



2022 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ALSÓÖRS - HUNGARY

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

AUGUST 6, 2022

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the International 420 Class Annual General Assembly. As you know, due to the pandemic, we ran the 2020 meeting remotely. Last year we did it with physical presence in Sanremo. Now, the Covid situation is not yet stabilised and in some areas of the globe there are lots of active cases; but a large part of the world population is vaccinated so we are happy to be here together again, face to face in this room. We are crossing the year of 2022 and we are confident for the future. I want to thank you all, for giving your time to the class and your help and cooperation throughout the last difficult years; special thanks to my colleagues of the Executive Committee for their hard work.

Events – Last year, the Class has organized two events: The World Championship at Sanremo, Italy and the Junior European Championship, in Golfo de Gaeta, Italy, which was combined with the 470s. Both events were successful and attracted large numbers of sailors; I express our thanks to the organizers. The 2021 World Sailing Youth World Championship was held in Mussanah, Oman, with a total of 433 sailors from 56 nations in 11 events, including the Male/Mixed and Female divisions of the 420. 22 teams entered to the Male/Mixed fleet and 19 to the Female fleet.

EUROSAF with the cooperation of the 420 Class has ran the 2022 420 EUROSAF CUP (Circuit), the first awards were at the JEC in Vilamoura, we would like to extend the number of such events in the next years.

Internal Class Ranking – We are planning for the future to organize a Class Ranking, counting for that, the results of a group of events all over the world.

Class Website – We are improving our Class website, that is well run by Agustin, our Class Communication Manager, that is improving it day by day and also our communication and news at the social media.

Development – Development is one of the most important issues for the future of the class. As you may know, even being now the President of the Class Association, I will keep with me this area of the development and promotion and I left to my Colleague Dimitris Dimou, our VP, the events and all the sportive area, helped by the rest of the board.

I420CA ACCOUNTS – The Class accounts are in a very healthy position, my colleague Jackie Taylor, the treasurer of the Class, will give us an update and report.

Builders and Technical – My colleague Alex Finsterbusch, the Chairman of the Technical Committee, will update us later on, in the situation of our current builders and all other class technical issues.

The Future of the Class – The Executive Committee is putting a lot of effort to develop the class worldwide and to reactivate some of the small fleets that stopped sailing in certain areas of the globe because of the Covid crisis.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your attention and wish you all a pleasant meeting.

José Massapina

International 420 Class Association President