



INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS ASSOCIATION

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Haifa – 27th July 2010**

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE LIST

ITA - Luciano CROCETTI

ISR – Daniel DEKEL

POR – José MASSAPINA

GER - Norbert SCHRADER

USA - Larry LAW

GBR – Carla STANLEY

GRE – Themis LEBESSOPOULOS

BUL – Stanislav KASSAROV

AUT – Helmut Czasny-BONOMO

FRA – Berhault CHRISTIAN

HKG - Chan Yuk WAH

ARG – Pablo VOLKER

SIN – Serena WOKG (non voting)

THA – Jaano KEMPO (non voting)

TUR – Ayda Unner GURSEL (non voting)

BEL – Jurgen CLUYTMANS (non voting)

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)

After deferring the meeting for 30 minutes, the 420 Class President, Nino Shmueli, opened the meeting, thanking all for attending.

The number of national 420 class representatives in the room was agreed. From 33 paid up member nations, with 16 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). Later, ARG ask to be also accepted and 12 votes were agreed.

The meeting was then opened formally.

Nino Shmueli, explained that for item 9.1, the General Assembly have no quorum and the item will not be put to the vote. GER proposed to approve this item by e-mail.

1. Election of the Chairman of the meeting

The President, Nino Shmueli, asked for proposals for chairman of the meeting. GER proposed Nino Shmueli (NS) to be the chairman. It was put to the vote: AGREED Unanimously

2. Report from the President (as circulated before the meeting)

NS gave his report as written and circulated, which is attached to these minutes.

3. Report on the Class Development 2009-10 (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.

4. Class Development Plan 2010-11 (as circulated before the meeting)

Jose MASSAPINA (JM) presented the class development plan for 2010-2011. JM ask Nick Drougas to give a verbal report to the GA about the South Africa clinic and the DVD proposal.

5. Report from the Chairman of the Technical Committee (as circulated before the meeting)

Dimitris DIMOU (DD), Chairman of the Technical Committee, gave his report, which is attached to these minutes.

ITA asked when is the correct time to proceed with a proposal. The answer was, at least, 6 months before the next General Assembly meeting.

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.

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

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

Larry Law from USA was proposed.

Approved. 11 votes in favour, 1 abstention.

8. Approval of next years subscription fees

NS proposed to maintain the 15€ subscription fee. Approved unanimously.

9. Proposal from the Executive Committee:

9.1. Modification of the Articles of Association

CD presented the Proposed changes to the Articles of Association. There was no quorum to vote. USA proposed to the EC to send to all members, by email, both the existing and proposed Articles of Association.

9.2. Class Rules changes

New proposed Rule:

D.4.2.3 OPTIONAL

(m) One Cunningham control system of rope with a maximum of two single-sheave blocks ~~providing a maximum purchase of 4:1~~. One cleat without moving parts and one guiding block directly behind the cleat for the mainsail Cunningham line on the centerboard case capping.

~~F.2.6.20 OPTIONAL~~

~~F.2.6.20.1 One cleat without moving parts below the gooseneck and rope with a maximum of two single sheave blocks providing a maximum purchase of 4:1, and one guiding block directly behind the cleat for the mainsail Cunningham line~~

Removal of existing rule **F.2.6.11** One cleat without moving parts below the gooseneck and one rope, for the mainsail Cunningham line

Approved: 9 votes in favour. 1 against and 1 abstention.

F.2.6.14 Remove the 150mm length limit of the mast protection at the mast partners position.

Approved: 11 votes in favour.

10. To agree the venues of the International 420 Class World and Continental Championships for 2012, and confirm the venues and dates for these championships for 2011 (as published at www.420sailing.org)

2011 The World and Ladies Championship for this year have been approved in 2009. The hosting nation ARG, made a short presentation.

2012 Worlds and Ladies Worlds
Presentation was made by the AUT representative.

2012 Junior Europeans
Presentations were made by GRE and ITA representatives.

Voting:

AUT Worlds
In favour - 11 approved.
Abstentions - 1

Junior European Championship
GRE – 3 votes ITA – 7 votes Absences – 2 (ITA and BUL)

ITA explained that the 420 National Class Association did not support this bid, however the 470 class and the FIV did.

The Measurement Committee Chairman, DD, queried the amount of space available for measurement considering that there would be two fleets. The representative from Riva del Garda replied that there were changes taking place at the club and a tent would be provided for one of the fleets.

11. Election of the General Secretary and Treasurer of the Executive Committee*

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

A proposal letter, dated 25th March 2010, had been received from the Portuguese 420 Class Association for PEDRO RODRIGUES for the position of General Secretary.

Voting: **Unanimous** 10 votes in Favour.

A proposal letter, dated 19th May 2010, had been received from British 420 Class Association for CATHERINE DODDS for the position of Treasurer.

Voting: **Unanimous** 10 votes in Favour.

12. Election of the Technical Committee Chairman and members*

A proposal letter, dated 17th March 2009, had been received from the Greek 420 Class Association for DIMITRIS DIMOU for the position of Chairman.

Voting: ***Unanimous*** 11 votes in Favour.

A proposal letter, dated 19th March 2009, had been received from the Argentinean 420 Class Association for ALEX FINSTERBUSCH for the position of member.

Voting: ***Unanimous*** 11 votes in Favour.

A proposal letter, dated 3rd May 2010, had been received from the German 420 Class Association for JOERG LORENZ for the position of member.

Voting: ***Unanimous*** 11 votes in Favour.

13. Any other business

The Chairman of the Measurement Committee, DD, explained the possibility for all countries to have ISAF measurement clinics and seminars. Two will take place in China, one in November 2010 and another in May 2011.

ATTACHMENTS

2010 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HAIFA, ISRAEL ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT July 27th 2010

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 who are working for the benefit of the Class.

This is a special year for the 420 family as we celebrate our 50-year anniversary. Our boat seems to be the best double-handed boat around the world for learning, racing and enjoying sailing. I hope we will keep it for the next 50 years.

We are meeting just after the 2010 ISAF Youth Worlds held in Istanbul. It was a successful event with 38 countries participating in the double-handed events. Thanks to Nautivela who provided 66 boats for the event.

This year the 420 was recognized as a learning oat by the ISAF programme Connect to Sailing; this means that from now on our boat will be recommended as a double-handed boat to new sailors, clubs and MNAs.

Events – Last year we held two very successful events: the Worlds in Garda with recorded entries of 206 boats; and the Junior Europeans, which were combined with the 470s, in Balaton, Hungary.

The 2011Worlds will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in six months and the Junior Europeans in Neuwpoot, Belgium. As the Worlds will be outside of Europe we will hold an additional event, the Open Europeans, in Tavira, Portugal.

The Asian Games will be held in China this coming November, the International 420 has been chosen as a class for both men and women.

Race Management – Last year we updated our JEC format; we want to get more feedback from coaches about that, and we are planning to change the Worlds format for next year if your feedback is positive.

Class Website – The Class website is working well, but we intend to develop it to take more opportunity of applications such as Facebook and Twitter. Thanks to Tony Mapplebeck for all his hard work.

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Newsletter – Unfortunately, we were not able to publish a newsletter as we had planned this year, but we are currently trialing the facility to send announcements via email, so hopefully we will be able to send e-newsletters in the future.

Development – Development is one of the most important issues 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 Executive Committee plans.

In 2009 we sold almost 3,000 sail buttons. As we agreed when introduced sail buttons, all this money is accounted for separately and will be used to promote and develop the class. Catherine and Jose will report on this later.

Accounts – The Class accounts are in very healthy position, as Catherine will report. Thanks, Catherine, for your work.

Builders – Thank you to our builders, with whom we are working closely. Our International Measurers visit and check the builders' work regularly. Dimitris, the Chairman of the Technical Committee, will give you more information later.

Class Rules – Dimitris will be presenting slight changes to our Class Rules; we are trying not to change our Class Rules too dramatically in future years.

Articles of Association – Later this evening the Executive Committee will present changes to our Articles of Association. These changes are intended to clarify our regulations; we hope that you agree with these changes and will vote in favour.

Future of the Class – In the coming years we must focus on Class development, encouraging more new countries to adopt the 420 as their youth programme boat. Also, we need to work to build up our continental championships in North and South America, Asia and Oceania. We are planning more coaches' clinics in the next year as well as sending an experienced coach to train local coaches and hold a clinic with the sailors. Jose will give us more information.

Nino Shmueli
President
International 420 Class Association

2010 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HAIFA - ISRAEL
PROMOTIONAL AND DEVELOPMENT
ANNUAL REPORT
27th July 2010

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 and is now stronger than ever. It is well established internationally, but we still have to work on development and promotion in some continents. These facts lead us to believe that we are developing the Class in the correct way. So now I will review the development and promotional plan approved last year at the general assembly and tell you what we plan for the coming year. As you will see, all these promotions have been made possible by the income from the sail buttons.

Support on the transportation of the new boats to Angola: Two clubs from Angola, Clube Naval de Luanda and Clube Náutico da Ilha de Luanda, bought ten 420 boats each and the International 420 Class Association supported the transportation from Italy to Angola. We will continue to support this developing nation as I will detail later.

420 Promotional Material at the ISAF Meeting: During the ISAF annual meeting last November in Busan, South Korea, the International 420 Class Association Executive Committee was represented by the president Nino Shmueli, Technical Committee Chairman, Dimitris Dimou and by myself, Jose Massapina. During this meeting we distributed promotional material to all the delegates. I had the opportunity to be present on the Connect to Sailing Sessions, getting the maximum information about this program and we have started the process to have the 420 recognized as a learning boat by the ISAF program Connect to Sailing.

Development action in South Africa: In order to increase and develop the recent new fleet in South Africa, in October 2009 the International 420 Class Association sent an expert coach (Nick Drougas from Greece) to do a clinic. 24 sailors and 11 coaches attended this clinic. It was very successful and had also the collaboration of the South African Sailing Federation and the South African International 420 Class Association. To build on this development, the class is supporting a pair of South African sailors to attend the 2010 World Championship.

Easter in Europe Promotional Action: At Easter, we were represented at Fraglia Vela Riva, at Lake Garda, Italy, during the Optimist Spring Cup with about 900 sailors. This was an ideal opportunity to reach a large number of Optimist sailors and parents, and to promote our class. Tom Mapplebeck, an expert coach from the UK and Ireland, did the work for the International 420 Class Association, with a fully rigged 420, handing out promotional material to the young sailors, and allowing them to experience the boat.

FUTURE PLANS

To complete the development and promotional plan approved last year, we still have to do the following activities:

2nd Asia and Oceania Coaches Seminar: With the support of the Japanese Sailing Federation, the International 420 Class Association will organize from 31st of October to 3rd of November, the 2nd Asia and Oceania Coaches Seminar. This will take place in Japan at the Wakayama Sailing Centre and, as last year, the head coach will be Jim Saltonstall.

2nd South American Coaches Seminar: A Coaches Seminar like the one in Japan, will be organized in Lima, Perú, at the end of December.

Development action in Bulgaria: Next October, we plan to send to Bulgaria, an experienced coach to do a sailors clinic, in order to develop their recent 420 fleet, this time with the collaboration of the Bulgarian International 420 Class Association.

World Championship development and promotional action: During the World Championships we will distribute, for all the nations present, bags with promotional material to be used in their countries. Also the Greek Coach, Nick Drougas, will be present on behalf of the International 420 Class Association to do an action with the less developed countries, in order to help them both on the water and ashore.

420 & 470 Combined training action in Angola: Again in October, the 420 and 470 Classes are sending an experienced coach to Luanda, Angola for a week, in order to do a clinic for sailors and coaches to help them developing their brand new fleet. This clinic will have the support of the Angola Sailing Federation.

Training DVD: Nick Drougas is developing a 420 training DVD for the International 420 Class Association in order to help the 420 sailors and coaches from all over the world. You will see now a small track of this DVD.

2010 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HAIFA – ISRAEL

2010 / 2011 Promotional and Development Plan

The new promotional actions that we are planning for the coming year are:

3rd Asian Coaches Seminar: We will organize, with Jim Saltonstall, a 3rd coaches seminar for the Asian coaches. The venue for this action is not yet fixed but may be China. You will see soon more information about this seminar on the International 420 Class Association website.

2nd North American Coaches Seminar: We will organize, again with Jim Saltonstall, a 2nd coaches seminar for the North American coaches. The venue for this action is still to be arranged, but may be Canada.

Eastern European Coaches Seminar: We intend to do a seminar for coaches in the eastern part of Europe. We are still studying which is the best place to do it.

Promotional actions for young sailors : We are planning to do one or two promotional actions among the sailors of the junior classes such as Optimists and Cadets.

Clinics for sailors in 2 or 3 developing countries: The International 420 Class Association intends to send an experienced coach to some countries with small fleets to do clinics to help the development of these new fleets.

Supporting high level clinics: The International 420 Class Association may support an experienced coach doing clinics for high level sailors.

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

2010 Technical Committee Report

During the past year the main object of the Technical Committee was maintenance of the builders list together with the ISAF. A few minor adjustments of the Class rules were also worked out, following recommendations from a National Class Association.

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 EAST WAVE from the Ukraine.

Regarding our currently licensed builders, GR-Fibreglass, ROGA, CERE, NAIIX, LANDS & OCEAN and RONDAR lost their license from the ISAF because they hadn't paid their fees or didn't get the new templates. J-Boats are still in the process of their hull measurement verification. Simon Cooke is now part of Laser Performance and no more 420s are been built, moulds being inactive and in storage.

We have received an application from McConnaghy, builders of the Olympic Match race class (E6m), and there are in progress with their moulds, and Mackay will have their moulds ready in a few months.

CLASS RULES

If the proposed changes are approved by the GA, the new rules should stay in place for the next 2-3 years or even more. Our fleet is now stable enough without major measurement issues at our major events, which means sailors and coaches have a good understanding of the class rules.

INTERNATIONAL MEASURERS

The Class will get a third European Int. Measurer in November to cover both event and prototype inspection needs.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The Class is looking into different materials for the sails. With the help of our sailmakers we will be testing laminate sails for relative performance and endurance compared to conventional woven materials. We expect to have the first results before the end of the year.

Dimitris Dimou
Chairman,
Int. 420 Class Technical Committee

Proposal from the Executive Committee for modification of the Articles of Association:

**CONSTITUTION
OF THE INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS ASSOCIATION**

1. NAME

The name of the association shall be the 'International 420 Class Association'.

2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the International 420 Class Association are:

- 2.1 To administer the International 420 Class in accordance with ISAF requirements and to maintain the class rules.
- 2.2 To encourage, promote and develop the 420 dinghy internationally.
- 2.3 To support and defend the interests of 420 sailors in international sailing.
- 2.4 To establish guidelines for the International 420 Class World and Continental Championships, supervise these championships and determine where they will be held.
- 2.5 To liaise with 420 boat-builders and maintain the 420 as a one-design dinghy.
- 2.6 To promote a high standard of sailing and racing, whilst upholding fair and sportsmanlike conduct both on and off the water.

3. TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 The **Association** shall mean the International 420 Class Association.
- 3.2 The **EC** shall mean the Executive Committee of the International 420 Class Association.
- 3.3 The **TC** shall mean the Technical Committee of the International 420 Class Association.
- 3.4 **NCA** shall mean a National 420 Class Association recognised by the International 420 Class Association
- 3.5 **MNA** shall mean Member National Authority as defined by ISAF.
- 3.6 **The 420 Class** shall mean the class of sailing dinghies known as the International 420.
- 3.7 **Interested Party** shall mean a person who may gain or lose as a result of the relevant decision, or who has a close personal interest in the decision.
- 3.8 **Member** shall mean the recognised NCA, or MNA where no NCA exists and honorary members.

3.9 **GA** shall mean General Assembly.

4. MEMBERSHIP

4.1 One National Class Association can be a member of the International 420 Class.

In a country where no NCA exists, one National Authority using 420 dinghies can be a member of the International 420 Class Association.

4.2 On a proposal made by the EC, the GA may give **Honorary Membership** to an individual as a mark of respect or appreciation for past services to the International 420 Class Association. The honorary member may attend and speak at the GA, but may not vote. Honorary membership is given for life unless the GA decides otherwise.

5. ELIGIBILITY

5.1 Any country may, upon application to the EC, be granted a charter as a National Class Association provided it satisfies the following requirements.

5.1.1 That it has formed a duly constituted NCA, recognised by their country's National Authority, for the development and promotion of 420 sailing within the country. The NCA needs a letter of support from the MNA.

5.1.2 That there is no other 420 Class Association in their country already accredited by the EC.

6. STRUCTURE

6.1 The Association is recognised by ISAF as a self-administered ISAF Class.

6.2 The Association shall consist of the Members, the General Assembly and the EC.

6.3 The General Assembly shall consist of one member Representative appointed by each NCA, or MNA where no NCA exists, the members of the EC and the Honorary members. Each member representative shall have one vote. Members of the EC shall not have voting rights.

6.4 The NCAs shall be responsible to the EC for the organisation and promotion of the 420 Class in their respective countries.

6.5 The official language of the Association is English.

7. MANAGEMENT

7.1 The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the Executive Committee.

7.2 The EC shall consist of:

7.2.1 The President

- 7.2.2 The Vice President
- 7.2.3 The Secretary
- 7.2.4 The Treasurer
- 7.2.5 The Chairman of the Technical Committee

7.3 The members of the EC shall be elected at the General Assembly.

7.3.1 The President and Vice President shall be elected in odd numbered years.

7.3.2 The Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman of the Technical Committee shall be elected in evenly-numbered years.

7.4 Each member shall serve for a period of two years unless they are elected in the odd-numbered year.

7.5 A member of the EC shall not be elected for more than four consecutive terms of two years in the same office, unless there are no other nominations for the post.

7.6 The decisions of the EC will be taken by simple majority. In the event of a tied vote the President will have the casting vote.

7.7 The EC can appoint a sub-committee to accomplish particular tasks. The EC can also dissolve this same sub-committee. A sub-committee works under the authority of the EC.

7.8 The EC may be dismissed by the General Assembly by at least a two-thirds majority of votes cast by eligible voters.

8. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

8.1 There shall be a Technical Committee with a maximum of five members, including the Chairman of the Technical Committee, to:

- 8.1.1 Deal with the International 420 Class Rules, plans and measurement forms.
- 8.1.2 Examine any proposal from a Member for amendments or interpretations, and report to the EC.
- 8.1.3 Maintain close liaison with ISAF on all technical aspects of the 420 and request interpretations from ISAF as considered appropriate.
- 8.1.4 Make proposals on technical matters, including class rule changes, to the EC for the General Assembly.
- 8.1.5 Set up procedures for measurement during the Association Championships and to act as the authority on any issue as to the interpretation and/or application of the Class Rules under ISAF Rules and Regulations.
- 8.1.6 Work with ISAF to support licensed builders
- 8.1.7 Evaluate any application from builders wishing to obtain a license in order to make recommendations to the EC.
- 8.1.8 Manage the panel of the international 420 Class measurers in terms of training, nomination by ISAF, and proposals to the EC for their appointment at Championships. Within the Technical Committee, the Chairman shall lead these duties.

- 8.2 To be elected as a member of the TC, a candidate must be able to demonstrate competence in technical matters, especially about technical rules and procedures. To demonstrate his competence, when he is in front of the GA asking for their vote he must be ready to answer any questions from the delegates about his knowledge, and background.
- 8.3 Members of the TC shall be elected at the General Assembly.
- 8.4 Each member shall be elected for a period of two years.
- 8.5 The decisions of the TC are taken by simple majority.
- 8.6 The TC may be dismissed by the General Assembly by at least a two-thirds majority of votes cast by eligible voters.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 9.1 The International 420 Class is a non-profit making association.
- 9.2 For sources of income the Association will rely on the annual subscription from its members, building fees for boats and parts of boats, supply of sail buttons, and fees from the organisation of Championships.
- 9.3 They may also raise money from other enterprises approved by the EC.
- 9.4 The money raised from the sale of sail buttons shall be devoted entirely to the development of the Association.
- 9.5 The Association's Financial Year is from 1st January to 31st December.
- 9.6 The annual membership subscription is approved by the General Assembly at the recommendation of the EC.
- 9.7 Each member should pay the annual subscription before the 1st of July.
- 9.8 A member who has not paid his annual subscription before the 1st of July is not eligible to vote at the International 420 Class General Assembly of the same year.

10. ACCOUNTING

- 10.1 The EC shall cause true accounts to be kept giving full particulars of income and expenditure by the Association.
- 10.2 The General Assembly shall elect an auditor for the current financial year.
- 10.3 The Association's accounts shall be audited by the auditor elected at the General Assembly of the year of accounting.

10.4 The EC shall present to the General Assembly a summary balance sheet of profit and loss.

11. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

11.1 Proposals for amendments to the constitution may be submitted by the EC or the members. Proposals shall be sent to the EC at least six months before the date of the GA. These proposals will then be sent out with the agenda for the GA.

11.2 Any amendment to the constitution must be passed by a 2/3 majority vote in favour.

12. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLASS RULES

12.1 Proposals for amendments to the Class Rules shall be submitted to the EC four months before the date of the General Assembly.

12.2 The TC will study the proposal and make recommendations to the EC. This proposal will only be submitted to the GA if the EC consider it to be in the best interests of the Class.

12.3 The EC will propose any amendments to the Class Rules via the General Assembly.

13. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

13.1 The General Assembly is held each year in conjunction with an Association Championship.

13.1.1 Proposals from Members to the General Assembly shall be submitted, to the EC, at least three months before the date of the General Assembly.

13.1.2 Nominations for Election to the EC or TC shall be submitted to the EC three months before the date of the General Assembly.

13.2 The quorum shall be one third (1/3) of members eligible to vote.

13.3 Only members present at the start of the GA are eligible to vote.

13.4 Two Months before the date of the GA, an agenda shall be sent out to all members. This shall include proposals from the EC and Members.

13.5 The Agenda for the General Assembly shall include:

13.5.1 Election of the Chairman of the meeting

13.5.2 Report from the President

13.5.3 Report from the Technical Committee

13.5.4 Presentation and acceptance of the annual accounts

13.5.5 Approval of next year's subscription fees

13.5.6 Proposals from the Executive Committee

13.5.7 Proposals from Members

13.5.8 Proposals for hosting International 420 Class Association World and Continental Championships two years ahead

13.5.9 Presentations on Championships in the forthcoming year

13.5.10 Election of members of the Executive Committee

13.5.11 Election of members of the Technical Committee

13.5.12 Election of the auditor for the current financial year.

13.6 Proxy voting is only allowed when a member attends the GA, collects his voting card and passes it another person to vote in his place.

13.7 The name of the official representative shall be received by the EC on the official form, prior to the opening of the General Assembly.

13.8 The official representative or his proxy must be without commercial activity linked to centreboard dinghies.

13.9 Voting is by simple majority except as specified elsewhere in this constitution, and each member has one vote.

13.10 Any voting member may request a secret ballot for election of officers.

13.11 For regulations regarding procedures at the GA see appendix A.

13.12 The GA is open to observers.

14. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

14.1 The EC or two thirds (2/3) of the members can call an Extraordinary General Assembly.

14.2 When such a request is received by the EC, the Extraordinary General Assembly shall be held within the next three months.

14.3 Notice of the convening of an Extraordinary General Assembly shall be sent to all members, with the agenda, at least two months before the Extraordinary General Assembly.

15. LIABILITY

15.1 In the execution of their powers and duties under this constitution, members of the EC shall not be liable for any loss to any of the members or former members, or to the assets of the Association, by reason of any action or omission made in good faith.

15.2 Members of the EC shall not be personally liable for the Association's obligations.

16. DISSOLUTION

16.1 Dissolution of the International 420 Class Association can only take place during an Extraordinary General Meeting.

16.2 If, upon dissolution of the Association there remains, after the satisfaction of the Associations debts and liabilities, any remaining property or funds shall not be distributed amongst members, but donated to an international sailing charity.

International 420 Class EC – July 2010

The Constitution of the International 420 Class Association is lodged with Mrs Corrine Dupont, Notary, rue Fossé aux Loups 38 B1, 100 Brussels.

Signed by the members of the Executive Committee

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Technical Committee Chairman

APPENDIX A

1. POINTS OF ORDER

- 1.1 Points of Order have precedence over all other business, but they may not be raised during a vote, unless relating to the conduct of that vote.
- 1.2 Points of Order shall have priority in the following order: a request for a quorum count, a request for a ruling from the Chair, (e. g. on controversiality or on a Guest Speaker, a request for a recount, other Points of Order)

2. PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

- 2.1 Procedural motions have precedence over all other business except Points of Order, but may not be raised during a speech or vote.
- 2.2 There shall be the following procedural motions, which are listed in order of priority:
 - 2.2.1 that the status of a motion be changed, and thus it should be taken next (this may only be raised between motions).
 - 2.2.2 that the Chair's ruling, e. g. on controversiality, be overturned.
 - 2.2.3 that a motion be not put.
 - 2.2.4 that a motion be now put, i.e. that the meeting now come to a vote.
 - 2.2.5 that a motion be taken in parts, to be specified by the proposer of the procedural motion.
- 2.3 Every procedural motion must have a proposer and seconder; debate shall be confined to one speech for the procedural motion, and one speech against, with a maximum length of two minutes.
- 2.4 The overturning of a Chair's ruling requires a two-thirds majority. The outcome of other procedural motions shall be decided by a simple majority.

3. AMENDMENTS

- 3.1 Any voting Member may propose an amendment to a motion provided that he has a seconder.
- 3.2 If the proposer of the substantive motion accepts an amendment, that amendment automatically becomes part of the original proposer's motion.
- 3.3 If the proposer of the substantive motion does not accept an amendment, then a debate confined to the amendment ensues; if the amendment is subsequently passed, then the proposer of the amendment is now deemed proposer of the substantive motion.

4. VOTING

- 4.1 All voting is by majority vote, except as specified in this constitution.
- 4.2 In the event of a tied vote, the result shall be decided by a majority vote of the EC. If the EC vote is inconclusive then the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

4.3 If the Chairman of the meeting has a conflict of interest in the matter being voted, he must cede the Chair to a member of the EC.

5. CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS

5.1 Candidates for positions on the EC or TC may, if they wish, make a short statement (of no more than three minutes) in support of their candidacy. In the event that a candidate is unable to attend, they may send a written statement, to be read out by the Chairman of the GA.

5.2 Voting Members shall be able to ask questions of the candidates. All questions must be addressed to all candidates through the Chairman, and each candidate must be given an equal opportunity to speak on every question.

5.3 Voting will be for specific candidates and the decision is by simple majority.