



2020 Australian and Open 420 Championships

January 1-8, 2020

Mornington Yacht Club, Victoria, Australia

Sailing Instructions

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Mornington Yacht Club (MYC) in conjunction with the International 420 Association of Australia.

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the National Jury and may be less than disqualification.

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined the World Sailing *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 2.
- 1.2 The Constitution and By-Laws of the International 420 Class Association of Australia shall apply.
- 1.3 Appendix T – Arbitration will apply amended so that an Arbitrator may form part of the panel for a subsequent hearing.
- 1.4 Appendix P: Rule 42 will apply. See Clause 15 in these sailing instructions.

2. [DP] [NP] IDENTIFICATION, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 2.1 Boats shall display any required event sponsor advertising. The OA will supply the advertising and instructions for its use.



- 2.2 Boats may be required to carry on-board cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the OA and approved by the Technical Committee.

3. [DP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 3.1 Competitors shall comply with any reasonable requests from a Regatta Official.
- 3.2 Competitors shall handle any equipment provided by the OA with proper care and seamanship, and in compliance with any written instructions.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, located at the Regatta Office which is located at the East end of the Clubhouse on the ground floor. (Next to the stairs)

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1000 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of the first races of the day will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals ashore will be displayed at the official flagpole located on the MYC tower.
- 6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes Race Signal AP.
- 6.3 [NP][DP] Flag D is displayed ashore means: 'The warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after flag D is displayed and not before the scheduled time, whichever is later. Boats shall not leave the boat park until this signal is made'.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

7.1 Daily schedule:

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|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 1 st January | Registration and Measurement Volunteers Briefing | 10:00 – 15:00 16:00 |
| 2 nd January | Registration and Measurement Competitors Information Session Practice-Race Warning Signal Official Opening Function | 09:00 – 11:00 11:30 14:00 17:30 approx. |
| 3 rd January | Racing - First Warning Signal | 13:00 |
| 4 th January | Racing - First Warning Signal | 13:00 |
| 5 th January | Racing - First Warning Signal | 13:00 |
| 6 th January | Reserve Day | |
| 7 th January | Racing - First Warning Signal | 13:00 |
| 8 th January | Racing - First Warning Signal Presentation Function | 13:00 18:30 |

- 7.2 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practical after the finish of the previous race.
- 7.3 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.
- 7.4 On 8 January, no warning signal will be made after 15:30 hours.



8. CLASS FLAG

8.1 The Class flag will be a blue 420 class symbol on a white background.

9. RACING AREAS

9.1 SI Appendix A shows the location of the racing area.

10. THE COURSES

10.1 The diagrams in Appendix B show the course, the course designations, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel shall display the course number and an approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

11. MARKS

11.1 Marks 1 & 2, 3S & 3P, 4S & 4P and 5 will be Yellow inflatable Conical Buoys.

11.2 The Starting marks will be a race committee vessel on the starboard end and a race committee vessel or an inflatable starting mark on the port end.

11.3 The Finishing marks will be a race committee vessel on the starboard end and a race committee vessel or an inflatable starting mark on the port end.

12. THE START

12.1 The Starting line will be between an orange flag on the starboard end starting mark and an orange flag on the port end starting mark or the course side of an orange inflatable buoy.

12.2 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4.and A5.

13. CHANGE OF COURSE

13.1 Change of Course shall be in accordance with RRS 33.

14. THE FINISH

The Finishing line will be between the orange flag on the starboard end Finishing mark and an orange flag on the port end finishing mark or the course side of orange inflatable buoy.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for RRS 42, will apply.

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



16. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

16.1 Time limits are as follows:

| Time Limit | Mark 1 Time Limit | Finish Window | Target Time |
|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 70 | 25 | 15 | 45 |

- 16.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the *Mark 1 time limit* the race will be abandoned.
- 16.3 Boats failing to finish within the time stated in the Finish Window after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, RRS A4 and RRS A5.
- 16.4 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protest forms are available at the Regatta Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, or after the Race Committee signals no more racing for today, whichever is later.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted within 45 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 room near the Regatta Office beginning at the time posted. Hearings may be scheduled to begin up to 15 minutes before the end of the protest time.
- 17.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.5 A list of boats that have been penalised under RRS Appendix P for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.
- 17.6 Breaches of rules in the Sailing Instructions marked [NP] will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 17.7 On the last day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- (a) Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.
 - (b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 17.8 On the last day of racing a request for redress based on the Jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

18. SCORING

- 18.1 There will be a maximum of 12 races.
- (a) Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - (b) When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (c) When six (6) through (11) Races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (d) When (12) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.



- 18.2 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the Regatta Office.

19. [DP] [NP] [SP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 Boats shall Sign On before going afloat and Sign Off at the first reasonable opportunity upon returning ashore (at the Sign On and Off area located at the Eastern gate of the MYC yard)
- 19.2 A boat that retires from racing shall notify the race committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the Regatta Office as soon as possible after returning ashore.
- 19.3 The penalty for a breach of SI 19.1 will be two (2) points added to a boat's race score for the race nearest the breach.

20. [DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 Substitution of competitors will not be permitted without prior written approval of the Race Committee and shall comply with any restrictions in the NOR.
- 20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be permitted without the written approval of the Race Committee. Damaged or lost equipment may be replaced on the water but written approval must be obtained within the protest period for that day's racing.

21. [DP] EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and SIs.
- 21.2 On the water, a boat shall act in accordance with any instruction by the technical committee to go to a designated area for inspection.

22. OFFICIAL VESSELS

Official vessels will be identified as follows:

| Official Vessel | Flag |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Race Committee Vessels | MYC Burgee. |
| Jury | White Flag with Black "J1", "J2" |
| Press/Media boats | White flag with Black "Media" |
| Measurer & Gear | White flag with Letter M |
| PRO | White flag with Letter PRO |

23. [DP] [SP] SUPPORT, COACH, and SAFTEY PERSONS

- 23.1 Team Managers, Coaches and other support personnel are hereon referred to as Support Vessels.
- 23.2 Support Vessels are required to carry a working VHF radio and shall have completed a Vessel registration form available at registration or online at <https://www.morningtonyc.net.au/2020-australian-420-national-championships.html>



- 23.3 All Support Vessels shall be marked with numbered flags provided at registration upon the completion of the Support Vessel online registration form. Support Vessels shall ensure the numbered flag is clearly visible at all times whilst afloat.
- 23.4 Support Vessels shall stay 100m from any boats that are racing from the time of the warning signal until boats have finished or until the Race Committee signals a Postponement, General Recall or Abandonment.
- 23.5 All Support Vessels shall SIGN ON each time they leave the Mornington harbor and SIGN OFF each time they return to the Mornington harbor by radio to the MYC Tower and declare the number of persons onboard. 'MYC Tower' shall be the call sign for SIGN ON and SIGN OFF procedures.
- 23.6 When Code Flag W (with a long sound signal) is displayed on a Committee vessel all Support Vessels shall be under the control of the Race Committee and are required to remain afloat and assist all sailors until Code Flag W is removed.
- 23.7 The Race Committee or Jury may immediately apply a warning, penalty or restriction to a support person for a breach of any rules that apply to them without a hearing by advising them. If this is done, rule 64.4 (b) 2 is changed so that a boat supported by that support person may be penalised for any further breaches of a rule by a support person without the requirement of a previous warning from a protest committee following a hearing.
- 23.8 Support Vessel drivers shall hold a current Power Boat Licence at the time of the event and have the applicable Safety equipment and working VHF Radio on board their Support Vessel and abide by Victorian law at all times while afloat.
- 23.9 Support Vessels shall keep a listening watch on VHF Channel 73.
- 23.10 It is a requirement that the engine 'kill cord' is worn at all times when the engine is running.

24.[DP] [NP] TRASH DISPOSAL

In addition to RRS 55 trash may be placed aboard support and race committee vessels.

25.[DP] BERTHING

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

26. [DP] RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio or data transmissions while racing nor receive radio or data communications not available to all boats, except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the race committee. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones

27. PRIZES & TITLES

Prizes & Titles will be awarded as defined in Notice of Race 13.

28. Disclaimer of liability

- 28.1 It is the competitor's decision to enter an Event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in an Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. See Racing Rule 4, Decision to Race.



28.2 None of the Organising Authority, Australian International 420 Class Association, their officers, members, volunteers, servants or agents accept any responsibility whatsoever in respect of loss of life, personal injury or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in this event or howsoever arising in connection with the event.

29. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

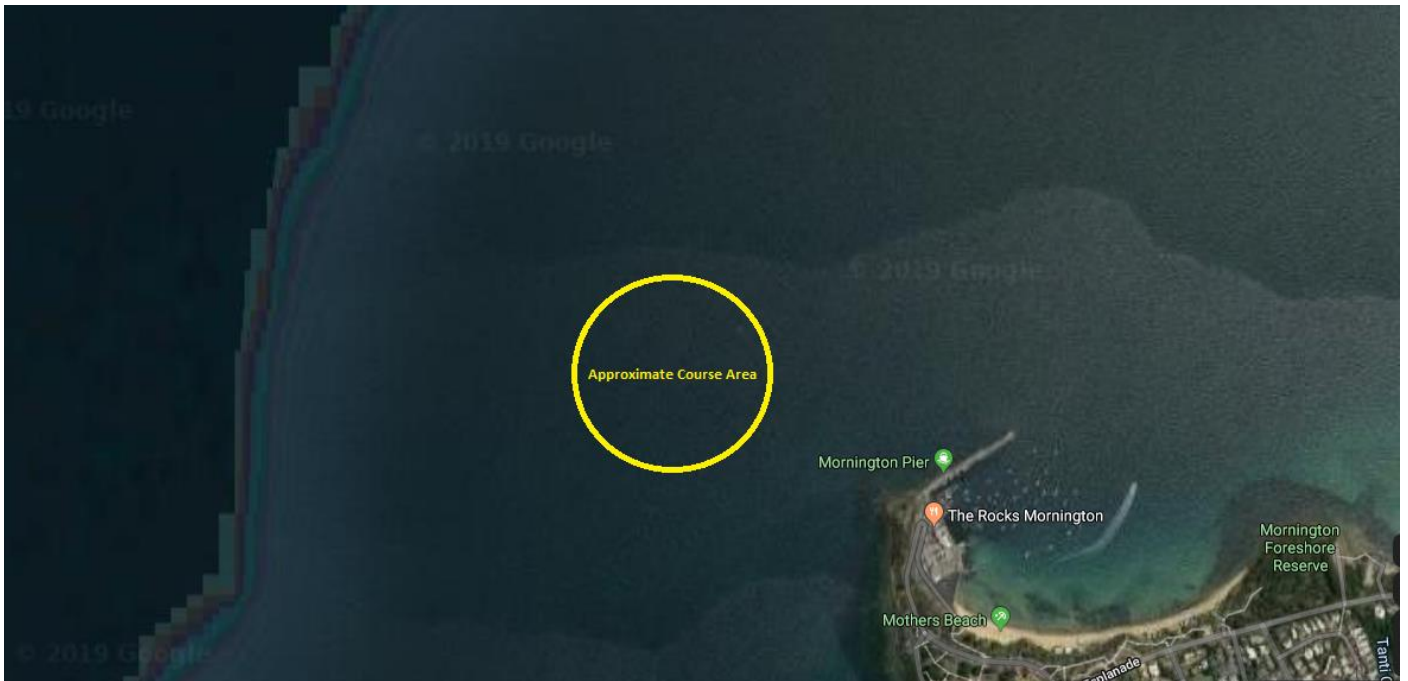
By participating in this Championship competitors automatically grant to the International 420 Class Association and to the OA and their sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the competitor during the Championship, and of all of his or her material related to the Championship, without compensation.

30. INSURANCE

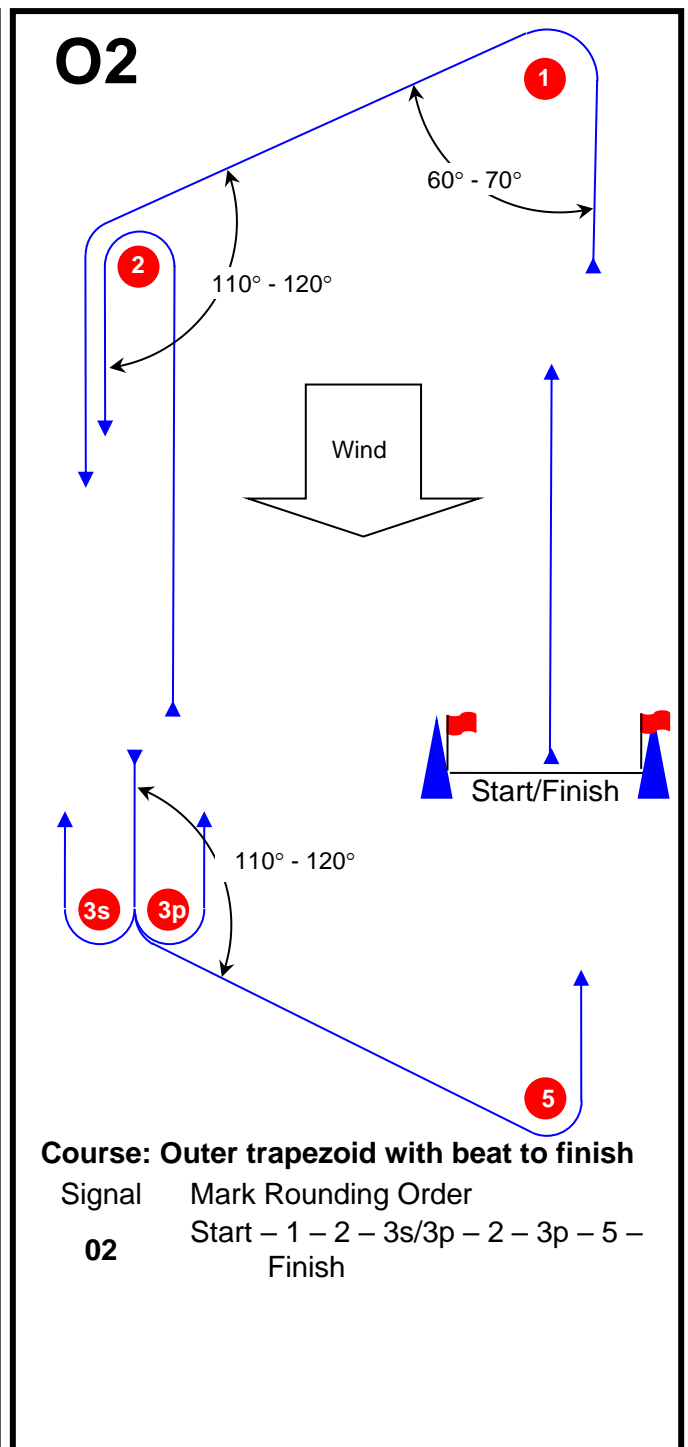
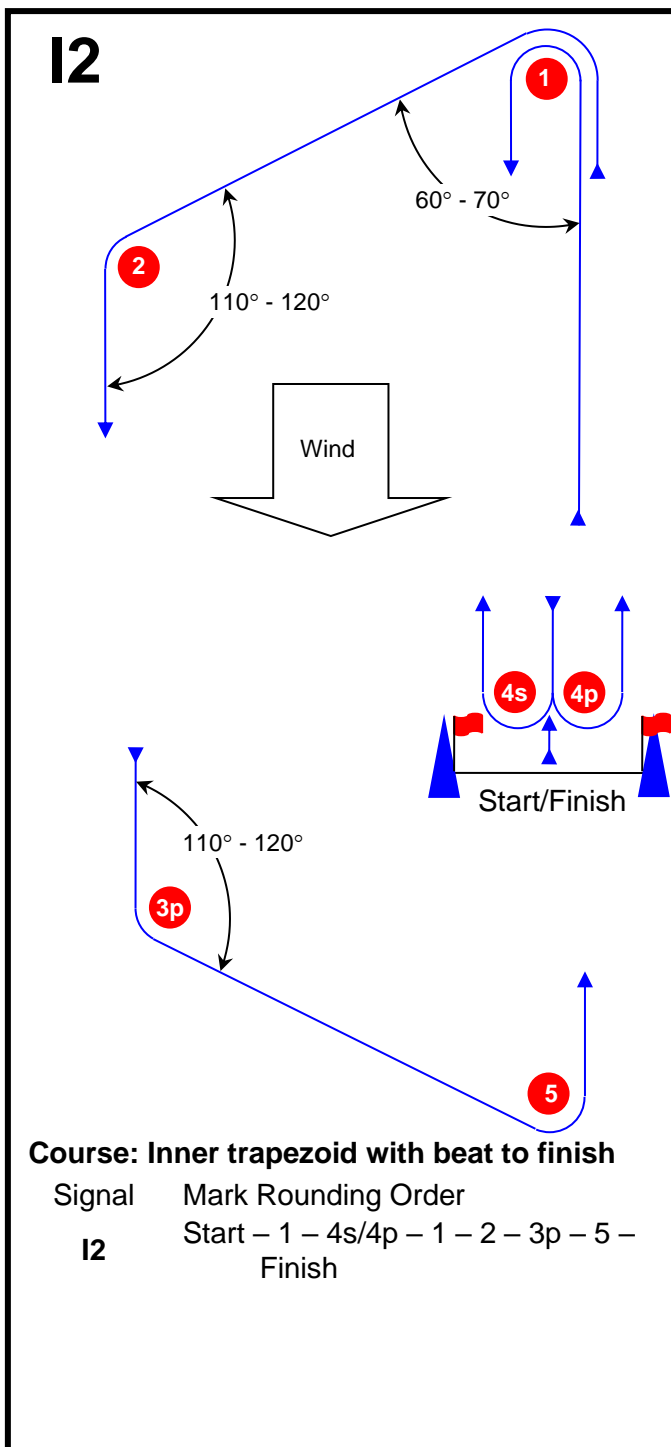
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover AUD 10,000,000 per event or equivalent. The Organising Authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of certificates.



Appendix A – Racing Area (Approx.)



Course Illustrations – Trapezoid with beat to finish. Combined starting and finishing line.



- Marks 1, 2 3P, 4P and 5 are to be left to Port.
- When laid, Mark 3S and 4S shall be left to Starboard.
- For Course 'I2' mark 3S will not be laid.
- For Course 'O2' marks 4S & 4P will not be laid.
- If only one Gate mark is laid, that Gate mark shall be rounded to Port.

