



420 AGM Minutes

GBR International 420 Class Association

Tuesday 17th August 2021

Zoom Call

The meeting was opened at 7.30pm

Welcome & Introduction

Simon Cook (SC) welcomed members to the meeting and outlined the meeting rules and confirmed that no matters had been raised ahead of the AGM.

Reports for 2021

Chair's Report

SC confirmed that the Class is growing with membership standing at 135 compared to 108 in 2019. SC also confirmed that 45 boats entered into the 2021 Youth Nationals compared to 29 in 2019 which was a huge step forward.

SC commented that a shortage of boats available to buy showed the direction of the Class and hoped that the growth would continue.

Sailor Rep Report

The Sailor Reps shared a number of photographs detailing the sailor social side of the class and promoted the Sailor Ball at the Nationals in September.

Communications and media report 2021

John Meadowcroft (JM) confirmed:

- Marketing activity in 2020/21 has been dominated by the relaunch of the class website which I hope all members are pleased with. JM specifically called out the super effort which without the drive of Sharon Davidson-Guild would not have happened so quickly or efficiently.
- The Class attended the first ever Virtual RYA Dinghy Show and thanked parents and sailors for their efforts. Hoping for an “in person” show in 2022.
- The class is active on Instagram and Facebook and the Class would continue to look at use of other social media opportunities for best ways to get messages out.
- Efforts to keep sailors active during lockdowns included our Happy New Year message broadcast and a strava challenge in January and February; these were successful and JM thanked the coaches for their support.
- We seek to get sailors to write about class events as much as getting parents to and thanks to all those who have contributed to this.

Treasurer report 2021

Andy Taylor ran through the balance sheet and confirmed the class was in a good place. No questions were raised by members at the meeting.

Sailing Secretary report 2021

Stephen Davis (SD) highlighted the events programme for 2021 and proposed for 2022 and explained that due to pandemic 2021 had been more south based than would like but for 2022 the planned events that were booked in had more regional spread which was important for the Class to continue to move forward and grow.

SD confirmed that work had been completed to create standard Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions which would be used by the Class at all events to ensure meet RRS 2021-24.

SD specifically thanked all volunteers for helping at events on and off the water as it is not possible to run successful events without them.

International Sailing Secretary report 2021

Lucy Bennet (LB) confirmed:

- 17 boats represented GBR this year at the World Championships in San Remo, Italy.
- Sadly all other international sailing was curtailed due to the pandemic but hopeful for more opportunity in 2022 and possibly autumn 2021 (Palamos).
- Class has a better understanding as a Class of how to manage European travel to events post Brexit and post Covid.

LB went through dates for the diary for Autumn 2021 (travel dependant) and events in 2022. All event dates on Class Website.

Training Officer Report 2021

Chris Braund (CB) confirmed:

- A significant number of Sailing Clubs are only now opening up to visitors which obviously had a huge impact on the Class Training programme in the first part of the year.
- Despite these challenges, between April - August, the class hosted 14 days of open training. Venues included Draycote, Rockley (Poole), Ullswater, Plas Heli, Weymouth, Plymouth for pre Youth Nationals training.
- A further 6 weekends are planned before the end of the year - Poole, Royal Southern, Draycote, Itchenor, Grafham, Ullswater (TBC).
- Alongside this programme, Tim Rush, Transition Officer has attended the Feva Nationals, Topper Super South Traveller, Opi Nationals to name a few offering 'Try a Boat' opportunities. He has more activity planned with the Tera and Cadet classes planned over the next few weeks. The class boats have been an invaluable part of the success and are in regular use at these sessions and at training for sailors who are trying out partnerships or don't yet have a boat. As a result we are delighted to have welcomed a record number of new sailors to the class.

CB confirmed the proposed venues for Class training for remainder of 2021 and into 2022.

CB confirmed that the ongoing challenges they were facing were:

- venues to host training ~ not welcoming visitors; Club limitations - member priority for sailing often on Sundays
- lack of ribs to hire
- different academic term dates

Election for replacement of committee members

The following were elected to the committee for 2020/2021:

Chair - Simon Cook is stepping down and was replaced by Stephen Davis

Treasurer - Andrew Taylor will continue as Treasurer

Safety Officer - Joff McGill will continue as Safety Officer

Sailing Secretary - Stephen Davis is standing down and was replaced by James George

Welfare Officer - Clemency Evans is stepping down and was replaced by Tiffany Cawthorne

International class representative - Lucy Bennett will continue as International Sailing Secretary

Technical Officer - Ben Rayner took the role of Technical Officer

Marketing Officer - John Meadowcroft will continue as Marketing Officer

Transition Officer - Tim Rush will continue as Transition Officer

Training Officer - Chris Braund and Karen Fern will continue as Training Officers

The chair thanked 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:

Oscar Cawthorne

Ollie Meadowcroft

Louise Davis

Ellie Rush

Tom Clayton

Issy Massey

Hector Bennett

Sailor reps will be encouraged to attend the class monthly meetings

Closing

SC thanked everyone for their support and wished SD luck for the coming year.

SD confirmed that he wanted to ensure that the Class continued to grow and move forward out of the pandemic and looked forward to the coming year.

AOB

There wasn't any other business.

Meeting closed at 8:24PM