

INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS ASSOCIATION

2005 General Assembly, Brest, France. Monday 1 August 2005

National representatives attending

ARG	Pilar GARCIA	voting
AUS	Ian SOUTER	voting
BEL	Ferdinand JASSENS de BISTHOVEN	
BRA	Claudio BIEKARCK	voting
CZE	K KOTNA	
ESP	Joaquim MALHAO	
FRA	Claude Le BACQUER	voting
GBR	Tani BASSADONE	voting
GER	Michael SCHWARZER	voting
GRE	Themis LEBESSOPOULOS	voting
HUN	Benedek KOVACS	voting
IND	Farokh TARAPORE	
ISR	Nino SHMUELI	voting (delegated)
ITA	Lucciano CROCETTI	voting
MYA	Min SEIN	voting
NED	Berita van de WEEFF	
NZL	Hannah SARGESSON	
POR	João LEONARDO de JESUS	voting
SUI	Jean Paul PEYROT	voting
SWE	Magnus HOLMGREN	voting
TUR	Naci KURIS	voting
USA	Larry LAW	voting

And 11 observers

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Nino SHMUELI (ISR)	President
Jose MASSAPINA (POR)	Vice President
Gail NUTTALL (GBR)	General Secretary
Catherine DODDS (GBR)	Treasurer

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Dimitris DIMOU (GRE)

Austria, Croatia and Singapore are current paid up member for 2005 but did not send representatives.

There were 16 voting members in the room.

The class President, Nino Shmueli welcomed all to the meeting.

1. Election of the Chairman of the meeting.

Michael Schwarzer (GER) proposed that Nino Shmueli chair the meeting.

Agreed 16 votes

2. Report of the President

NS read his report, which is attached to these minutes.

3. Report of the Technical Committee

NS reported that a letter from Jean Luc Hottot had been received by the Uniqua France making his resignation. Uniqua France were requested to circulate this letter to all nations including the Executive and Technical committee members. A letter of resignation had been received from Michel Garnier, sent to all nations by email.

Don O'Donnell has retired after many years of service to the class. He will still be available for consultation.

Both Don O'Donnell and Jean Luc Hottot remain as ISAF Measurers of the 420 class.

GBR proposed that the resignations of Jean Luc Hottot and Michel Garnier be accepted.

Agreed 16 votes

In the absence of the chairman of the Technical Committee, the chairman of the meeting invited Dimitris Dimou to make an informal report.

DD reported that in the past year the Technical Committee has made final corrections to the rules, had the new templates made and have met to check them. He then explained briefly why they have been working on the rules. Details and further information would be given later in the meeting, ISAF proposals for rule changes.

3. Information from ISAF

NS reported that there is the new president in place, Goran Peterson (SWE). Contact is maintained. NS had dinner with the President in Korea and gave him a lot of information about the class, which he did not know before.

Although our boat has not been selected for the 2007 ISAF World Youth championship, we know it is still the most popular choice.

4. Website and Annual Accounts

Catherine Dodds has been given the job of making our new website. She reported that the new website is launched and members can now register. Just go to www.420sailing.org. One major new facility is the provision of a notice board, available to members who register.

There will also be a Technical Forum, which should enable queries to be answered, interpretations given and these will be available to anyone who reads this section. This should help greatly with the spread of information.

CD emphasised that the success of the site will still depend on information being sent to her, on a regular basis, from our member nations. Photographs are most useful as it will help to generate traffic as well as making the site more fun and interesting. CD would like to have a 'web link person' for each country. Do send her a contact for your country! Another good thing about the website is that we can list our equipment suppliers.

Builder information

The builder production list, attached to these minutes, shows who and who has not built boats in the past year.

Accounts

CD explained that in 2004 we did have 3 major events, which increased the income to the class.

Payment of boat fees is never exact as we do give some help to the builder of the 60 boats supplied for the ISAF World Youth Championship.

Cost for the Technical Committee include meetings for measurement seminars, new templates and measurement equipment as well as calibration of the class scales.

EC and TC meeting costs are kept to a minimum. Every attempt is made to have meetings where the costs will be as low as possible but meetings must be held.

CD is always chasing bank fees for the transfer of money to be paid by the person sending rather than being taken from our account.

We hold a GBP account in England as we need to pay certain items, including ISAF fees in GBP.

NS thanked CD for all her hard work and for keeping the accounts in good order.

GBR made an observation that the EC meeting travel costs appear much higher than the money spent on class promotion. CD reiterated that we do all we can to keep meeting costs down and that class promotion is still a major priority.

AUS asked if there is anyway to move more money to a fixed account?

CD responded that she is looking into this but with an international account it is not straightforward.

AUS also asked if the budget for 2005/6 is available?

CD confirmed that we are working to a budget but she did not bring it to this meeting.

The accounts were audited by Christian Berhaut a member of the Uniqua France, who confirmed to the meeting that he was satisfied that all has been kept in order and that expenditure, receipts and payments have all been kept correctly.

The accounts were put to the meeting.

Agreed. 16 votes.

6. Election of Auditor for the next financial year

ESP agreed to carry out the auditing for 2005.

7. Approval of next years subscription fees

The Chairman reminded the meeting that this is 'token' subscription fee but has to be paid by 1st April each year, in order to have a vote at that year's General Assembly. He suggested that if all nations paid the fee during the WC, more nations could be valid to vote. CD has encouraged members to pay for a number of years in advance!

GBR proposed that the fee remain as €15.00.

Agreed 16 votes

8. Championship venues

2006 Las Palmas, Gran Canaria, Spain
World and Ladies World Championship
28 July to 6 August 2006

A delegation from the Royal Yacht Club of Gran Canaria made a presentation. Mateos Gomez made his presentation and introduced the President of the club and the sports minister

This club is very large and promise that as hosts the event will be the best ever! The whole island is pleased to welcome visitors so accommodation is not a problem.

Details of the event can be found on the class website with a link to the club website that includes a webcam.

Due to the distance from mainland, 10 containers have been booked from a number of European ports paid by the club, which should take about 10 days at sea. Ferries for trailers go from Cadiz to Las Palmas, 2 days, costs are charged per metre length.

Many coach boats are available at €50.00 per day, 4m 25HP engines
30/40 Charter boats have been ordered from the 3 Spanish builders for those travelling from out of Europe. The charter fee is still under negotiation. A free meal will be provided each day for competitors. 4 star hotel in €30.00 per day including breakfast.

The sailing area is on the Atlantic water with 15knot stable wind with 1m wave, no significant current. Spectator boat will be provided at cost by a club member.

Catherine Dodds is the appointed delegate of the International 420 Class for this event.

2006 Tavira Portugal
Junior European Championship combined with the 470 Junior Championship
12 August to 20 August 2006

Jose Massapina gave a presentation on behalf of Club Nautico, Tavira. He hoped people may remember the good facilities at this club from the World Championship of 2002. As the 2006 event will be combined with the Junior 470 event, planning is already well in hand.

There is ample boat parking, which will be separated for the 2 classes. The race areas will also be separate but the opening and closing ceremonies will be combined. All information is on a combined website, www.cnt.pt He strongly recommends that accommodation be booked really early to get the best deals. The Preliminary notice of Race, with travel and accommodation information will be on the class website

Gail Nuttall is the appointed delegate of the International 420 Class for this event.

2007

World and Ladies Worlds

2 proposals have been received for this event, from the USA and NZL.

USA

Larry Law of US 420 Class gave a presentation.

Location Los Angeles

Unfortunately his boxes of presentation material were lost by the airline!

LL explained that in the US the organisation of major events utilises a number of clubs in the area. They are experienced in major world, olympic and national events. There are 2 very large ports just 2km distance and they are working with national container carrier but also they also already in discussion for charter boats. 2 International airports, accommodation is about 500m from the sailing club, coach boats etc is not difficult for them to assemble all the necessary facilities for the event. Spectator boats no problem. 204 rooms in a hotel. Local insurance and security no problem.

NZL

Simon Cooke and Hannah Sargesson made a presentation. They thanked Brest for making them feel so welcome. They represent Yachting NZL and the NZL 420 class. They have the support of the North Shore City, the town that would host this championship.

NZL can offer a world class sailing event in world-class waters. NZL is a multicultural society and very welcoming to visitors. NZL has excellent food and wine. Race area is on the America's cup water. 10 to 15 SW knots of breeze is fairly typical. Many regattas are held here. The race area is well away from shipping lanes. There is easy launching off the beach but any requirement for launch facility will be built. Marinas for yachts are close by. The Club facility will be expanded and extra toilets, showers will be brought in. Accommodation of many types is available, 2 bed room with cooking facility is very cheap for Europeans. Accommodation can be available at the university and a shuttle bus would be provided. NZL homes can also be rented to families. The NZL government is also supporting this bid.

The 420 fleet is rapidly expanding in NZL. A range of boats will be available for charter, starting around €750. Container shipping will be arranged for about €300 per boat.

NZL would like to host this regatta as they are passionate about sailing, the 420 class and feel that hosting a championship would give a really good boost to the class in the whole Asian area.

The timing would be nationals 27-31 December 2006 and the Worlds 1-11 January 2007

If NZL puts in a bid for the ISAF Youths, they would be selecting the 420.

A vote was taken.

USA 6

NZL 9

ABSTENTIONS 1

The 2007 World and Ladies Worlds Championship was awarded to New Zealand.

2007 Junior European Championship

Berita van de Weeff gave a presentation for the Netherlands at Medemblick, which will be combined with the 470 Class Juniors. She thanked the Brest organisers for their hospitality and then described all the facilities that would be available to this championship.

Royal Netherlands Yachting Union, the government and the national 420 class fully support this bid.

A vote was taken.

Agreed 14 (2 voting members had temporarily left the room).

2007 European Championship.

As the 2007 World and Ladies World championships will be in the southern hemisphere, a European Championship will be held.

2 proposals have been received for this event, Hungary and Turkey.

HUN

Benedek Kovacs gave a presentation to hold this event on Lake Balaton. He said that the Hungarians are experienced in running world class events and have all the necessary facilities and experience. Lake Balaton has hosted many world and European major events. The area has a wide variety of accommodation. No rain, good wind 3 to 5 knot wind, no currents. Access to the venue is good by road from all areas of Europe.

TUR

Naci Kuris gave a presentation. The event would be at located at Istanbul and is supported by the Turkish Sailing Federation. The delegate gave much information and all members received a leaflet. All the required facilities are available and the Turkish Sailing Federation and local clubs have the necessary experience

A vote was taken.

TUR 13

HUN 1

(2 voting nations had left the meeting)

Turkey was duly awarded the 2007 European Championship

CD reminded the meeting that presentation material can be loaded onto the website. Please send her the information.

9. Election of members of the EC

As written in the agenda and in accordance with the Class articles of Association the President and Vice President were due for election.

Both Nino Shmueli and Jose Massapina had expressed a willingness to continue in their positions and both had been correctly nominated by their national classes/authorities.

CD took over the chair of the meeting and asked that as there were no other nominations for these positions that a vote be taken

Nino SHMUELI
Agreed 16 votes

Jose MASSAPINA
Agreed 16 votes

They are duly elected to serve a further 2 year term of office.

NS resumed the chair.

10. Election of members of the EC

GER suggested that as 2 members have resigned and 1 retired would it be sensible to elect a 3rd member?

NS replied that although this would seem sensible we must follow the class Articles of Association so it is not possible and proposals for such positions have to be received by the Executive Committee 3 months before the General Assembly (A of A clause 6 Organisation)

However, there is no reason why the Technical Committee cannot co-opt people to help them if they feel this is necessary.

Barry Johnson (AUS) is due for re-election. He has been correctly nominated by his national class.

A vote was taken
Agreed 14 votes

Barry Johnson was duly re-elected to the Technical Committee for a further 2 years.

The Technical Committee currently consists of Dimitris Dimou and Barry Johnson. DD will act as chairman for the coming year as this position was not due for election this year.

11. Class Development plan

Jose Massapina is in charge of this area of work for the class. He read his report as attached, including tables.

GBR asked about inclusion of an item on the development table about 420 builders. The EC confirmed that this is an error and the correct tables will be sent with the minutes.

The EC confirmed that all money raised from the sale of buttons will be used for class development and promotion only and set aside for this purpose in a special fund.

USA requested that the class *produce a document to assist the builders in their bid to provide the boats for the ISAF Youths.*

AUS rep suggested that more money should be put to pushing the selection of the 420 for the ISAF World Youths.

USA pointed out that San Diego YC made the choice solely on financial reasons and not on boat merit or preference of the competing nations.

GBR representative suggested that the Int Class could look into employing a

professional PR/marketing company to help to promote the class worldwide. We should not forget that our own builders may also be good at promoting us around the world.

The EC agreed to note all these comments in their future planning for class development and promotion.

This will be put on the agenda for the next Executive meeting in the Autumn.

12 Proposals from the Executive Committee

One proposal has been made by the Executive Committee. This is the rules as written by the Technical Committee.

DD was asked to present to this.

He explained that the TC wish to ease the measurement process and make the rules clear.

The TC has worked with the ISAF Technical department, received proposals in due time from GER, and ISR, etc and incorporated these where agreed. There have also been some changes to move the rules where appropriate to the wording of the 470 class. DD went briefly through the small changes that have been made and explained why.

He informed the meeting that the class now has a full set of templates, recently cut from the digitalised version of the original lines plan. These templates have been tested and are now available to builders.

DD also proposed further small changes to be added;

Allow devices to keep the spinnaker sail free of the spreader, using the same wording as used the 470 rule.

The sailcloth weight is always a problem to monitor.

DD would like to amend the rules to add that any measurer who measures 420s should be registered both with their own national authority and with the International Class Association. This would help to keep the standard and uniformity higher and enable better flow of information.

DD also brought up a proposal regarding simplifying the bridle but also pointed out that this would also add an extra control for the crew. However, DD would only act if all agree and BJ also agrees.

GER raised the date of implementation and the concern of the introduction of the 10 templates for fundamental measurement. If the time scale is short, it could mean that the extra cost would be added to the cost of the boat.

After an interesting debate a proposal was made.

The Proposal:

That the rule proposal as written by the Executive Committee be accepted with the condition that the date of implementation, relating to the hull section only, be finalised after the Licensed 420 BUILDERS have checked their moulds with the new measurement templates and agreement has been reached with them.

DD confirmed that the TC is prepared to move the date of implementation for the hull issue.

A vote was taken.

Agreed 13 votes

(only 13 voting members in the room)

The meeting agreed to take further proposals that had been made as a result of the Technical meeting held earlier in the day.

1. Revision of the bridle adjustment system

After discussion it was agreed to defer this matter for one year and to have further consultation.

2. Device to protect the sail on rigging.

A vote was taken.

Agreed 13 votes.

DD will include this in the new rules.

3. That all national class measurers should be appointed by the national authority and approved by the International Class Association.

DD explained the reason for such a rule is to ensure that all national measurers have been trained and are competent. It is a requirement of ISAF.

A vote was taken.

Agreed 9 votes

Against 2 votes

Abstentions 2 votes

13. Proposals from members

Proposals had been received in accordance with the Articles of Association by ISR and GER.

DD informed the meeting that he had taken these proposals into consideration when writing the new rule submission and after discussion with the nations concerned.

GER and ISR accepted these changes and withdrew their proposals.

There being no further business the Chairman of the meeting and President of the International 420 Class Association thanked the members present for their attention during the long evening and for their helpful and constructive comments. The Executive and Technical committee members will continue to work for the benefit of the sailors of the International 420 Class and welcome comments and ideas from member nations.

The meeting closed at 11.35pm

Thank you to Brest for making the arrangements.

INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS ASSOCIATION
DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN

AREA	TARGET	WHO	WHEN	ACTION	FUTURE	BUDGET *(BDF or MB)	COMMENT
ISAF Youth Worlds	To ensure selection for 2008,9	All EC and ask all 420 MNA's to lobby own MNA	Immediate	Keep up discussion with ISAF Youth Committee members and hosting nations	Prepare information for 2005 ISAF meeting in Nov. 05	Transport costs of containers to host country BDF	On going and urgent
Training Assistance (Buddy support)	Countries with no 420 class or with small fleets	JM and EC. Suggest GBR, GER, POR, FRA etc	Start 05	Speak to nations with larger fleets. Invite sailors to own national training events.	Offer help with coach costs	BDF	
South America BRA, ARG, CHL, COL	To increase numbers of 420 sailors at Continental events	JM and EC	05/06	Keep contact with all countries and help with championship set up	Send coach to coach before event and give feed back during.	Coach fee and travel BDF and MB	
420 Builders	Encourage builders to promote class and ensure local economy cost boats	EC and TC	Immediate	Keep builders fully informed of rules etc	Communicate and Consult more with builders on class promotion	Cost of extra visits to builders to help with rule conformity MB	
Coaches	To increase the number and quality of 420 coaches	EC and experienced national coaches	Aim for 2006/7	Set up list of experienced coaches willing to help	Publish list on web	Cost of world quality lecturer MB	
Coaching	To offer coaching pre Championships	Experienced 420 coach	Aim for 2006/7, Less experienced nations	Speak to 2006 host venues about facility	Monitor and evaluate benefit	Cost of coach and accom, travel BDF	
Support for small 420 fleets	To help numbers increase	EC	2006/7	Research existing fleets and assess requirement	Agree help and support	To be assessed	Development for all, not just 'new' 420 countries
July 2005						*button development fund or main budget	

