



420 AGM Minutes 2020

GBR International 420 Class Association

15th October 2020 at 7PM

Zoom Call

The meeting was opened at 7pm

Welcome & Introduction

Nick Bacon covered the line up of the meeting.

Reports for 2020

Chair's Report also covering Sailing Secretary report

Nick recapped the success of the class over the past year

Autumn champs September 2019 - 70 sailors

Winter champs October - 66 sailors

Endeavour Cup Champions of Champions attended by Jess, Alex, Alice and Dylan

9 boats to Bordeaux in October

8 boats to Palamos just before Christmas

Bloody Mary won by Dylan and Jack in January

4 boats to San Remo for February half term

Dinghy show huge success with the Olympic sailors on our stand in March

Rutland Inland Champs is where Covid started to come in and effect the running of our events

Great Virtual learning provided by the RYA during lockdown, with a Youth Nationals and Spring champs taking place on eSailing

Brixham was our first event back on the water after lockdown, great success

Super training lineup in place for the winter with Jess, Tim, Jonny, Neil and many more top coaches on stand by.

Nick finished his report by concluding how fantastic the Youth 420 double hander boat is and it produces some of the best sailors this country has. Nick thanked everyone on the committee that helps run this class.

Treasurer's Report

Hugo reported on the years accounts for 2019. Copies were sent out to everyone on the mailing list before the meeting. He reported that the class's aim is to break even rather than make a profit, and to balance the costs with any income we have or are able to make. In 2019 we lost £1500, against 2018 we profited £500. We have been about £3000 down in recent years. We have less coaching days funded by the RYA and some extra things like the Dinghy show we are now paying out for but that is a worthwhile expense in the long term. Teams income and expenses are balanced. On the cash front we have a good balance, it is a float for the International events where we have to pay out for the Hotels, transport & entry fees often before we even know who is going to make 'The Team'. We purchased a class van because we had been spending a lot of money on hiring previously, we purchased a trailer and a class charter boat and a ET rib from the RYA. This year the cash balance has stayed the same so far as no International events have taken place. Hugo offered to take any questions, there weren't any.

International Report

Linda Keers was unable to attend the meeting so Nick went through a few dates that Linda had mentioned.

27 October - 1 November Worlds and Junior European Championships - Cancelled

28 October - 1 November Grand Prix de l'armistice (Bordeaux)

5-8 December - Imperia

18-22 December - Palamos Christmas Race

Nick advised that he thought these events actually taking place would be pretty remote.

Class Training Report

Jess our Head Coach advised that off the back of lockdown Jess, Jonny, Neil and Tim all worked hard together to get the class training up and running, we were one of the first classes to get some formal training back in play. These training weekends have been very successful with lots of positive feedback, going forward we aim to put on one class training weekend per month, we hope to publish our dates early enough for people to give parents as much notice as possible. Jess will continue to do Survey Monkey to ensure we are

offering what the sailors want to cover during training. Briefing and debriefing will continue to be done via the Whats app groups set up for each training session and zoom de briefs.

Tim Rush, our Transition Officer, advised on the development side we have not been able to travel around to all the Junior Championships where we would normally showcase the 420. Last year that increased the number of sailors coming into the class, as soon as restrictions open up and we can get to more clubs we will continue to showcase the class to the Juniors. Simon advised that we do have a calendar of training planned out which will be all put on the class calendar on OurClubAdmin. Jess spoke about the hurdles we have coming up when the weather gets colder without the use of facilities at the clubs. It was advised that dates would stay the same but venues may need to change.

Election for replacement of committee members

The following were elected to the committee for 2020/2021

Chair - Nick Bacon is stepping down and was replaced by Simon Cook

Treasurer - Hugo Fisher is stepping down and was replaced by Andrew Taylor

Safety Officer - Jim Driver is stepping down and was replaced by Joff McGill

Sailing Secretary - Kelly McPherson is standing down and was replaced by Stephen Davies

Welfare Officer - Clemency Evans will continue doing the Trophy role along with this role

Technical Officer - Historically it has been Charlie from IBI, we need a candidate for this role going forward, we have 2 volunteers so far

International class representative - Linda Keers is not formally disappearing from the committee but will take a step back and Lucy Bennett will formally take on the role but will be assisted by Linda

Marketing Officer - John Meadowcroft will take this role on, it is not officially on the Constitution but a role that needs to be fulfilled.

The chair thanks the departing members for all of their hard work and welcomed the new members of the committee.

Sailor Reps

It was agreed that all 4 sailor representative would be accepted:

Emmy Walker

Matty Evans

Julie Staite

Hector Bennett

Sailor reps will be encouraged to attend the class monthly meetings

Guest Speaker - Duncan West RYA Regional Performance Manager

Duncan spoke about how the RYA funding comes from 2 sources, Sport England and UK Sport. Sport England funding is about increasing the quantity and quality of Youth sailors in the regions, it is aimed at helping to run the class and the cost of open training and support transitioning training to reduce the cost to the sailors and to help grow the class. UK Sport is more focused on the performance end, working with Jonny McGovern supporting the Youth Squad. Duncan did have a presentation ready but technology has let him down. Duncan works closely with Jack Grundy, very soon all the sailors looking for entry within the Youth Squad will be asked to create a C.V to support their application due to the lack of sailing that has happened this summer, along with the Brixham and Youth Nationals being used as indicators. Any sailors unable to attend the Youth Nationals will have discretionary applied to their application.

Duncan advised that dates for Youth Squads are all up on the RYA website.

International support and intentions for 2021, if we can move forward next year they will look to support 2 International events. Things will be clearer when they know what events may take place. Duncan wanted to highlight the Diploma in Sporting Excellence (DiSE) programme, it is an opportunity for sailors to gain an academic qualification within their sailing environment, it equates to half an A level and 7 of the 12 places went to 420 sailors. This will be led by Jess and supported by Ben and Marcus. This is a programme that they hope to run again next year and it is aimed at anyone starting Year 12 in September 2021.

Class Development and plans - Simon Cook

Simon wanted to reiterate that as a committee it is our aim to develop sailors and provide affordable local class training and racing, along with increasing our numbers and ensure we remain a sustainable class. He advised that we have started looking at our racing format of 7 races over a weekend, 4 on the Saturday and 3 Sunday, course lengths and shapes and all seem to be ok. The class will be looking at introducing more sea venues, it has been noted that other Youth classes have more sea events than us and other classes also have 3 more racing events than us but 8 days of training less than us, however we are mindful that we are a more technical boat than other classes.

Simon explained that the class gets a sum of money from the RYA and we split that money into supporting 20 training days in national and local training and this helps keep the training costs down. This funding may not be around forever and Simon wanted to remind the members that we are a class of volunteers, do not just rely on the committee members, it is also down to every single member of the class to help keep our costs down at these events, be it helping with an admin role, driving ribs, providing a rib, we need your support to keep our training costs where they are. This will help us maintain our brilliant coaches that we have and the coaching ratios.

AOB

Nick asked in his letter for any of the sailors out there that wanted to say something, be it something we need to improve on or any positive or negative feedback. It is important that the sailors feel they have the opportunity to voice their views in the class.

Neil Marsden started it off by asking the sailors what they think of mark 5 on our courses? Apparently we are the only Country that uses mark 5! It was agreed that if the Worlds and Euros do not use it then we should drop it. Neil thinks it was added when the fleets were much larger, with 60-80 boats coming across at the finish they could not identify the boats, so mark 5 was put in so they could come in at close haul over the finish line and the committee boat could easily see the sail number. All agreed that it should go.

James George would like to see a ladder or Grand Prix series, if that requires a sponsor his small company would be up for making a trophy and donating it to the class to get that going, he suggested perhaps a family trophy should be added in to encourage the oppie sailors to join in early with a parent crewing for them, like he did himself with his son Harry.

Ellie Driver wanted to say Thank you very much to everyone that has helped out during her time in the class.

It was agreed more sea venues are definitely a must.

Last years call on allowing 2 Jibs and 2 Spinnakers

Ian brought up that at the AGM last year we put into place a trial on introducing 2 jibs and 2 Spinnakers being allowed to be used at our UK events, this was to be reviewed after a year. It was summed up by Nick that it was a great call and it should continue, all sailors and Parents had no objections it is not being abused and is saving parents wear and tear on their new sails over a mixed forecast weekend.

Simon wanted any ideas on how we can grow the fleet and make it more attractive?

Matty suggested we do regular reports in Yachts and Yachting and that she is happy to take that role on. John Meadowcroft said that was something he was going to put into shape by introducing a new rule that the sailors that finish 3rd at an event get to do the report.

Julia thinks we should organise some training at the same venues as oppie events so we can take a load of the sailors out.

Ollie wants more racing throughout the winter rather than just training. Emmy suggested we continue to support the Sailjuice Series which is great to keep your racing up over the winter, the more 420's that enter the better. It was also suggested by James that the Aeros have held Regional Championships at Sail Juice events and that Simon Lovesey who runs the SailJuice series would be up for accommodating the 420's, it provides affordable sailing and drains little resources from the class. Ian suggests we pick several of the Sailjuice 2 day events and add them as a class event, it does not need to be all of them just 2-3.

Ian Walker thanked Nick and the committee that are standing down for all of their help.

Meeting closed at 8:44PM