

UK Cadet Class Inland Championship and 420 Grand Prix

At Queen Mary Sailing Club

20th to 21st September 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This event will be organised by Queen Mary Sailing Club in conjunction with the UK National Cadet Class Association (UKNCCA) and 420 Class Association.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the notice of race (NoR) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

The notation "[DP]" in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification in accordance with RRS 64.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2025 - 2028*.
- 1.2 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the Event Sailing Instructions (ESI) and this Notice of Race (NoR).
- 1.3 In the event of a conflict between the NoR and the ESI, the ESI will take precedence. This Changes RRS 63.5(c)(2).
- 1.4 The Prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association and the RYA Racing Charter will apply.
- 1.5 The Class Rules of the UK Cadet Class are on the UK National Cadet Class Association (UKNCCA) website (www.cadetclass.org.uk) and 420 Class Association (<https://gbr420.uk/>). The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) are available on the World Sailing website (<http://www.sailing.org/documents/equipmentrules/index.php>).
- 1.6 RRS 2025-2028 Appendix T applies. In addition, the Advisory Meeting procedure in the RYA Rules Dispute Procedures will be available as detailed in the current RYA Racing Rules Guidance.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Event Sailing Instructions will be available by 15th September 2025 on the Official Notice Board for the event and the UKNCCA Website.
- 2.2 Competitors are advised to print a copy for themselves, as paper copies will not be issued.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board will be situated at:

[Racing Rules of Sailing](#)

- 3.2 Notices may also be repeated on the local notice board (unofficial noticeboard) located in Training Room 5. In the event of a conflict between the Official Notice Board and the local notice board, the Official Notice Board will apply. A notice not repeated on the local notice board shall not be grounds for redress.
- 3.3 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions. It shall not receive voice or data communication that is unavailable to all boats.
- 3.4 Regatta fleet boats only may be coached both ashore and while racing during the event. This changes RRS41.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

Cadet Class Information

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all boats where both helm and crew are members of a National Cadet Class Association affiliated to the International Cadet Class Association.
- 4.2 Entry will be made via <https://www.cadetclass.org.uk/events>. Both helm and crew will need to enter with respective parent / guardian declarations. Entry must be completed by midnight on Thursday 18th September 2025.
- 4.3 Entries will be divided into Gold, Silver and Regatta fleets in accordance with the UKNCCA protocol, a copy of which is set out in the Appendix to this NoR.

420 Class Information

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all boats where both helm and crew are members of a 420 Class Association affiliated to the international 420 Class Association.
- 4.2 Entry will be made via [Event: GP with Cadet Class](#). Both helm and crew will need to enter with respective parent / guardian declarations. Entry must be completed by midnight on Thursday 18th September 2025.
- 4.3 Entries will be in one fleet.

5 FEES

Entry Fee for the event shall be £100 per boat for Cadets.

Entry Fee for the event shall be £90 per boat for the 420s.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 Cadet Helms and crews must be aged 17 or under on 31st December in the year of the event. There are no age limitations for the 420 Class entries.
- 6.2 Helms may not be substituted during the event. If the helm is changed, the new helm will need to register as a new entry in the event. Crews may not be changed except in exceptional circumstances and only after a written request to the Race Committee has been accepted.

7 ADVERTISING

[DP] [NP] Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority if requested.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 8.1 The event will be run as a single series.

9 SCHEDULE

- 9.1 Registration will take place in the Queen Mary Sailing Club on Saturday 20th September 2025 from 0900 to 1100.
- 9.2 Briefing – A Briefing will be held outside the clubhouse, waterside, on Saturday 20th September 2025 at 1030.
- 9.3 Up to 6 Races will be sailed with the intended start times of 12.00 am on Saturday 20th September and 10.30 am on Sunday 21st September. For the schedule of races please refer to the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 3 pm except for when the start has already been subject to RRS 29.2.
- 9.5 The race committee may change the scheduled start time of races due to weather conditions or other causes. Any change to the first start will be posted on the official notice board by 8pm the evening before the affected race.
- 9.6 Up to 4 races may be sailed in one day.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION – CADET ONLY

- 10.1 [DP] As part of the online entry the parent will sign that the competitor's boat has a valid Buoyancy Test for the boat.
- 10.2 [DP] Boats shall comply with RRS 78.1 when presented for inspection.
- 10.3 Where a valid measurement certificate is not produced, RRS 78.2 is amended as follows:
A statement to confirm a valid measurement certificate is held shall be signed by the competitor and their parent or guardian.
A certificate shall be submitted to the UKNCCA before entry for the boat will be permitted for any other UKNCCA event.
A Fee of £20 may be payable.
- 10.4 Any boat (including their spars, sails and equipment and that of their helms and crews) may be inspected, weighed and/or measured in such respects as the Equipment Inspector for the event in his discretion shall think fit.
- 10.5 The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

11 VENUE

- 11.1 The event will be held at the Queen Mary Sailing Club, Ashford Road, Ashford, TW15 1UA.
- 11.2 The Sailing Area will be on the Queen Mary Reservoir.

12 COURSES

The courses will be one of inner or outer loop trapezoids or Triangle/Sausage. Course diagrams will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendix P will apply. For a second and any subsequent offence, Rule P2.2 will apply. Rule P2.3 is deleted. This changes RRS P2.2 and P2.3.

14 SCORING

14.1 The scoring system is as defined in RRS Appendix A.

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

14.3 When 1 – 4 races have been completed; a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.1

14.4 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.1.

15 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

Kill cords will be worn at all times when engines are running. The Course Safety Leader and The Race Officer will be looking for compliance, and the rib driver's cooperation is expected.

16 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

Does not apply.

17 BERTHING

17.1 [DP] [NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park.

18 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply.

19 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Does not apply.

20 MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

The Organising Authority and, where applicable, event sponsors may use names and show any motion pictures, still pictures, live streaming, taped or filmed television of competitors and/or supporters relating to the event.

22 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 3 of the racing rules of sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) 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;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitor’s briefing held for the event.

23 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 Pounds Sterling per incident or the equivalent.

24 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to a minimum of:

- 1st to 5th in combined gold and silver fleet
- 1st to 3rd silver fleet
- 1st to 3rd regatta fleet.
- 1st U13 helmed boat
- 1st U14 helmed boat
- 1st U15 helmed boat
- Youngest Crew

The overall winner will be awarded the Inland Championship Trophy.

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

Class:

Cadet Class Chair - Jo Jones 07590 835 161 chair@cadetclass.org.uk

Cadet ESO - Andy Stoddart 07711047 987 andy@katestoddart.co.uk

Cadet Sailing Secretary – Katie Baldock 07913179053 katiebaldock81@gmail.com

Cadet Welfare Officer - Tim Mycroft welfare@cadetclass.org.uk

420 Class Chair – Gareth Greenfield 420classchair@gmail.com

420 Class Admin - 420classoffice@gmail.com

Venue:

Sailing Secretary – Liam Murphy 01784 248881 sailingsecretary@queenmary.org.uk

26 LOCAL RULES

- 26.1 The bye-laws of Queen Mary Sailing Club, available at <https://www.queenmary.org.uk/club/club-documents> apply. NOTE: Dogs (with the exception of guide dogs) are not permitted on the Club's land.
- 26.2 Bye-law 14 – Parking: Boats associated with cars parked on the upper (clubhouse) level during a race will be disqualified from that race without a hearing. This changes RRS 61 and A5.1.
- 26.3 All visiting competitors and their guests shall be temporary members of Queen Mary Sailing Club for the duration of the event and shall abide by all Club rules and bye-laws.
- 26.4 **Buoyancy:** Each boat shall be fully equipped with sufficient buoyancy to enable it to float and to support its crew if capsized or holed.
- 26.5 **Invasive Species:** In accordance with Environment Agency guidelines and to prevent the spread of invasive species, QMSC is adhering to the CHECK CLEAN DRY principle. Details are at <https://www.queenmary.org.uk/club/environmental-impact/>. Please make sure your boat has been clean and dry for 2 days prior to your arrival and is washed and dried before returning to other venues.

END OF NOTICE OF RACE