



420 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Annual General Assembly of the International 420 Class Association was held on 26 July at Hotel Vila Galé, Tavira, Portugal.

Present:

President	Nino Shmueli
Vice-President	Jose Massapina
Treasurer	Catherine Dodds
420 Communications	Luissa Smith

Member Nation Representatives - voting

Austria	Helmut Czasny
Bulgaria	Nikolaos Drougas
Spain	Patricia Ravetllat
Great Britain	Robert Vose
Germany	Wolfgang Stückl
Greece	Nikolaos Drougas
Israel	Daniel Dekel
Italy	Luciano Crocetti
Netherlands	Evert Jan Van Garderen
Turkey	Nino Shmueli
USA	Larry Law

Member Nation Representatives – non-voting

Czech Republic	Simon Seidl
Ireland	Tom Mapplebeck
Russia	Alexandra Banayan

Apologies:

Secretary General	Pedro Rodrigues
Technical Committee Chairman	Dimitris Dimou

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

Guilherme Ferreira, Commodore of Club Nautico Tavira, welcomed everybody as guests to the club and noted that it was an honour for the club to be hosting the 2011 420 European Championships.

The President confirmed that 11 nation representatives were present and entitled to vote. (*Note: one delegate left the meeting for Agenda Items 10, 12, 13 and 14*).

1. Election of the Chairman

Decision

The President, Nino Shmueli, was unanimously elected as the Chairman of the meeting.

2. Report from the President

The previously circulated report from the President (attached as Appendix 1) was noted and presented by the President, with the following items highlighted within his verbal presentation:

- Introduction of Luissa Smith – as the appointed Class Communications officer, Luissa will be primarily responsible for maintaining the 420 website and all class communications.
- Secretary General – noted that Pedro Rodrigues (POR) had resigned as Secretary General due to work commitments in his recent appointment as Technical Manager for the Federação Portuguesa de Vela. Sincere thanks were expressed to the commitment and

support which Pedro has given to the class during the past 5 years in his position as Secretary General.

- Race Management – noted that the Championship format has changed from the previous 18 race series, to a 6 race qualification and 6 race final series with two races per day. Feedback was invited to this new format.
- After the 420 – the President noted that the 420 class is an ideal and essential pathway class for young sailors, regardless of which style of sailing they may choose to move on to. The 420 is independent of any other classes and supports sailors whichever class they move on to.

In discussion, the GBR representative asked that the Class look at ways of reducing costs for Championship participation, which may include removing the lay-day from Championship schedules. The President advised that the Class is looking at possibly removing a measurement day, that venues for 2012 Championships were closer to each other which should reduce transport costs, and that the Class would continue to monitor and review possible cost reductions.

3. Report on the Class Development 2010-11

Jose Massapina, Executive Committee member responsible for development, presented his previously circulated report on the Class Development activities in 2010-11 (attached as Appendix 2) together with a visual presentation. He emphasized that all the class development activities are funded by the sail button income.

An example of development programme success was showcased by Asenathi Jim (RSA) who competed at the 2010 ISAF Youth Worlds, then moved into compete at the 2010 420 World Championships and is now campaigning to represent South Africa at the 2012 Olympics.

The President highlighted that all 420 National Class Associations are welcome to apply to host 420 training clinics.

Building on the success of the Coaches' Clinic hosted in Austria in March 2011, Jose Massapina noted that the Class would like to host a Coaches' Clinic in Eastern Europe for around 15 coaches.

The success of the "420 to the Max" training video was applauded.

4. Class Development Plan 2011-12

Jose Massapina introduced the development plans (attached as Appendix 3) for the coming year as previously circulated.

Of significant impact would be the new "Online Training Book" being developed by Nick Drougas.

Nick Drougas gave a presentation of the book which combines video and written exercises with full graphical explanations. The objective of the book is to provide coaches and sailors with all they need to develop their sailing skills.

The financial commitment to the project was noted as approximately EUR30,000, with approximately an annual cost of EUR2,000 to keep up to date.

Recognizing the take-up of the "420 to the Max" video which at the time of the meeting has been downloaded in more than 75 nations, there is clearly demand for such training tools.

5. Report from the Chairman of the Technical Committee

The Chairman noted that Dimitris Dimou, the Chairman of the Technical Committee, was unable to be present due to commitments for the Olympic Test Event and Teresa Rios Sánchez presented his report.

Teresa noted that the builders' inspections have now started and the costs will be shared with the 470 Class, as most of the builders produce both classes, so inspections can take place simultaneously.

Nikos Drougas reported that testing of mylar 420 sails has been in progress over the past two months, and in wind ranges of 8-20 knots speed performance was improved. Testing by other teams will continue through until the end of 2011 with a focus on durability (in strong light, heat and cold), any stretching of material/dimension changes. In conclusion, Nikos felt that the mylar sails perform better than dacron.

The President emphasized that the Class would only consider a change if there is a clear benefit to the sailors and any decision would be the responsibility of the national class associations at a future General Assembly meeting.

Input from the voting members included:

Netherlands - expressed concern that if performance is improved with mylar sails, then would be excluding teams with older dacron sails.

Germany – based on their experience with mylar sails, performance is improved by about 1-2%, but the lifetime of a mylar sail is about double that of a Dacron sail, so potentially the sails will become cheaper.

Nikos Drougas noted that it was the coaches who initially proposed the idea of a mylar main at a meeting in 2008.

6. Annual Accounts

The Treasurer noted that the receipts for the 2010 420 Junior Worlds were received in December 2010, but expenditure is included in the January 2011 balance.

The Treasurer confirmed that future accounts would show the previous year's figures for comparison purposes.

The increase in meetings expenditure was due to additional meetings being held.

Decision

The Accounts for the period 1 January 2010-31 December 2010 were unanimously approved.

7. Election of Auditor for the next financial year

Decision

Larry Law was unanimously elected as the Auditor for the next financial year.

8. Approval of 2012 Subscription Fee

The Executive Committee proposed that the annual subscription fees remain at EUR15 per National Class Association and requested that everyone pay in due time.

Decision

The 2012 Annual Subscription Fee was unanimously approved as EUR15.

9. Proposals from the Executive Committee

9.1. Class Trophies Substitution System

The Treasurer noted the logistical challenges and costs incurred in transporting and presenting the Class perpetual trophies at the 420 Championships, and therefore the Executive Committee would like to consider alternative solutions, such as the presentation of certificates rather than trophies to winners/trophy recipients.

Decision

It was approved that the 420 Class perpetual trophies will be held by the Class, presented at 420 Championships and then immediately returned to the Class for safekeeping.

10. Proposals from the Members

10.1 Italian Proposal – Class Rule 1.2.1

The Italian delegate presented the proposal from the Italian 420 Class Association to amend Class Rule 2.2.1 to prohibit pumping upwind, due to the national class association's concerns over the impact on sailors' bodies.

Input from the delegates expressed the need to be in line with other classes, and that any injuries are more likely due to the need to improve physical fitness than as a direct result of pumping. It was felt that sailors and coaches should give their input prior to any such change.

Decision

On a vote of 1 in favour and 10 against, the Italian proposal to amend Class Rule 1.2.1 was rejected.

11. Future Championships

The meeting was invited to receive presentations and decide the venues of the International 420 Class World and Continental Championships for 2013, and confirm the venues and dates for the 2012 Championships.

11.1 2013 420 World Championships

Two bids were received to host the 2013 420 World Championships:

- Valencia, Spain
- Tasmania, Australia

Decision

On a unanimous vote in favour, Valencia was approved as the venue for the 2013 420 World Championships (dates to be confirmed).

11.2 2013 420 Junior European Championships

A bid was received from Pwhelli, Wales, Great Britain to host the 2013 420 Junior European Championships.

Decision

Pwhelli was unanimously approved as the venue for the 2013 420 Junior European Championships, 14-22 August 2013.

11.3 2012 420 World Championships

Helmut Czasny gave a verbal progress report on the planning for the 2012 420 World Championships being held on Lake Neusiedl, Austria from 27 July-5 August 2012.

It was noted that other sailing events will be arranged, so that before/after the Worlds, teams can race. A programme of post-race activities will be prepared to add to the social engagement. A range of accommodation (mobile homes, tents, camping) is available. Restrictions apply on the use of boats on the lake and coaches will need to apply for a licence to launch and use their boats.

11.4 2012 420 Junior European Championships

Nino Shmueli gave a verbal update on arrangements for the 2012 420 Junior European Championships taking place in Riva del Garda, Italy from 9-17 August 2012. A recent site visit confirmed that planning is progressing well, although there continue to be concerns over the car park area and ramps.

12. Election of the President and Vice-President of the Executive Committee

In accordance with the new International 420 Class Constitution approved at the Extraordinary General Assembly held earlier in the day, the meeting noted the nominations received for the roles of President and Vice-President for the next two years:

Nino Shmueli – President – nominated by the Israel Yachting Association

Jose Massapina – Vice-President – nominated by the Portuguese 420 Class Association

Decision

The meeting unanimously elected Nino Shmueli as President and Jose Massapina as Vice-President for the next two years.

13. Election of the Technical Committee

The meeting noted the letters proposing re-appointment of the following members to the Technical Committee:

Barry Johnson – nominated by the Australian 420 Class Association

Teresa Rios Sánchez – nominated by the Spanish 420 Class Association

Decision

The meeting unanimously re-appointed Barry Johnson and Teresa Rios to the Technical Committee.

14. Any Other Business

14.1. Championship Schedule

Larry Law, the USA delegate, requested that the lay-day be removed from the schedule of future Championships.

The President advised that the General Assembly approves the structure and schedule of Championships, so any change should be put forward as a proposal to the next General Assembly Meeting.

14.2. Class Rules

The President noted that ISAF has required some housekeeping changes to Class Rules of ISAF Classes and requested authorisation to allow the Executive Committee to make such changes.

Decision

It was unanimously approved to authorise the Executive Committee to make housekeeping changes to the 420 Class Rules in line with ISAF requirements.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.



INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS ASSOCIATION

2011 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TAVIRA, PORTUGAL ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

July 26th 2011

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 during the last year.

We are now just after the 2011 ISAF Youth Worlds held in Zadar. It was a successful event with 38 countries participating in the double-handed events, with 34 boys' and 32 girls' boats. Thanks to Nautivela who provided, free of charge, 45 boats for the event.

A few days ago, our General Secretary, Pedro Rodrigues, resigned from his position due to professional commitments. Pedro was a member of our EC for the last five years and, on behalf of the Class, I want to send him many thanks and wish him success in his new job.

Events – Last year the class organized two events: the Worlds at Haifa, Israel and the Junior Europeans, which were combined with the 470s, in La Rochelle, France. Both were successful and enjoyable events.

The 2011 Worlds were held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, during January of this year. We had a total of 96 entries with many South American countries participating. Along with our coaching clinics, this will consolidate our position on that continent. In ten days time, the Junior Europeans will be held in Neuiwpoort, Belgium, we already have almost 100 entries.

In 2012 our two main events will be held in Europe, overlapping with the Olympics. The Worlds will be held in Austria between 27.07 – 5.08 and just after this will be the JEC at Riva del Garda from 9-17.08. The ISAF Youth Worlds will be held in Ireland (12-21.07) and once again the 420 will be the double handed boat.

The African Games will be held in Mozambique this coming September, the International 420 has been chosen as a class for both men and women and this is a great opportunity to develop the class in Africa.

Race Management – This year we updated our Worlds format after it was run successfully for the last two years at the JEC. We would like to get more feedback from coaches about the new format.

Class Website – The Class website will soon be redeveloped. After an interview process, Luissa

Smith was appointed in April as the Class Communication Officer; Luissa welcome to the 420 family. Luissa will report on her work later this evening.

Newsletter – In June we published our first new e-mail newsletter and with the new web we plan to have a monthly newsletter.

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 2010 we sold approximately 2,800 sail buttons. As we agreed when we 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. Teresa on behalf of the Technical Committee will give us more information later.

Class Rules – We have a submission from Italy that will be discussed later, and the TC will present slight changes to our Class Rules; we are trying not to change our Class Rules too dramatically in future years.

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.

Two month ago ISAF select the 470 to be the spinnaker double handed boat for men and women at 2016 Olympics, that will give us a push but as we stated, we are independent and think that the 420 is the best double handed dinghy to develop sailing. Let us continue to work together and try to spread the 420 message to more nations.

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

Nino Shmueli
President
International 420 Class Association

**2011 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TAVIRA – PORTUGAL
2010 PROMOTIONAL AND DEVELOPMENT
ANNUAL REPORT**

26th July 2011

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.

420 Class on the African Games: We were pleased to have the International 420 chosen as the double handed boat for the 2011 All African Games taking place next September in Maputo, Mozambique. Having our secretary also chosen by ISAF as the Technical Delegate will ensure that we are able to effectively promote the 420 at this event. This will build upon the work we have already been doing on the African continent with clinics in Angola and South Africa.

4th European Coaches Seminar: We held a European seminar for coaches last March at the Sailing Centre of Lake Neusiedle in Austria. We had a participation of 13 coaches from 5 nations and also the collaboration of 10 local sailors profited a lot from these four days.

420's 50th Year Anniversary party during ISAF Conference: As many of you know, during 2010 the International 420 Class Association celebrated it's 50th Anniversary. As part of the celebrations, we held a very well attended cocktail party during one of the evenings of the ISAF conference that took place last November in Athens, Greece. The guest of honour was His Majesty King Constantine.

420 Training DVD: During this reception for the 50th Anniversary, we took the opportunity to present our new development project which was the 420 training DVD. This is an important tool that is now available, on our website, to be downloaded by coaches and sailors all over the world.

Easter in Europe Promotional Action: At Easter, we were presented at Fraglia Vela Riva, 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 experienced 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:

420 and 470 Combined Event - Junior European Championship, Jim Saltonstall's overview:

During the Junior European Championship in Nieuwpoort, Belgium, we will again have Jim Saltonstall attending from 9 to 11 August 2011, where he will give a review of the championship.

3rd Asian Coaches Seminar: We will organize, again with Jim Saltonstall, a 3rd coaches seminar for the Asian coaches. The venue for this action will be Hong Kong. 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 will be Miami.

Clinic for Sailors in Mozambique before and during the African Games: We will send in September to Maputo, Mozambique, an expert coach to do a clinic to all the 20 teams present at the African Games, a week before and help the teams during the Games.

Thanks for your attention.

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

**2011 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TAVIRA – PORTUGA
2011 / 2012 Promotional and Development Plan**

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

4th Asian Coaches Seminar: We will organize, with Jim Saltonstall, a 4th coaches seminar for the Asian coaches. The venue for this action is not yet fixed. You will see more information about this seminar on the International 420 Class Association website.

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

420 and 470 Combined Event - Junior European Championship, Jim Saltonstall's overview: During the Junior European Championship in Lake Garda, Italy, we will have again Jim Saltonstall doing the overview and comments.

5th European Coaches Seminar: We intend to do a seminar for coaches in 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.

Training On line Book of Exercises: We have again a new project with Nick Drougas. This time we ask him to develop an On Line Book of Exercises for the International 420 Class Association in order to help the 420 coaches and sailors from all over the world. You will see now a small track of this tool.

Thank you for your attention.

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