



INTERNATIONAL 420

CLASS ASSOCIATION

To All International 420 Class Member nations

Date May 2006

IMPORTANT NOTICE REQUIRING URGENT ATTENTION

The International 420 Class Association would like to inform all member nations that the General Assembly will be held on:

Wednesday 2 August 2006 18.00 Las Palmas, Spain
(During the 2006 World and Ladies World Championships)

AGENDA 2006 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A Record of FULLY PAID UP MEMBER NATIONS* in attendance will be made and the meeting informed of member nations unable to attend. The number of voting members for the meeting will be agreed.

Welcome by Nino Shmueli International 420 Class President

1. Election of the Chairman of the meeting
2. Report from the President, Nino Shmueli
3. Class Development report, José Massapina
4. Report from the Technical Committee, Dimitris Dimou
5. Information from ISAF
6. Presentation and acceptance of the Annual Accounts
7. Election of Auditor for the next financial year
8. Approval of next years subscription fees
9. To agree the venue for the International 420 Class World and Continental Championships 2 years ahead, and confirm the venues and dates for these championships 1 year ahead. (as published on International 420 website)
10. Election of members of the Executive Committee**
11. Election of members of the Technical Committee**
12. Proposals from the Executive Committee as attached
13. Proposals from the Members, submitted 3 months before the General Assembly date.

Fully paid up members, in accordance with the Articles of Association Clause 4 Membership, 4.2 in particular.

AUS, AUT, BEL, BRA, BUL, CAN, CZE, ESP, FRA, GBR, GER, GRE
HUN, IND, IRL, ISR, ITA, MYA, NED, NZL, POR, SIN, SVK, SWE,
TUR, USA.

(If you have any queries on these paid members, please contact Catherine Dodds, the Treasurer.)

** See below, General Information

GENERAL INFORMATION:

This General Assembly will be conducted under the Articles of Association agreed at the 1999 General Assembly. These may be found on www.420sailing.org

You are reminded that your National Annual Subscription should have been paid on or before the 1st April 2006 for your national association to have a vote at the 2006 General Assembly. Please contact the Treasurer, Catherine Dodds if you have any queries. Catherine@barnside.demon.co.uk

If you did not pay in time to vote this year, 2006, you may pay at the GA and we suggest you also pay for 2007 and beyond.

9) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Under the Articles of Association, the Treasurer and General Secretary are due to re-election in 'even' years.

A Proposal letter dated 25 April 2006 has been received from the British 420 Class Association proposing CATHERINE DODDS continue in her position as Treasurer. The Treasurer has expressed her willingness to continue and has the full support of the Executive Committee.

The General Secretary will not be standing for re-election, having completed her due term.

A proposal letter dated 18 April 2006 has been received from Uniqua Germany proposing MICHAEL SCHWARZER for the position of General Secretary.

A proposal letter dated 26 April 2006 has been received from Associacao Portuguesa da Classe 420 proposing PEDRO RODRIGUEZ for the position of General Secretary.

10) TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Under the Articles of Association, Dimitris Dimou (GRE) is due for re-election to the Technical Committee.

A Proposal letter dated 15 March 2006, has been received from the 420 Class of Greece, proposing him CHAIRMAN of the Technical Committee.

A Proposal letter dated 8 March 2006, has been received from Uniqua Germany proposing

Jorg-Hendrik Lorenz as a MEMBER of the Technical Committee

The Executive Committee fully support these proposals.

The current members of the International 420 Class Technical Committee are:

Dimitris Dimou GRE

Barry Johnson AUS

2007,8, 9 Future Championship Venue Proposals (table as published on the International 420 website)

Please ensure both your National Authority and National Class Association have studied the regatta guidelines, version 11, before making a proposal to host a Championship.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL NATIONS

ONLY 1 PERSON PER PAID UP NATION MAY VOTE. A VOTING CARD WILL BE ISSUED AT THE DOOR OF THE MEETING. PLEASE CHECK THAT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE HAS THE NECESSARY PAPERS WITH HIM/HER AND HAS BEEN INFORMED OF THE MATTERS ON THE AGENDA.

INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2006,
Wednesday 2 August, 18.00
Las Palmas, Gran Canaria

WE CONFIRM THAT (name).....

IS THE **OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE** FOR

NAME OF COUNTRY.....**NATIONAL 420 CLASS**

AT THE 2006 INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, Las Palmas, Gran Canaria, Wednesday 2 August 2006
The Executive Committee fully support this proposal.

Signed by the National 420 Class Secretary and / or President or National Authority Secretary.

.....**Date**.....

Please PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY

.....**Position**.....

THIS PAPER MUST BE FAXED/EMAILED TO THE INTERNATIONAL GENERAL SECRETARY BEFORE THE START OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. YOUR VOTING CARD WILL BE ISSUED AT REGISTRATION FOR THE MEETING.

Please fax copy to General Secretary before 21 July 2006

ONLY ONE PERSON PER COUNTRY MAY VOTE.

This form should be faxed to the General Secretary. + 44 1202 709 819.
or emailed gail@brackenhill.demon.co.uk.

Thank you

Int 420 Class Technical Committee

Proposals for Rule modifications, MAY 2006

Rule Change Proposal No1

Current position:

D.4.2.2 MANDATORY, WITH POSITION OR DIMENSION OPTIONAL

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- (c) A bridle made of two strops, either of rope or wire. Each strop shall be attached to a point on the mainsheet bar/track or its end fittings, and to the mainsheet block, so forming a triangle. Each strop may be adjustable by including one additional permanently fixed eyelet and one snap hook/shackle fixed at the track/bar or its end fittings. Any other adjustment system is prohibited.

Proposed new rule:

D.4.2.2 MANDATORY, WITH POSITION OR DIMENSION OPTIONAL

(c) A bridle made either of

- i) two strops, either of rope or wire. Each strop shall be attached to a point on the mainsheet bar/track or its end fittings, and to the mainsheet block, so forming a triangle. Each strop may be adjustable by including one additional permanently fixed eyelet and one snap hook/shackle fixed at the track/bar or its end fittings, or
- ii) two strops of rope. The strop of each side shall pass through a sheave or block attached to the mainsheet track/bar end fittings, and then end in a cleat without moving parts, fixed on the mainsheet track/bar.

Any other adjustment system is prohibited.

Reason:

To add a simpler way of bridle adjustment.

Rule Modification Proposal No2

Current position:

D.4.2.1 MANDATORY, WITH POSITION OR DIMENSION SPECIFIED

- (d) One mast step fixed on the keelson. The length of the mast step shall be 150 mm maximum. The forward part of the mast step shall be at 2890 mm minimum and 2910 mm maximum from the HDP. ~~The bearing surface of the mast step shall be at any point at 45 mm minimum and 65 mm maximum from the outside surface of the hull.~~

Proposed new rule:

D.4.2.1 MANDATORY, WITH POSITION OR DIMENSION SPECIFIED

- (d) One mast step fixed on the keelson. The length of the mast step shall be 150 mm maximum. The forward part of the mast step shall be at 2890 mm minimum

and 2910 mm maximum from the HDP. The bearing surface of the mast step shall be at any point not more than 5mm above the keelson top surface.

The Building specification shall be amended accordingly to specify that the keelson height between the centreboard case and the forward bulkhead shall be minimum 40mm and maximum 65mm from the hull outside surface.

Reason: To simplify the mast step measurement and the inspection of boats at events. Current way of measurement is difficult to do with good enough precision.

Other Rule Modification proposals

ISAF has suggested that the 420 Class will adapt certification for spars and foils in the future. NCAs are requested to consider the possibility of changing the certification requirements, in view of the application of In-house certification system by ISAF in the near future. This development will greatly help the class by allowing sailors to buy pre-certified equipment off the shelf.

Recent developments suggest that there are also potential problems in sail measurement because of the lack of spinnaker foot median and jib foot irregularity limitations. The Class shall work together with ISAF and the various class sailmakers to define the appropriate dimensions in due time. NCAs are requested to consider the need for such limitations. The class TC will explain the case before the GA in an open meeting during the 2006 World Championship, and reply to all inquiries sent before that date.