



420 Monthly Committee Meeting  
GBR International 420 Class Association  
8th March 2022 at 7.30pm

**Attendees:**

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

Annabell Catermole  
Oli Meadowcroft  
Tim Rush  
Ellie Rush

**Apologies:**

Joff McGill  
Louise Davies  
Thomas Clayton  
Karen Fern  
Izzy Massey  
Andy Taylor

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**Dinghy Show**

It was reported that reaction to the Class at the event was really positive. JM and SD thanked everyone for their hard work and for those that helped and supported the Class.

**RYA Meeting**

SD reported that the RYA meeting at the Dinghy Show went well and was positive. SD reminded the committee that the Class has to provide the RYA with various information regarding the Class under the Class Recognition Policy. SD informed the committee there was work to do on the Class Policies, an audit of which would be started.

SD recounted his meeting with RYA legal department and advised the committee that may want to consider changing the Class to a limited company to ensure that the Officers of the Class had relevant indemnity insurance if something went wrong. The committee agreed that this sounded sensible with JM expressing his support. It was agreed that SD would explore further and bring back a proposal to the committee to consider.

**Sailor Rep Report**

TC provided an update on the Performance Group:

- Positive - continuation of coach, individual de-briefing, standard of boats, ability to create a social group. Boats outside the group are talking about how to get into group which is pushing them.
- Negative - if one boat has a problem then the coach is tied up with them. This happened at a recent training and the 5 remaining boats were sat around without instruction.

### **Performance Group**

CB and AM approached the committee about extending the pilot into the next training period. AM asked that the committee consider:

- Only continue with performance group for now; other groups to be considered in the future
- Youth Nationals being used a qualifier for the next group
- Build in that ISAF age 19 + under to criteria

The committee were broadly supportive but wanted further information regarding re-selection, which training events would be used before agreeing formally.

Action: CB to revert to committee with plan for second Class Performance Group.

JG stated that he wanted to ensure that the group was reviewed as the fleet grows/changes to ensure it stays relevant. The committee agreed.

### **Sailing Secretary Report**

#### **Nationals**

JG presented to the committee that the Nationals could no longer be held in Berwick as they were concerned about the size of the event and being able to host. JG advised the committee that he'd looked at a number of options and agreed with Lymington Yacht Club that they would now host the 2022 Nationals. JG acknowledged that may not be the best venue but was a sea venue and could deliver what was needed. JG confirmed that Lymington Town would support the event.

The sailor reps indicated they were happy to go to Lymington.

CB questioned the dates and whether it would be 2, 3 or 5 days. JG said definitely 2 days but hopefully 3 days; to be confirmed. KF will look to secure pre-nationals training in the venue.

#### **Rutland**

The SI's were done and all on track for event.

### **Class Assets**

JG confirmed the class trailer is still at HISC being repaired. The Class van will be at Rutland to allow the items in it to be catalogued to understand what was in it.

The committee questioned whether the Class wanted to keep the Class Van or whether it was more of a liability. JM stated that to enable boats to be moved around Europe to Worlds/Europeans it was worth keeping and it also stores all the extra "bits".

It was reported that the van cost approx £4,000 to purchase, it is mechanically sound but was vandalised before it was purchased which means now worth approximately £1,800. Current costs of running the van are circa £750 (insurance) + tax, MOT and servicing.

SD asked whether there was a different option to the Class van (e.g. replace with something else). TC asked the committee to be mindful about how difficult it is to have the class assets without one owner. Now that TR is no longer going to be the “owner” of all the assets and move them around on behalf of the Class others will need to do this and TC pointed out that from her own experience in Optimists this was problematic. It was agreed that more consideration was needed.

### **International Report**

SD confirmed that from speaking to the RYA they wondered whether the Class wanted them to write/own the Team Selection Policy after 2022. The committee agreed that this sounded like a sensible option as it would ensure complete independence from Class.

### **AOB**

CB raised questions regarding coaches' videos and whether they breached GDPR. CB indicated that there were conflicting views on this.

Action: coaches to be asked to drop onto Class Vimeo site and delete from personal devices/WhatsApp.

The meeting closed at 9.36 pm