR 78.2.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. [SP] [NP] ADVERTISING AND BOW NUMBERS

- 2.1 Boats will be required to display bow numbers and/or advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.
- 2.2 From the second racing day, competitors ranking first, second and third in the series at the beginning of each day shall wear on top of their clothing yellow, blue and red bibs respectively, while racing that day. The bibs will be provided by the Organizing Authority.
- 2.3 [SP] Boats are required to display national flags on their mainsail according to Class rule C.10.3.1(e). Approved national flag manufacturers are listed here:

<https://d7qh6ksdplczd.cloudfront.net/sailing/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/19014215/WS-National-Flag-Supplier.pdf>

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to boats of the 420 Class and to competitors who comply with World Sailing Regulation 19 – Eligibility Code. On 1 March 2022, World Sailing published the following recommendations in reaction to the situation in Ukraine: <https://www.sailing.org/2022/03/01/world-sailing-statement-6/>. To help preserve the integrity and safety of the 2023 420 World Championships, entries shall be open to competitors of all nationalities, but not to competitors holding only Russian or Belarusian nationality.
- 3.2 Participating crews in the championship shall be entered by their National 420 Class Association or by their National Authority where there is no National Association. Only crews representing nations in good standing with the International 420 Class Association may participate. Each crew member shall be member of a National 420 Class Association affiliated to the National Authority.
- 3.3 Entries for the World and Women’s Championships shall be limited to 20 boats in total for each country and 30 boats for the host country. Only Men or Mixed teams are authorised to enter the World Championship. Only women teams are authorised to enter the Women’s World Championship.
- 3.4 Entries for the U17 World Championship shall be limited to 8 boats in total for each country and 12 boats for the host country. Each country may enter 2 additional boats specifically for the U15 sub-category. For the U17 category each crew member shall not have attained his or her 17th birthday on or before 31/12/2023 (born in 2007 or later). For the U15 sub-category each crew member shall not have attained his or her 15th birthday on or before 31/12/2023 (born in 2009 or later).
- 3.5 The reigning champions in each category may defend their titles on top of the quota limits in 3.3 and 3.4, provided that all crew members are still eligible to compete in the same category.
- 3.6 All entries shall be made online at the International 420 Class Website:
<http://2023worlds.420sailing.org>
- 3.7 Competitors under 18 years of age shall present a signed and completed parent or guardian consent and declaration form during the on-site registration.
- 3.8 The online entry form shall be printed, the required signatures obtained and the completed form brought to the on-site registration.
- 3.9 All Coaches with support boats must register by completing the registration form available online on the website related to the event by 20 July 2023.

4. FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee is EUR 450 per boat. The entry fee is reduced to EUR350 per boat for boats that have completed online entry and paid their entry fee on or before 30 June 2023.
- 4.2 Entry fees shall be paid in EUR to the International 420 Class bank Account:
Account Header: International 420 Class Association
Account No: 210 0467 180 80
Bank address: BNP Paribas Fortis Nieuwpoort-Centrum, Langestraat 56, B-8620 Nieuwpoort, BELGIUM
IBAN: BE47 2100 4671 8080
SWIFT CODE: GEBABEBB
- 4.3 **ALL BANK TRANSFERS SHOULD BE CLEARLY ANNOTATED WITH THE NAME OF THE COUNTRY, THE EVENT AND THE SAIL NUMBERS AND/OR NAMES OF THE COMPETITORS.** Please advise when bank transfer has been made by email to: treasurer@420sailing.org
- 4.4 Entry fees to be paid by Support Teams (coaches, team leaders and representatives from participating nations) are EUR75 per person and **shall be paid directly to the Organizing Authority at registration.**
- 4.5 These entry fees include all collective services provided by the Organizing Authority, such as social events, boat park facilities, toilets and showers.

5. CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

- 5.1 Men/Mixed, Women and U17 fleets shall race separately.
- 5.2 Each event will consist of a qualifying series and a final series.
- 5.2.1 Qualifying series - 6 races scheduled for each event, teams will be divided into fleets. The number of fleets will be as defined below:
- One fleet up to 50 boats,
 - Two fleets from 51 to 100 boats,
 - Three fleets for more than 100 boats.
- The numbers of fleets may be changed by the Organizing Authority when the total number of entries is close to the limits stated in this Notice of Race.
- 5.2.2 Final series – 6 races scheduled for each event, teams in the qualifying series will be divided into final fleets according to the final scores of the qualifying series.
- There will be the same number of fleets as in the qualifying series. The fleets will have approximately the same number of teams. The Gold fleet will consist of the first part of the final scores of the qualifying series, Silver fleet of the second part, and so on.
- 5.3 If there are fewer than 50 entries at an event, then the championship will be competed in one fleet (single series) with 12 final races.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Schedule of races:

Day 1 – 21 July 2023	Registration and equipment inspections	09:00 - 19:00
Day 2 – 22 July 2023	Registration and equipment inspections	09:00 - 19:00

Day 3 – 23 July 2023	Registration and equipment inspections Practice Race Opening Ceremony	09:00 - 18:30 14:00 19:30
Day 4 – 24 July 2023	Qualifying series	12:00
Day 5 – 25 July 2023	Qualifying series	TBA
Day 6 – 26 July 2023	Qualifying series	TBA
Day 7 – 27 July 2023	Qualifying/Final series	TBA
Day 8 – 28 July 2023	Qualifying/Final series	TBA
Day 9 – 29 July 2023	Qualifying/Final series Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony	TBA TBA

6.2 No warning signal will be given after 16:30 on the last racing day.

6.3 No more than three races shall be sailed each day.

7. [SP] [NP] MEASUREMENT

7.1 A Technical Committee shall be appointed in accordance with RRS 92.

7.2 All boats shall be inspected before racing on the days specified in this Notice of Race. A boat will be eligible to compete and complete event registration after Equipment Inspection has been completed.

7.3 Each boat shall produce a valid Measurement certificate, accompanied by the hull measurement form (IMF), both of which must be presented during the pre-race inspection. Only original or certified true copies of these documents shall be accepted. Event charter boats are excluded from this obligation, but they must be accompanied by original or certified true copies of their measurement form.

7.4 Sails shall be certified and marked by an official measurer before being presented for inspection. No sail shall be accepted for inspection if it is not certified according to the class rules, and no member of the equipment inspection team shall certify sails on the spot.

7.5 In accordance with RRS 78, competitors are responsible for maintaining their boat in accordance with the Class Rules (for the purpose of RRS 78, competitors are considered to be the owners). Random equipment checks may be made at any time during the Championships.

7.6 The Event Measurement Regulations and Policies will be published on the Championship website before the start of the event and posted on the official notice board the day before the first day for event measurement.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available during registration at the Race Office and at the Championship website. Other documents governing the event will be published with the Sailing Instructions.

9. VENUE

9.1 The regatta site is located at:

Escuela De Vela. Real Club De Regatas de Alicante
Av. de Villajoyosa, 10, 03016 Alicante, Spain

Event Manager: Albert Bellido Fortuny

9.2 Appendix 1 shows the location of the venue in Alicante.

10. THE COURSES

The courses will be Trapezoid.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM & INTERNATIONAL JURY

11.1 RRS Appendix P, *Special Procedures for RRS 42*, will apply.

11.2. RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

11.3 An International Jury shall be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b).

11.4 Decisions of the International Jury shall be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

12. SCORING

12.1 RRS Appendix A will apply.

12.2 Qualifying series: A minimum of 5 and a maximum of 6 races must be completed to constitute the qualifying series. When there are 5 completed qualifying races at the end of a racing day, then the event will proceed on the next racing day with the Final series. All race scores from the qualifying series will be carried forward to the final series.

12.3 Final series: There will be 6 races in the final series.

12.4 Single series: There will be 12 final races in the single series.

12.5 The championships will be valid if at least 6 races are completed.

12.5 Discards

- When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her racescores.
- When 3 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her racescores excluding her worst score.

13. [SP] [NP] SUPPORT TEAMS

13.1 All Support Team members shall be registered (see 3.10) with the Organizing Authority and will be required to comply with local legislation and event Support Team Regulations. The Organizing Authority may refuse registrations and accept later registrations at their sole discretion.

13.2 Registered Support Team boats shall:

- a) fly a flag with their three-letter national code (see RRS G1.1) clearly displayed, or shall carry a sticker of their three-letter national code on each side of the boat or engine. The minimum height for the letters shall be 200 mm. The flag or stickers will not be provided by the Organizing Authority.
- b) fly a numbered identifier flag which will be provided by the Organizing Authority during registration. A deposit of EUR 10 will be required in order to receive the flag, which will be reimbursed upon return of the flag at the end of the event.

13.3 Registered Support Team boats shall act as assistance / rescue boats in case of need and shall comply with any instructions given by the Race Committee or the Organizing Authority.

- 13.4 All Support Team boats shall have third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of EUR 1,500,000 or equivalent per incident.

14. [SP] [NP] BERTHING

When berthed, boats shall be kept in their assigned place at the boat park.

15. PRIZES AND TITLES

- 15.1 The first Men/Mixed crew and the first Mixed crew of the final official ranking lists of the World Championship and the first crew of Women's World Championship will be declared respectively:

“International 420 Class World Champion”

“International 420 Class Mixed World Champion”

“International 420 Class Women's World Champion”

- 15.2 The first Men/Mixed crew and the first women's U17 crew of the final official ranking lists of the U17 World Championship will be declared respectively:

“International 420 Class U17 World Champion”

“International 420 Class U17 Women's World Champion”

- 15.3 Medals will be awarded to the first, second and third place crews of the Championships as above by the International 420 Class Association. Medals will be also awarded to the first, second and third placed U15 crews of the final official ranking list of the U17 World Championship by the International 420 Class Association.

- 15.4 The first three teams in the ranking list of each fleet shall be given a trophy by the Organizing Authority.

- 15.5 The **Francis Mouvet Trophy** will be awarded to the nation who has the highest placed boats in the World Championships, counting the best placed boat of that country in each of the World Championship, Women's World Championship and U17 World Championship final rankings.

- 15.6 The medals and prizes are given to both crew members.

16. RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1 Competitors and support team members participate in the Championship entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 3, Decision to Race. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 16.1.1 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

- 16.1.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

- 16.1.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

- 16.1.4 By participating in any race, they are satisfied that their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

- 16.1.5 The provision of a race management team, safety boats, judges and other officials and

volunteers by the organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

- 16.1.6 The provision of safety boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 16.1.7 They will familiarize themselves with any venue/event specific risks, adhere to rules and information produced for the venue/event and they will attend any venue/event safety briefings.

17. [SP] [NP] MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 17.1 By participating in the Championship, competitors automatically grant to the International 420 Class Association and to the Organizing Authority and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.
- 17.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organizing authority and in accordance with Class Rule C.5.1 (a) (2).

18. INSURANCE

- 18.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of EUR 1,500,000 per event or equivalent. The Organizing Authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of such certificates.

APPENDIX 1: VENUE

