



INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the International 420 Class Annual General Assembly.

I am happy to report on our yearly activities; thank you all for your help and cooperation throughout the last year, special thanks to the Executive Comm. for their hard work.

Events – Last year the Class organized two events:

- World Championships in Newport, RI USA,
- Junior European Championships in Sesimbra, Portugal which was combined with the 470s,

Events were successful and attracted large numbers of sailors, thank you to the organizers.

This year is the first year that we run together with EUROSAF a new European circuit, we choose 5 venue as a pilot and hope that in the next year we will add more venues that will cover all Europe.

2019 WS Youth Worlds will be in a week time in Poland, we have 29 countries participating in the 420 even. Thank you to Nautivela who provide the boats and Zaoli who will provide the sails.

2020 WY Youth Worlds will be held in Brazil and 2021 in the Nederland.

Mix Category – Last year we had started the discussion to add a mix category to our class events, as you all know WS choose the 470 as a double handed mix event for 2024 Olympics, now is the right time for us to make a final decision. The EC discuss, support and recommend adding the mix category to our event to have Men, Women, Mix and U-17.

Class Website – The Class website is running well, we are trying to improve the web and the information published day by day. After few years the newsletter is running nearly every month, let hope it will continue in the future.

Development – Development is the most important issues for the class future. Jose Massapina our Class Vice President is working hard to develop the class in new countries. Jose will report about the development programs.

Accounts – The Class accounts are in very healthy position, Jackie will give us update and report later on.

Builders and Technical – Dimitris, the Technical Committee Chairman is not present as he is at the 470 Youth Worlds, you can find the Technical Comm. report at your files.

The Future of the Class – The Executive Comm. is putting a lot of effort to develop the class worldwide, last year I already mention my personal view, that we need to make a change to the boat look, moving to modern sail cloth and adapt a Carbon mast.

Last year we create an independent WP, a month ago the EC received A report that you can find it in your files too.

Finally, may I thank you for your attention and wish you all a pleasant evening.

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President
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