



420 Monthly Committee Meeting  
GBR International 420 Class Association

17th May at 7.30pm

Teams Call

**Attendees:**

Steve Davies (Chair)  
Tiffany Cawthorne  
Ben Rayner  
Andy Taylor  
Lucy Bennett  
Jon Meadowcroft  
Chris Braund  
Oscar Cawthorne  
Sharon Davidson-Guild

**Apologies:**

James George  
Tim Rush  
Joff McGill  
Louise Davies  
Ellie Rush  
Thomas Clayton  
Oli Meadowcroft  
Izzy Massey

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**Agenda**

1. Apologies
2. Sailor Rep Report
3. Training Update & Budgets
4. International Update
5. Sailing Event Update & Budgets
6. AOB

**Sailor Rep Report**

Oscar Cawthorne (OC) presented the Sailor Report:

- Recent events have gone well and the racing has been good. OC commented on how smoothly the on water racing had run.
- Liked the mix of GP and Qualifier events as the GP have a more relaxed feel and more social which was felt to be positive. OC also said that he believed that sailors were becoming more aware that they maybe didn't need to attend everything. Steve Davis (SD) raised the point that GPs were great to have the number of sailors would need to be monitored to ensure that events were viable financially. SD referred the committee to the Sailing Update that SDG had prepared and added to the meeting notice which detailed the event budgets. It was agreed that events needed to work financially. Jon Meadowcroft asked whether the Class should be looking to more clubs to run events for the Class which would cut down on organisation and wouldn't be as numbers dependant. Following discussion it was agreed that this could work at certain clubs and should be "add ons" to the programme.
- The only negative was in relation to the measurement at Rutland. People were upset and it was noted that there wasn't a consistency to what and how boats were being checked. OC

indicated that people didn't disagree with measurement but that it needed to have been confirmed prior to the event as to how this was going to take place and all boats should be checked, not just odd ones. Ben Rayner (BR) commented in James George (JG) absence that the incident ran away with JG and that lots of lessons were learnt from the incident. **NOTE:** Tiffany Cawthorne (TC), Safeguarding Officer raised concerns from a safeguarding point of view of the manner and time frame (sailors not knowing overnight what the impact was going to be) and that a number of parents had raised their concerns about the incident. The committee acknowledged that the incident should not have happened, as it had. BR confirmed that the lessons learnt would be carried into any future plans for conducting measurement.

## **Training**

Chris Braund (CB) outlined the work that had been undertaken in relation to reviewing the training budgets which had led to the recent increase in prices that were communicated to the Committee on Basecamp. CB confirmed that at the end of 2020 the cost of training was £150 a weekend and the price was reduced due to a surplus but this hadn't continued. CB confirmed that there was a fairly significant loss over the last 12 months and that a closer track will be kept on training costs going forward which included in training only opening for 12 sailors in the first instance with a further coach only being secured if there were 6 people on the waiting list.

CB asked the committee if the Class could support two coaches in attending the RYA CPD weekend. CB confirmed that the RYA was paying a coaching rate to the coaches on top of travel and accommodation. CB would like the Class to at least contribute the accommodation and travel costs.

**Action:** SDG to check whether RYA would pay for anything further.

CB presented the Coach Expenses Policy (previously uploaded to BaseCamp). The committee approved this in its form.

## **International**

SDG/LB confirmed that the Europeans Team was 15 boats and the Worlds Team was 15 boats. It was noted that there were 7 boats attending both events and the Class Van/Trailer would be used to transport the boats from Portugal to Hungary. The committee approved the amendments needed to the van insurance to enable this.

LB indicated that someone attending the Worlds would need to attend the AGM on behalf of the Class. **Action:** SD to confirm who this will be.

## **Events**

SDG presented the schedule of 2022 events and proposed 2023 events as per the document uploaded to Basecamp. SDG confirmed she had put this together following JG confirmation of the events he had planned for 2023. It was noted that the geographical split of events wasn't proportionate to the Class in terms of accessibility/inclusivity. SD reminded the committee that RYA funding was conditional on UK wide activity to support all sailors.

**Action:** JG to look at calendar and fill gaps in - share with the committee and to speak to CB before confirming any of the venues/to ensure the training and event calendar fit together.

SDG walked through the highlevel profit/loss for events for 2021/2022. It was noted that there was a small profit in 2021 and that if the costs and entries are as predicted for 2022 there would be a small

profit again. SDG reminded the committee that the Class used £1,000 of the profits from 2021 towards the sailor ball in 2021. The committee agreed to look closer to the 2022 Nationals to understand the position and whether the same could be done again. SD brought to the committee's attention that events being in profit was directly impacted by the number of sailors attending for example the recent GP in WPNSA is likely to make a small loss. Andy Taylor (AT) raised that £3,600 (in line with previous committee decision) had been spent on trophies for the remainder of the year and that this cost should be monitored for the future.

It was noted that GP4 had been cancelled due to the class having provided the club with 2 dates and they couldn't do the date we wanted. JM raised a question about using the venue for an event due to the tides. JM stated that if the class was to use the club then the tides needed to be correct.

## **AOB**

### **Technical**

BW advised the committee that two candidates had been identified to be Class Measurers. The committee discussed the candidates and BW was given approval to approach one at this time.

BW also advised that himself and JG had recently attended RYA measurement course which means that when they are certified they will be able to measure sails (not weigh them). The committee agreed they were happy for BW and JG to measure sails once they were certified, as needed.

### **Volunteer/Succession Planning**

SD raised that he was disappointed with volunteers always being the same people and the Class needed to encourage more people to get involved.

In terms of succession planning SD reminded the committee that the plan to change the Class to a limited company was tabled a couple of months ago and there was no objection. SD confirmed that with the event/training programme being less intense over the summer months work was now going to push forward to do this. SD proposed that to assist with the smooth transition of this that the appointment of the new committee be moved from being done at the AGM to a later date in the year. SDG commented that IOCA did this and it worked much better as it enabled the new committee to take over when the plans for the following year were in place. This helped to ensure the work of the committee had more fluidity. A suggestion was that the End of Seasons was a good opportunity for the AGM as the nights are darker, lots of sailors attend and wouldn't distract from racing. The committee agreed that the appointment of a new committee would be pushed out and that the End of Seasons was a good option.

The committee discussed the need for a new Treasurer as soon as possible as with the movement to a limited company they would benefit from being in role during the process. SDG suggested looking at past 420 sailors who were currently looking to be an accountant or studying Business Studies as this could be a great opportunity for them to get experience and would look good on their CV. The committee thought this was a good idea. SDG will send communications out to look for a Treasurer. JM said that his role might also suit an ex-sailor in a similar way and he agreed to look to promote this. It was also agreed to approach Mike Valentine for the role. SD confirmed he would do this.

**Action:** SD and SDG to progress with changes to limited company. Committee members to confirm their intention as to whether they want to stay in their role.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm