

420 Class Committee Meeting

held on MS Teams at 7.30pm on 3 December 2024

Present: Gareth Greenfield, David Davies, Tiffany Cawthorne, Sharon Davidson-Guild, Mark Howard, Tom Jones, Ben Rayner, James George, Royd Brayshay, David Fletcher, Arthur Greaves and Hennie Burlton

Apologies: Jeremy Carter, Kirsten Kuhnert, William Fletcher, Matthew Rayner, Bea Greenfield, Ralph Cawthorne, Steve Greaves, Alice Bailey, Claire Upton-Brown and Merle Nieuwland.

1. Opening Remarks

- **Chair:** Gareth
- The committee acknowledged a delay in distributing the meeting notification and the absence of some sailor representatives due to conflicts.

2. Review of Previous Actions

2.1 Summer Event Selection Policy

- **Status:** Ian Walker has shared drafts with the selection committee. Still awaiting confirmation from the RYA regarding the Youth World Selection Policy.

2.2 Trailer Insurance and Claim

- **Discussion:**
 - Tom reported no response from the Italian party responsible for the trailer accident.
 - Tom drafted a letter threatening legal action with support from David Davies.
 - Identified gaps in trailer insurance, requiring a review.

2.3 QR Code for Sailor Registration

- **Report:** Completed and in use.

2.4 French and German Invitations

- **Status:** Not yet drafted—Gareth to follow up..

2.5 Social Events Feedback

- **Report:** Positive feedback from the Grafham event, especially among new sailors, who appreciated the buddy system and social integration.

3. Key Agenda Items

3.1 International Events:

- Palamós event preparations underway: trailers being packed, airport transfers confirmed, and coach entries pending.
- Discussion on a generic knowledge base for customs paperwork to be hosted on the website.

- **Action Points:**
 - Tom to finalise and share the customs document on the website with restricted access.
 - Sharon to test event-specific access control for website content.

3.2 Technical and Equipment Updates:

- **Trailer Upgrades:** Discussions on converting a trailer to hold eight boats for cost efficiency.
- **Technical Guidelines:** Ongoing discussions with the RYA and 29er class on the use of technology in training and racing. Key focus on cameras, wearable devices, and fair application of technology.
- **Action Points:**
 - Gareth to set timelines for technical recommendations before the 2025 selection events.
 - Ben to continue exploring on-board camera usage guidelines for training and racing.

3.3 Training and Sailor Development:

- Strong participation at recent training sessions. Positive feedback from new sailors on coach support.
- Proposal for webinars or team calls to educate sailors on protests, arbitration, and rules before major events.
- **Action Points:**
 - Gareth and Mark to organise a mock protest webinar to educate newer sailors.
 - Record the session for accessibility to those unable to attend live.

3.4 Social Media and Promotions:

- Jeremy actively promoting events on platforms like Facebook and Instagram to increase visibility.
- **Action Point:**
 - Sailor reps to assist with resharing promotional posts.

3.5 Class Constitution and Youth Worlds:

- Concerns raised regarding potential conflicts between RYA training camps and the class constitution's focus on international events.
- Agreement to align selection policies with long-term goals of the class, while supporting RYA objectives.
- **Action Point:**
 - Gareth to follow up with Ollie regarding timing for the Youth World Selection Policy.

Action Points Summary

Action Item	Assigned To	Due Date	Notes
Finalise Youth World Selection Policy with RYA	Gareth	Before January 2025	Confirm alignment with summer events and youth training requirements.
Send draft invitations to French and German sailors	Gareth	ASAP	Encourage international participation in UK events.
Submit insurance review and finalise trailer claim process	Tom & David D	January 2025	Address gaps in trailer insurance coverage; prepare for potential legal claim.
Plan webinar for protest/arbitration education	Gareth & Mark	January 2025	Educate newer sailors before major 2025 events.
Finalise customs knowledge base on website	Tom & Sharon	By mid-January	Implement restricted access for event-specific documentation.
Continue discussions with RYA and finalise technical guidelines	Ben & Steve	Before 2025 events	Focus on wearables, cameras, and training tools.