



## **INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS ASSOCIATION**

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
Garda – 1<sup>st</sup> August 2009**

# **MINUTES**

### **ATTENDANCE LIST**

NED - Anna FEENSTRA

ITA - Luciano CROCETTI

IRL - Lucille BRADFIELD – Non voting

ISR - Nino SHMUELI

POR - Guilherme FERREIRA – Non voting

GER - Norbert SCHRADER

AUS - Chantal NEGRI

SWE - Bo JOHANNISSON

CZE - Michaela KORANOVA

ESP - Javier Torres – Non voting

USA - Larry LAW

DEN - Soren KJER – Non voting

BRA - Martha ROCHA

POL - Pawel NOWAKOWSKI – Non voting

GBR - Miles PALMER

FRA - Philippe BOUDGOURD

HKG - Chan Yuk WAH – Non voting

ARG - Saponara DAMIAN

## **Executive Committee**

President: Nino SHMUELI (NS)

Vice President: José MASSAPINA (JM)

General Secretary: Pedro RODRIGUES (PR)

Treasurer: Catherine DODDS (CD)

Chairman Technical Committee: Dimitris DIMOU (DD)

The 420 Class President Nino Shmueli opened the meeting, thanking the General Secretary Pedro Rodrigues for organizing the meeting and also the Haifa city delegation for the welcome reception. Also thanks the presence of the President of Fraglia Vela Riva and Vice-President of Italian Sailing Federation who give some welcome words.

The number of national 420 class representatives in the room was agreed. From 23 paid up member nations, with 18 attending the meeting, it was agreed that for voting purposes of the meeting, the number was 11 (provided all voted were in the room at the time a vote was taken), after ARG ask to be accepted later because of the traffic, so 12 votes were agreed.

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. USA and GER proposed Nino Shmueli (NS) to be the chairman. It was put to the vote:

AGREED Unanimously

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

NS gave his report as written and circulated, witch is attached to these minutes. During this report he thanked his colleagues from the Executive Committee for their support and dedication.

NS also explained that according to our Articles of Association, countries must paid their annual fee (15€) before the 1st of April, to have the rights to vote.

### **3. Report Class Development Plan 2008-9, (as circulated before the meeting):**

José MASSAPINA (JM) Vice President who is responsible for class development, gave his report as written and circulated, which is attached to these minutes. The president of Fraglia Vela Riva (FVR) invites the class to come again in 2010 at the Optimist Easter Meeting Regatta for promotional activity. JM thanks FVR for the opportunity and confirm that we are planning to do another promotional event in 2010 at Garda Optimist Meeting.

**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.

His report was accepted and is attached to these minutes.

**5. Class Development Plan 2009-2010:**

Jose MASSAPINA (JM) presents the class development plan for 2009-2010. JM and NS ask countries to ask the I420CA for seminars if they think is needed and if they think it will develop the class is that region.

**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 advices.

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 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 – 12

***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 – 12

***Unanimous***

**8. Approval of next years subscription fees:**

USA proposed that the fee remain at €15.00.

This was agreed.

In Favour – 12

***Unanimous***

**9. Proposals from members;**

CZE withdrawal is proposal.

This was agreed.

No other proposals from members.

**10. To agree the venue of the International 420 Class World and Continental Championships for 2011, and confirm the venues and dates for these championships for 2010 (as agreed in the General Assembly in 2008)**

**2010** The World and Ladies Championship for this year have been approved in 2008. The hosting nation ISR, made a short presentation.

Junior European Championship will be held in FRA, La Rochelle, combined with Junior 470. After a short venue presentation, a formal approval was asked:

In Favour – 12

***Unanimous***

**2011** Worlds and Ladies Worlds

Presentation were made by the ARG representatives. GBR have remarked that containers are expensive and will reduce participation. AUS inform that the Oceania National Championships are in the same dates.

POR withdrawal his bid for the Worlds and present his bid for the Open Europeans in the same year from 21<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> of July.

Nino Shmueli explained that since POR withdrawal his bid, we have only one candidate for 2011 Worlds and must be voted.

Voting:

ARG Worlds

In favour - 10 approved.

Abstentions - 2

POR Open Europeans

In favour – 12 approved unanimously.

Junior European Championship

A presentation from BEL, Nieuport was made. Nino Shmueli explained that the International 420 Class Association have already approved this venue for a combined event with the 420.

Voting:

In Favour – 12 approved unanimously.

**11. Election of the President and Vice-President of the Executive Committee:**

In accordance with the Articles of Association, the President and Vice-President are due for election in odd years.

A proposal letter, dated 20 April 2009, has been received from the Israel Yachting Association for NINO SHMUELI for the position of President.

Being no other nominations this was put to the vote:

In Favour – 12 unanimous

A proposal letter, dated 16 March 2009, has been received from Associação Portuguesa da Classe 420 for JOSÉ MASSAPINA for the position of Vice President.

Being no other nominations this was put to the vote:

In Favour – 12 unanimous

**12. Election of the Technical Committee Chairman and members:**

A proposal letter, dated 13 April 2009, has been received from the Australian 420 Class Association for BARRY JOHNSON for the position of member.

Voting:

In Favour – 12 unanimous

A proposal letter, dated 17 April 2009, has been received from the Argentinean 420 Class Association for ALEX FINSTERBUSCH for the position of member.

Voting:

In Favour – 12 unanimous

A proposal letter, dated 1 May 2009, has been received from the Spanish 420 Class Association for TERESA RÍOS SÁNCHEZ for the position of member.

Voting:

In Favour – 12 unanimous

**13. Approval of Rules changes proposals:**

**PROPOSALS FROM THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

**A. MANDATORY CHANGES**

**A.1 RE-WORDING OF CERTIFICATION RULE G.2.1 (ISAF REQUEST)**

G.2.1 The **official measurer** shall **certify** mainsails and headsails at the **tack**, and spinnakers at the **head** and shall sign and date the certification mark. ~~Æ~~

~~certify, the measurer shall attach a certification mark, with signature and date.~~  
The mainsail and the spinnaker may be certified without **identification on them**  
~~letters and numbers,~~ but they shall comply when *racing* with Class rules C.10.3.1  
and C.10.5.1).

A.2 CORRECTION OF ERROR IN D.4.2.2

D.4.2.2.j ..... **Mast** fittings for the **spinnaker pole** uphaul/downhaul are  
mentioned in ~~F.2.5.13~~. **F.2.6.15**

A.3 UPDATE IN C.3 (Personal buoyancy)

C.3.1 When *racing*, each **crew** member shall wear **personal buoyancy** to the  
minimum standard ~~EN 393~~ **ISO 12402-5** (CE 50N) or equivalent.

**Voted:**

**In favor: 12 unanimously**

**B. RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS**

B.1 ELECTRONIC COMPASS

C.5.1. a.2) One ~~magnetic~~ compass (~~electronic compass devices are not permitted~~)  
fixed to a mounting bracket. The compass shall not recess into either side tank or  
deck. The mounting bracket may be attached on the **mast** or may be used to  
close the mast gate. If electronic, only a compass with heading, heading memory  
and timing functions is permitted.

**Voted:**

**In favor: 12 approved unanimously**

B.2 MAINSAIL WINDOW

G.3.2.2 ..... weight than that of the body of the sail. ~~Windows are prohibited.~~  
G.3.2.4 add in list of permitted items: ".... **one single-ply window**,..."  
G.3.3 Add in Dimensions table:

minimum maximum

**Window area** ..... 0.3 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Window to sail edge** ..... 150 mm

**Voted:**

**In favor: 11 approved**

**Abstence: 1**

B.3 JIB FOOT IRREGULARITY

Add in G.4.2 Dimensions Table:

minimum      maximum  
**Foot irregularity** for sails first **certified** after 01/01/2010..... 30 mm

**Voted:**

**In favor: 12 approved unanimously**

B.4      LATEST ISAF ADVERTISING CODE

Modify as follows:

C.4.1: Advertising is permitted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20: Advertising code (~~category C~~) except as amended by C.4.2.

C.4.2: **(a) Event advertising:**

Add:

**Boom: the foremost 480mm of the boom spar**

C.4.2: **(b) Competitor advertising:**

**Hull:** the outside **hull** shell aft of 1650 mm from the foremost point (fittings excluded)

Mainsail: below sail numbers

Spinnaker: below sail numbers.

Mast : Unlimited

Boom: aft of 480mm from the spar's foremost point

**Voted:**

**In favor: 12 approved unanimously**

B.5      SPINNAKER POLE STOWAGE

Add new F.5.2.3 as follows:

A maximum of two clips or loops on either side of the boom to store the spinnaker pole. If stored using those clips or loops then the pole shall stow close to the boom and the end furthest away from the mast shall be contained or covered in a manner that there is no possibility of it catching the clothing of either crew.

**DD withdrawal this rule change proposal in order to deferred for next year after further investigation.**

B.6      JIB CUNNINGHAM CONTROL

Add

D.4.2.3 (m) Headsail tack adjustment system, consisting of a shackle on the stemhead fitting, one cleat without moving parts mounted on the foredeck, one fairlead directly behind the cleat and a single piece of rope.

**Voted:**

**In favor: 12 approved unanimously**

## B.7 SPINNAKER CONSTRUCTION

Modify as follows:

G.5.1.1 The construction shall be: **Soft sail, single-ply sail**. The **sail** shall be symmetrical about its centreline. ~~It shall be made of not more than seven panels and may be of any colour or combination of colours. Except in the uppermost and the lowermost panels, all other panel plies shall extend from luff to luff. A centre seam is permitted in the uppermost panel. Not more than three tucks or darts are permitted in the lowest panel, and these shall not touch the seam of the next panel nor exceed a maximum length of 450 mm.~~ The colour of any **tabling** and reinforcement is optional.

**Voted:**

**In favor: 6 approved**

**Against: 4**

**Absences: 2**

## B.8 CERTIFICATION

Rule A.11.3 - Change last sentence as follows:

.... The certification authority shall retain the original IMF and supply a certified true copy to the owner.

Reason: to ensure that IMFs are kept in a safe place and that if needed, true copies can be made at will. With the present rule, if an IMF is lost, then the boat must be re-measured.

**Voted:**

**In favor: 10 approved**

**Against: 0**

**Absences: 2**



**14. Any other business:**

GBR ask to discuss the implementation of a mainsail Cunningham.  
USA thanks all specially for the efforts on developing the class world wide.

With no other business, Nino Shmueli closed the meeting at 2000.

## **Attachments**

### **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

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 cooperation and special thanks to my colleagues in the Executive Committee for working days and nights for the benefit of the Class.

As you remember we lost the bid for ISAF Youth Worlds in Canada-2007 and Denmark-2008, **now we are back**, I just return from Buzios Brazil, were the 2009 Youth Worlds finished last week, it was a successful event with 34 countries participate in the Double handed events, Thanks to Nautivela that provide 60 boats to the event.

As ISAF change regulation 17.4.10 last November, from now on the 420 is the only chosen double handed class at the ISAF Youth Worlds, next year in Istanbul, 2011 in Zadar and 2012 Den Leary Ireland.

**Events** - Last year we held two events: the **Worlds** in Greece and the **JEC** combined with the 470's. in Zadar, they were successful events. Next year the Worlds will be held in Haifa, Israel and the JEC in France.

**Race Management** - Due to many entries to our events we had to change the current format, as we agreed no more than 50 boat will be at the starting line at our main event, this year we will have three fleets in Balaton as we have till now 125 entries, next year also the World format have to be update.

**The Class Web Site** – The Class web site work well, and we have a more accessible site. Many thanks to Catherine and Tony who run the site. Newsletter – we fail to publish this year our newsletter but I hope that the first issue will be published early September.

**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 2008 we sold almost ..... 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** All our builders are using the new templates, Our International Measurers visit and check the builders work. Dimitris the TC chairman will give you later more information.

**Class Rules** – We have this year slight changes to our Class Rules as asked last year by the coaches, Dimitris will present the changes, the EC support this changes.

Last year we promise to show a new proposal with a prototype sail design with modern materials, we fail, hope that it will be done during the next year.

**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. As well we need to work on our continental championships in Asia, Oceania and North and South America. We plan more coaches clinics in the next year as well sending an experience coach to train the local coaches and 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

Dear Friends,

The International 420 Class is still growing all over the world, being recognized more and more as the best double handed dinghy for youth training. We can say that the International 420 Class is now stronger than ever. It is well established all over the globe, but we still have to work on the development and promotion in some continents. As you all know, we have at this world championship a record participation with 412 sailors, from 30 nations. Among this fleet we have contestants from Denmark, Peru, Thailand and the US Virgin Islands where new 420 Classes have recently been established. Also, at the recent ISAF Youth World Championships held in Buzios, Brazil, we had teams attending from the new 420 Nations in Ecuador, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Puerto Rico, South Africa and Uruguay. All these facts are telling us that we are developing the Class in the correct way. As you all know, over the last three years, the International 420 Class has held Coaches' Seminars, led by former ISAF Youth Trust Coach, Jim Saltonstall, in Istanbul, Palma de Mallorca, Rio de Janeiro, Singapore, California and Denmark, in order to develop and sustain coaching capacity and to facilitate the emergence of 420 youth sailing in countries previously less well represented in international competition.

As agreed last year, at our General Assembly in Athens, Greece, we implemented the promotional and development plan using the sail buttons development fund as follow:

**1<sup>st</sup> Asia and Oceania Coaches Seminar:** With the support of the Singapore Sailing Federation, we held last November the 1<sup>st</sup> Asia and Oceania Coaches Seminar. Twenty-six coaches from eight nations (AUS, PHI, POL, NED, SIN, MAL, THA, HKG) of South-East Asia, Oceania and Europe spent an intensive four days working together at the Singapore Sailing Centre, developing their skills and sharing their experience with Jim Saltonstall. Also at this seminar were fourteen of Singapore's 420 sailors that collaborated on the afloat sessions. Delegates to this clinic were welcomed by the president of the Singapore Sailing Federation and also Vice-president of ISAF Mr. Low Teo Ping, who is a very enthusiastic supporter of the International 420.

**Visit to the 420 builder:** During my stay in Singapore, I had the opportunity to visit Tim Ross' factory, our builder from "Xtreme Sailboats", which is situated on an Indonesian island just in front of Singapore.

**1<sup>st</sup> North/Central American and Caribbean Coaches Seminar:** Just after the clinic in Singapore, we went to USA for another seminar. This time was for the North/Central America and Caribbean area, with a participation of 21 coaches from 7 nations (USA, PER, PUR, US Virgin Islands, AUT, NZL and MEX). It was held with the support of the US I-420 Class Association in collaboration with the Newport-Balboa Sailing & Seamanship Association, in early December at United States Sailing Centre, Long Beach, California,

USA. A group of 12 sailors were also involved on the afloat sessions and benefitted greatly from this action.

**Easter in Europe Promotional Action:** We were represented at Easter at Fraglia de la Vela Riva, here in Garda Lake, Italy, during the Easter big Optimist event with about 800 sailors, which was an ideal opportunity to reach a large number of Optimist sailors and parents, and promote our class. An expert coach was present, with a fully rigged 420, handing out promotional material to the young sailors, and allowing them to try the boat.

**1<sup>st</sup> Scandinavian Coaches Seminar:** Looking to develop the Class in the north of Europe, in May we organized from a seminar in Roskilde, Denmark. This action had the collaboration of the Danish 420 Class Association and of the Roskilde Sailing Club. We had 12 coaches attending, from 8 nations (IRL, DEN, SWE, AUS, TUR, SUI, POL, ITA) and 12 Danish sailors to work with the coaches on the water sessions.

**Support for the ISAF Youth Championships in Buzios, Brazil:** As our president reported before, with the ISAF change regulation 17.4.10, from now on the 420 will be the only chosen double handed dinghy at the ISAF Youth Worlds. As you know, in the previous two years this championship took place in Canada and Denmark and the 420 wasn't the chosen double handed dinghy. With this in mind, we supported Nautivela in transporting the boats to the event.

### **ACTIONS ALREADY TO BE DONE**

To complete the development and promotional plan approved last year, still to be done are the following actions:

**Development action in South Africa:** In order to increase and develop the recent new fleet in South Africa, we will send an expert coach (Nick Drougas from Greece) to do a clinic with sailors where their respective coaches will be present. This clinic will have also the collaboration of the South African Sailing Federation and the International 420 South African Class Association.

**Development action in Bulgaria:** In the same way, we are about to send to Bulgaria the same coach to do the same job, this time with the collaboration of the Bulgarian 420 Class Association.

**Junior European and Worlds promotional action:** As usually, during the Junior European and the World Championship we will distribute, for all the nations present, bags with promotional material to be used in their countries. Any developing nation who needs more of this material should contact me.

**420 and 470 Combined Event - Junior European Championship, Jim Saltonstall's overview:** Once again, during the Junior European Championship in Ballaton, Hungary, the British coach Jim Saltonstall, will be supporting us. During the final racing days of the championship, he will give an overview of the races, with a daily film and comments.

**420 Promotional Material at the ISAF Meeting:** During the ISAF annual meeting in November in Madrid, Spain, the International 420 CA EC was represented by the president Nino Shmueli, Technical Committee Chairman, Dimitris Dimou and by myself. During this meeting we distributed promotional material. I had the opportunity, during the Youth and Development Committee, to explain our development programmes and promote the International 420 as the best boat for youth training programmes.

Thanks for your attention.

**José Massapina  
Vice-President  
International 420 Class Association**

# 2009 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 distribution 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.

## CLASS RULES

The current class rules have been in application for the past three seasons fulfilling our promise to stabilize the class. Now it is time to make some small adjustments based on experience gained from their application. Following their approval, the new rules should stay in place for another 2-3 years or even more. A new building specification has been made available by the ISAF, including mostly minor corrections and adjustments of the existing one.

## 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 no new approved builders to our list, but we have EAST WAVE from the Ukraine, that is in the final stages of their prototype production and checking.

Regarding our currently licensed builders, GR-Fibreglass had their mould approved in December 2008 while NAUTIVELA and FACCENDA had new moulds verified as well. ROGA and J-Boats are still in the process of their hull measurement verification. The class has decided to request from the ISAF the withdrawal of licences from those builders that currently don't possess the templates or have not requested prototype measurement. The list includes 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. These documents have been sent in January 2009 to all NCAs that had submitted by that time their measurers lists.

## INTERNATIONAL MEASURERS

The Class must have more Int. Measurers in Europe to cover both event and prototype inspection needs. NCAs should contact the Class to propose candidates with proper background and experience.

Dimitris Dimou  
Chairman,  
Int. 420 Class Technical Committee