



Class Performance Group Selection Policy

Background

The Class Open Training offering provides training for all levels with boats being split into groups at each training session; this changes by session and doesn't allow for consistency. Increased levels of participation and interest in the Class training provision has found the need to ensure we continue to meet the needs of all sailors within the Class. New for 2022 the Class is to pilot a Class Performance Group.

1. Aim

The purpose of this Policy is to outline the selection criteria.

2. Eligibility Criteria

- 2.1. Sailors should apply as a boat (helm and crew)
- 2.2. All sailors are required to be current members of the GBR 420 Class
- 2.3. There is no upper or lower age limit for the sailors within the group
- 2.4. Boats are required to attend a minimum of 60% of the Training Dates (3 out of 4 training dates)
- 2.5. Boats are encouraged to participate in the Class Coached Racing event at Datchet Water on 15th/16th January 2022.

3. Application Process

Boats that wish to be considered for the Group should apply to the Class by Friday 7th January 2022 by completing the relevant application form. Application forms should be sent to the 420 Head Coach and 420 Admin. Late applications will not be considered.

4. Training Period and Dates

- 4.1. The training period is January 2022 - April 2022.
- 4.2. The Squad will train alongside the Class Open Training on the following dates:
 - (1) WPNSA - 29th/30th January 2022
 - (2) HISC - 22nd/25th February 2022
 - (3) Rutland - 5th/6th March 2022
 - (4) Pwllheli - 8th/9th April

5. Group Size

The Group will be made up of six boats.



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6. Group Composition

Boats will be selected from applicants as follows:

- (1) 4 highest placed boats (non-youth squad) based on the latest Rolling Ranking, regardless of gender
- (2) The remaining 2 places will be selected from the pool of applicants by the Class Head Coach taking into account the following criteria:
 - The 420 Class Association Rolling Ranking lists.
 - Performance at other events.
 - Performance at a significant international regatta.
 - Performance at major national events/training.
 - Coach feedback.
 - Attitude and behaviour at recent events and during previous training.
 - Mitigating factors affecting results.
 - Anticipated squad dynamics.

Selected boats will be informed by Wednesday 12th January 2022.

7. Group Acceptance

Boats will be required to accept/decline their place by Friday 14th January 2022

8. Sailor Pairing Substitutes

If a sailor pairing splits during the Training Period any crew substitution will only be allowed following discussion and agreement with the Class Head Coach. No refunds will be given.

9. Appeals

There will be no appeals against the published selection criteria or the actions of the Class Head Coach, provided they follow the selection criteria. The grounds for appeal may not include any alleged error of judgment of the Class Head Coach and are limited to allegations of:

- Failure to follow due process
- Bias/undue influence
- Some other misconduct

Should an appeal still arise then the RYA Appeals Process will be used.