



420 Monthly Committee Meeting  
GBR International 420 Class Association  
2nd March 2026  
Meeting via Google Meet

**Start Time:** 19:35

**Chair:** Piers Sheppherd

In attendance:

Piers Sheppherd  
Mark UB  
Victoria Skelding  
Rosie O'Donnell  
Alice Bailey  
Steve Smith  
David Fletcher  
Rachael Potter  
Isla Fletcher  
Claire Fletcher  
Claire Upton Brown  
James George  
Tom Jones

Apologies:

David Davies  
Mark Howard  
Sam Sandow

## **Welcome**

Piers Sheppherd opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees and thanking them for their continued support.

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## Sailor Update

- Rutland social event under discussion. IF to provide an update once sailors have decided.
  - Query regarding availability of social space and kitchen facilities for sailors at Rutland.
  - Clarification needed on the main liaison between sailor representatives and the club for socials.
  - Proposal for an **Event Coordinator** role for each event to support the Sailor Rep (rather than Sam managing all elements). Suggested that this could be a parent of a sailor rep.
  - Parent volunteers required to assist with event pack-down — to be added to the sign-up sheet.
  - **Action: Steve to contact Rutland Sailing Club regarding social space for inland champs.**
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## Chair Update

- Royal Yachting Association affiliation to be completed and sent to Chris A as soon as possible.
    - **Action: MH and RP to complete training, governance and membership tabs and then send to Mark A.**
  - Shopify review:
    - Explore making event sign-ups (sailing, dinners, merchandise) more modern and streamlined.
    - Consider moving away from Our Club Admin.
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## Membership / Welfare Update

- No further reported illnesses from Grafham; incident now closed.
  - Safeguarding course
    - **Action: AB to attend safeguarding course**
  - Greece Risk Assessment template uploaded by AB; school version uploaded by VS.
    - Plan to create both International and UK versions.
    - **Action: AB and VS to create risk assessment template for 420 international and UK events.**
  - DBS checks for house parents: contact RYA to explore free checks.
    - **Action: RP to contact Nikki Pattern** (contact details held by AB).
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## Events

### General

- Sharon's previous event checklist to be located - TJ to provide a copy.
- RP and TJ to review Google Sheets processes and identify improvements.

### Nationals

- Parent volunteer required to support social set-up.
- Decision required: host socials at the club or campsite?
- James George to organise a “Top 5 Boat” race.
- Pirate-themed fancy dress suggested.
- Measurement certificates and button numbers requested.

### Sails Discussion

- Proposal: limit to one set of sails per event (repair or jury approval required to change).
- World Sailing are currently reviewing sail rules.
- Suggestion to share paid weather forecasts in advance to support sail choice decisions.
- **One set of sails already approved and voted on — clarification needed if AGM approval is required.**
- Request to share information with MUB regarding sail rules and International Class Association developments.
- **Action: RP to add Technical Sec contact to the 420 International email list.**

### GP Scoring Series

- Proposal to total GP scores across events to determine a winner.
- Aim: increase inclusivity, particularly for sailors outside Youth Squad.
- Trophy to be awarded at EOS.
- Ensure the award does not duplicate other trophies.
- GP Notice of Series document required.

### Rolling Ranking

- Currently based on Championship events only.
- Steven Bromilow holds formulas.
  - **Action: PS to contact Steven to request starting up rolling ranking again.**
- Consider expanding to all events.
- Potential weighted positive scoring system (based on event entry numbers).

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### Finance Update

- Palamos reconciliation completed.
    - **Action: RP to send out chaser emails for Palamos payments.**
  - Training invoices issued by MH.
  - Hollyhead: one coach invoice received; outstanding sailor payments remain.
  - Future training payments need to be made in advance.
    - **Action: RP to discuss with MH and VS on how we can ensure this.**
  - Carnet documentation submitted to HMRC; awaiting inspection feedback.
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## Training Update

- Successful half-term training sessions: Anglesey (thanks to the Sandows for their hospitality!), Itchenor, Hollingworth, and Bough Beech.
  - Class boats proved successful with many new sailors attending.
  - Pre-Youth Nationals training is now open.
  - Feva Nationals at Pwllheli (May half term, first weekend).
    - Explore 420 presence and potential taster sessions.
    - Confirm if the Welsh Squad is training nearby.
    - **Action: VS to look into options for 420 presence at the event.**
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## Marketing / Sponsorship Update

- Positive feedback from Dinghy Show; Gill very pleased.
  - Clare requested Gill increase event prizes to six.
  - Long-term storage solution needed for Gill assets.
  - Xtremity sponsorship:
    - Consider linking to GP Series rather than Championships.
    - Improve promotion of Xtremity discounts (e.g., free event postage).
    - Desire for consistent visibility (event or series-based awards).
    - Clarify sponsorship allocation and usage of funds.
    - Sailors may use vouchers freely.
    - Coordinate reminders of services when entries open.
  - Gill offering technical t-shirts and branded bibs for sailors (discussed with Jenny).
  - Review how the Dinghy Show budget can be used more effectively in future.
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## International Update

- Driver cover confirmed (following Draycote).
  - Ongoing liaison with Nida organisers and RYA.
  - Mark compiling list of potential World Championship coaches.
  - Expressions of interest: 20+ boats for Worlds; 17 boats for Junior Europeans.
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## Technical Update

- Jib height adjuster update approved; both new and original systems permitted under class rules.
- Query regarding luff wire/string through jib luff — seek clarification and diagram from World Sailing.
- **Action: RP to update website rule link to direct to current rules on World Sailing site or reference directly.**