

420 Class Committee Meeting

held on MS Teams at 7.30pm on 8 October 2024

Present: Gareth Greenfield, David Fletcher, James George, Sharon Davidson-Guild , Ben Rayner, Tiff Cawthorne, Kirsten Kuhnert, Steve Greaves, Mark Howard, Alice Bailey, Jeremy Carter, Will Fletcher, Angus Greaves, Merle Nieuwland, Ralph Cawthorne [any others?].

Apologies: David Davies, Royd Brayshay and Claire Upton-Brown

1. Opening Remarks

- **Chair:** Gareth
- Overview of the recent updates within the 420 sailing community, including training, selections, and upcoming events.

2. Agenda Items and Discussions

- **Summer Event Selection Policy**
 - **Discussion:** Sailor representatives inquired about the timing of the selection policy for summer events.
 - **Decision:** Aim to finalise and publish the selection policy soon.
 - **Action Point:** Gareth to coordinate with Ian Walker to establish the selection criteria.
- **Venue and Training Logistics**
 - **Grafham Water Event:** Requests made to reserve the social room for an upcoming Saturday event.
 - **Bibs for Competitions:** Discussed preferences for bib colours and availability from sponsors.
 - **Drone Footage Limitations:** Grafham Water's policy does not permit drones, which may impact event coverage.
 - **Action Point:** Confirm the room booking at Grafham and inform event attendees about drone restrictions.
- **Technology and Documentation Standards**
 - **Discussion:** Need for guidelines on using technology like drones, GPS, and cameras during training and events.
 - **Action Point:** Gareth to assemble a small team, including technologically proficient sailor reps, to draft usage guidelines.
- **Sponsorship and Prizes**
 - **Discussion:** Review of potential sponsors and appropriate prizes. Consideration for "Most Improved" and "Best New Entrant" awards to enhance inclusivity.

- **Action Points:**
 - Tiffany to explore sponsorship options with companies for long-term support.
 - Sailor representatives to propose prize ideas for GPS events.
- **Sailor Social Engagements**
 - **Grafham Fancy Dress Tradition:** Discussion on incorporating newer sailors into the social aspects, including a buddy system and planned group activities.
 - **Action Point:** Sailor representatives to organize and communicate the buddy and social plans to newcomers.
- **Future Event Planning**
 - **Itchenor Event Planning:** Potential benefits of hosting at Itchenor for local engagement, considering logistical factors like water levels and access.
 - **National Championships:** Discussed potential for securing Mounts Bay or other premier venues for future, joint Nationals, including a possible collaboration with the 29er class.
 - **Action Points:**
 - David F. to initiate planning and communications with Itchenor and other clubs.
 - Start exploring partnerships for a future, joint Nationals event.

3. Other Business

- **Youth Nationals and International Competitions**
 - Discussion on alignment between youth nationals and international event schedules, addressing issues like training requirements, school term conflicts, and selection policies.

Action Points Summary

Action Item	Assigned To	Due Date	Notes
Finalise summer selection policy and communicate to sailors	Gareth and Ian Walker	By next committee meeting	
Confirm room reservation at Grafham and communicate restrictions	Gareth	ASAP	

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Draft guidelines for technology use (drones, GPS, on-board cameras)	Gareth and Tech Team	By next meeting	
Engage potential sponsors for events and prizes	Tiff	Ongoing	
Organise buddy system and social activities for new sailors	Sailor Reps	Before Grafham event	
Begin early planning with Itchenor for event and venue details	David F.	ASAP	
Explore future nationals at Mounts Bay and potential joint events	Gareth and Tiff	By end of year	Contact 29er class as possible collaboration partner.