



INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS ASSOCIATION

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Athens – 27 July 2008**

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE LIST

NED Herbert-Jan KERTGENS

GRE Themis LEBESSOPOULOS

ARG Genaro MAGGI

TUR Mahmut SARAL

ITA Luciano CROCETTI

IRL Lucille BRADFIELD

ISR Daniel DEKEL

POR Francisco MIQUELINA

GER Norbert SCHRADER

NZL Mark BERRY

AUS Steve TAYLOR

SUI Jean-Paul PEYROT

AUT Dominic WEISANG

SWE Bo JOHANNISSON

CZE Zillek ANTONIN

ESP Sellés VIDAL

USA Larry LAW

Observers:

BEL Jurgen Cluytmans

ESP Teresa Rios Sánchez

CHI Alfredo Rovere

IRL Tom Mapplebeck

POR Nuno Leite

GBR Andy Foskett

There was also Alberto from Nautivela

Executive Committee

President: Nino SHMUELI

Vice President: José MASSAPINA

General Secretary: Pedro RODRIGUES

Treasurer: Catherine DODDS

Chairman Technical Committee: Dimitris DIMOU

The 420 Class President Nino Shmueli opened the meeting, thanking the club for hosting the meeting and our championship.

The number of national 420 class representatives in the room was agreed. From 25 paid up member nations, with 17 attending the meeting. It was agreed that for voting purposes of the meeting, the number was 17 (provided all voted and were in the room at the time a vote was taken).

The meeting was then opened formally.

1. Election of the Chairman of the meeting:

The President, Nino Shmueli, asked for proposals for chairman of the meeting. Jean-Paul PEYROT proposed Nino Shmueli (NS) to be the chairman. It was put to the vote:

AGREED

In Favor - 12 Against - 0 Abstentions - 1

2. Report of the President, (as circulated before the meeting):

NS gave his report as written and circulated. During this report he thanked his colleagues from the Executive Committee for their support and dedication. Nino also presented Bruno Marques from Brazil, representing the 2009 ISAF Youth World Championship organizer.

NS continued with his report, which is attached to these minutes.

3. Report Class Development Plan 2007-8, (as circulated before the meeting):

José MASSAPINA (JM) Vice President who is responsible for class development, gave his report as written and circulated, presented the Development Plan for 2008-9. His report and plan was accepted and is attached to these minutes.

4. Report of the Chairman of the Technical Committee, (as circulated before the meeting):

Dimitris DIMOU (DD), Chairman of the Technical Committee, gave his report, which was circulated.

Lucille BRADFIELD from IRL asked Dimitris for help to teach local people to be local measurers. Dimitris DIMOU answered that they must try to solve this problem, first of all locally and secondly if they still need help, ask directly the I420 CA and we will help also.

His report was accepted and is attached to these minutes.

5. Class Development Plan 2008-9:

See Item 3 above.

6. Presentation and acceptance of the annual accounts:

Catherine DODDS (CD) Treasurer, presented the accounts, which were circulated, and thanked Luciano CROCETTI from Italy for auditing the accounts and for his advice.

CD gave a clear explanation including the separated sail button fund, established in 2004.

CD thanked Tony Mapplebeck for his help on the web site.

There is a discrepancy in championship fees as this includes costs from 2007 Worlds paid out in 2007, but the fees were received in December 2006.

There were no questions from the meeting.

The appointed Auditor Luciano CROCETTI from Italy confirmed that the accounts were in order.

The accounts were accepted.

In Favour – 16

Unanimous

7. Election of Auditor for the next financial year;

ITA Luciano CROCETTI offered to do this task again. There were no other proposals

This was agreed.

In Favour – 16

Unanimous

8. Approval of next years subscription fees:

NS explained why the fee is at this low level. It helps monitor the active members of our class. It also tracks voting members and nations who can bid for our championship.

NS proposed that the fee remain at €15.00

This was agreed.

In Favour – 16

Unanimous

9. Proposals from members;

Nick DROUGAS presented the 2 proposals from GRE. Nino explained that we have the trophies but not the titles.

Proposal 1 - The final proposal was to create 2 more titles: Youth Junior World Champion and Youth Ladies' World Champion. The title will be for the first "Junior" in the open and ladies final ranking list. No other limitations.

This was agreed.

In Favour – 16

Abstentions - 1

Proposal 2 - The final proposal was to add 1 or 2 more boats eligible to enter in our championships.

Jean-Paul PEYROT from SUI commented that this would increase the discrepancy between small and big countries.

This was rejected.

In Favour – 2

Against - 9

Absentions - 6

10. To agree the venue of the International 420 Class World and Continental Championships for 2010, and confirm the venues and dates for these championships for 2009 (as agreed in the General Assembly in 2007)

2009 The championships for this year have been approved. The hosting nation ITA, for the World and Ladies Championship made a short presentation. Junior European Championship will be held in Hungary, combined with Junior 470.

A short presentation was made by Brazil, hosting the ISAF Youth Worlds Championship.

2010 Worlds and Ladies Worlds

Presentations were made by the ISR and ARG representatives.

Voting: ISR – 11 approved.

 ARG – 5

Junior European Championship

No proposals.

IRL and AUT proposed that the General Assembly give the rights to the Executive Committee to directly deal with clubs and countries to host this event.

Voting:

In Favour – 13

Against – 0

Abstentions – 3

Agreed.

11. Election of the General Secretary, Treasurer and of the Executive Committee:

In accordance with the Articles of Association, the General and Treasurer are due for election in even years.

General Secretary

Our current General Secretary, Pedro RODRIGUES is willing to remain in his post. POR has correctly proposed him and there being no other nominations this was put to the vote.

In Favour – 15

Against – 1

Abstentions – 0

Treasurer

Our current Treasurer, Catherine DODDS is willing to remain in his post. GBR has correctly proposed her and there being no other nominations this was put to the vote.

In Favour – 16

Against – 0

Abstentions - 0

12. Election of the Technical Committee Chairman and members:

A proposal letter dated 23rd April 2008 has been received from the Greek National 420 Class Association for Dimitris DIMOU to continue as Chairman.

A proposal letter dated 21st May 2008 has been received from the Germany National 420 Class Association for Joerg-Hendrik LORENZ to continue as a member.

Voting:

Dimitri DIMOU

In Favour – 16

Against – 0

Abstentions – 0

Joerg-Hendrik LORENZ

In Favour – 16

Against – 0

Abstentions – 0

13. Any other business:

CD explained that it is easier if some countries pay their annual fee directly at the championship as it can be very expensive with bank charges.

She also talked about the web site and asked countries to send more information in order to make the site more interesting.

Tony Mapplebeck, the Webmaster, had three messages.

Firstly, we want to make the website more friendly and informal, as well as recording the formal things.

Secondly, we would like to get the sailors and coaches more involved. Some sailors are acting as "local correspondents" to give us local news from the sailors' perspective, but also to make sure we cover their regattas. Please encourage sailors to be in touch with me, and if, like Argentina and Switzerland, the sailors are on the National Class Committee, we would like to work with them. Finally, we want to collaborate with NCAs to ensure that each country's website is as lively and interesting as possible. This encourages people to sail 420s.

Nino presented the idea for debate of making changes in our boat/class to make them more attractive.

Attachments

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

July 27th. 2008

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the International 420 Class Annual General Assembly, Firstly, I would like to thank NOAC for hosting our meeting this evening.

I am happy to report on our yearly activities; thank you all for your cooperation and special thanks to my colleagues on the Executive Committee for working so hard for the benefit of the Class.

In 2007 a total of 363 boats were built. As you will remember we made a Class Rule change that came into effective on July 1st 2007, so that from now on we are sure all our boats will be One Design. Dimitris will give us later more details about that.

As you will also remember, we lost the bid for ISAF Youth Worlds in Canada-2007 and Denmark-2008. We worked hard on 2009 and 2010 and we are pleased that Brazil and Turkey have both chosen our boat as the double handed boat. As we stated last year, we will help the organizer in Brazil by shipping the boats from Europe. We feel that this is one of the most effective uses of our development budget for that year.

Last year we had more and more countries from South America, Asia and Eastern Europe adopting the International 420 as part of their sailing programme; we have tried to help them with their first steps. This year we have 25 countries participate in Athens with record of 178 boats, we want to welcome the new countries that participate: CHI, CYP, JPN, And other that just start sail with our boats: BUL, PER.

Events - Last year we held three events: the **Worlds** in New Zealand, the **Open Europeans** in Turkey and the **JEC** combined with the 470s in Holland, They were all successful events.

Next year both events will be held on lakes; the Worlds on Lake Garda in Italy and the JEC on Lake Ballaton in Hungary.

Race Management - Our NoR and SIs were updated but we will keep checking and follow the new ISAF rules that will be effective from January 1st 2009.

The Class Web Site – The Class web site works well, and we have a more accessible site. Many thanks to Catherine and Tony who run the site.

Development – Development is one of the most important issues which we have to work on for the future of the class. Jose Massapina, who is in charge of class development, will report on what we have done, our progress and the EC plans.

At 2007 we sold almost 3,000 sail buttons. As we agreed at our earlier meetings, all this money is accounted separately and will be used to promote and develop the class. Catherine and Jose will report on this later.

Accounts – The Class account is in very healthy position, Catherine will report on this later; thanks Catherine for your work.

Builders – Most of our builders have bought the new templates from ISAF and some of them have had to correct their moulds or build new ones in order to have the correct moulds. Our International Measurers visit and check the builders work. Dimitris, the TC chairman will give you later more information.

Class Rules – This year after many years we have no submission to change our Class Rules; this means we are all happy with our Class Rules in this stage.

The class future – in the coming years we must focus on the class development, trying to have more new countries adopting the 420 as the youth

programme boat. We are still trying to publish a 420 disc and a book for basic training; we are planning more coaches clinics in the coming months, in Asia in November, and in the USA in early December. Next year we intend to help the developing countries by sending an experienced coach to train the local coaches and hold a clinic with the sailors. Jose will give us more information.

Thank you for your attention, I wish to you all a pleasant evening.

Nino Shmueli
President
International 420 Class Association

PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT
ANNUAL REPORT
27th of July 2008

Dear Friends,

The International 420 Class is still growing all over the world, being recognized as the best double handed dinghy for youth training. It is well established all over the globe; however we still have to work on the development and promotion of the Class in some continents.

As already reported by our president, we have three new and re-emerging countries (CHI, CYP, JAP) coming to sail in these world championships which have record entries and the news is that we have Central American and Caribbean countries wanting to adopt the International 420 in to their youth programmes, as with other from Asia and Africa. This makes us sure that we are on the right track for developing the Class.

Last year, at our General Assembly in Istanbul, Turkey, we decided to continue with the promotional and development plan as follow:

1st South America Coaches Seminar: With the support of the 420 Brazilian Class Association and Rio de Janeiro Yacht Club we organized in November the 1st South America Coaches Seminar, and I would like to thank them on the behalf of the I420CA for all their help and support. This action had the same format as those of the other coaches' seminars that we held previously, with the lead coach being once again Jim Saltonstall. We had a participation of 17 coaches, 2 from Mexico, 3 from Argentina, 1 from Chile and the rest from Brazil. This seminar was very successful and at the end everyone applauded Jim and the I420CA for this very important action in South America.

Rio de Janeiro State 420 Championship development action with Jim Saltonstall: Our stay in Rio de Janeiro coincided with the Rio de Janeiro State 420 Championship. This enabled us to also provide direct sailor support. We did an overview and film of the races. After racing Jim held a debriefing session with the film answering many questions from the sailors.

Argentina's development and promotional action: After my stay in Brazil, I went to Argentina for three days, were I was warmly welcomed by the Argentinean Class Association and the Yacht Club Argentino, and I wish to thank them on the behalf of the I420CA. I had meetings with the board members of this club, with the board members of the Class Association who took me to visit all the clubs of the Buenos Aires area where the International 420 is sailed. They took me also to visit the local 420 builder, J Boats and Mr Robert Authier. I also had the opportunity to meet the staff of Zaoli Sails who recently built

a South American factory and will produce 420 sails locally. Visiting Argentina also enabled me to meet with the official South American International 420 measurer, Alexander Finsterbusch. My visit finished with a very enjoyable dinner hosted by a group of Argentinean 420 sailors.

Open European promotional action: As usually, during the Open European Championship that took place last year in Istanbul, we distributed, for all the nations present, bags with promotional material to be used in their countries.

420 and 470 Combined Event - Junior European Championship, Jim Saltonstall's overview: During the Junior European Championship in Medemblick, Holland, we again invited the well known British coach Jim Saltonstall. During the final racing days of the championship, Jim did an overview of the races, with a daily film and comments. Everyday we had a lot of sailors, mainly from countries with small fleets and appreciating the support.

420 Promotional Material at the ISAF Meeting: During the ISAF annual meeting in November in Estoril, Portugal, the I420CA EC was been represented by the president Nino Shmueli and by myself. During this meeting we distributed promotional material. I was also invited by the Youth and Development Committee to explain our development programmes and promoted the International 420 as the best boat for youth training programmes.

420 Class took the ISAF Youth Class Status again for the next years: We have worked hard to keep the 420 as the chosen ISAF Youth boat, and we have achieved this goal. So, in 2009, in Brazil our boat will be again the chosen double handed boat, as well for 2010 in Turkey and we are optimistic that it will be retained for 2011 in Croatia.

Promotional Material sent to South Africa and Mexico: New fleets are starting in South Africa and in Mexico, so we have sent promotional material to these countries to help them.

2008 Technical Committee Report

During the past year the two main tasks of the Technical Committee were

- a) the application of the new hull measurement system with the new templates by our remaining builders and
 - b) the finalization of a full set of inspection guides for the class national & Int. Measurers.
- With these actions, the transformation of the class that began in 2003 with the new format rules and the digitizing of the hull plans has been finally completed. Now, the next target is to apply our rules and procedures at the national level as well, since that would minimize the problems competitors face at the class major event inspections.

CLASS RULES

The class rules have been in application for the past two seasons and will remain in their present form for the next years. The building specification will also be made available by the ISAF soon.

HULL BUILDER UPDATE

The new set of templates has been in production since 2006 and full sets have been shipped to almost all of our active class builders.

During the last 12 months, we added the following new builders to our list:

- 1) Veleros Nautica a Punto (MEX)
- 2) Far East (CHN)

Regarding our currently licensed builders, NAUTIVELA and ZIEGELMAYER have had their new prototypes approved within the past month while XTREME and FACCENDA had their moulds verified earlier this year. ROGA needs to modify the moulds and J-Boats, 2-WIN (BOUTEMY) and GR-Fibreglass are still in the process of template acquiring for hull measurement verification. The class has decided to request the withdrawal of licences from those builders that will not pass hull prototype approval by January 1st 2009. That list includes builders that currently don't possess the templates or haven't requested prototype measurement like CERE, VENTOSUL, NAIIX, LANDS & OCEAN, RONDAR and VANGUARD.

INSPECTION GUIDES

The class has now detailed guides in PDF form describing the preparation and application of the templates/jigs used for inspection at the class major events. These may be applied also on the local level, to prepare competitors for the Worlds or Europeans or just to raise the level of inspections at national events. Together with the existing hull measurement guide, they complete the set of 420 class technical documents.

OFFICIAL MEASURERS

The list is still incomplete, but it will be posted in its present state on the website within the next few days. Those Class associations/MNAs that have provided the requested information will receive the new guides for distribution to their measurers.

Dimitris Dimou
Chairman,
Int. 420 Class Technical Committee

Proposal from members

A proposal has been received from the GRE Class Association on Wednesday, February 27, 2008:

- During the world champion of 420 men & woman we can organize the junior 420 world champion. With out change the entries per country (men 7 & women 7) with the limitation maybe with two juniors per country.

- The second propose: if we can change the entries per each country for all the events from seven (7) to eight (8) or to nine (9).