



420 Monthly Committee Meeting
GBR International 420 Class Association
10th September 2024 at 7.30pm
Meeting via Google Meets

Attendees:

Gareth Greenfield
Tiffany Cawthorne
Mark Howard
Ralph Cawthorne
David Davies
David Fletcher
Arthur Greaves
William Fletcher
Bea Greenfield

Marion Potter
Alice Bailey
Ben Rayner
Steven Greaves
Jeremy Carter
Merle Nieuland
Hennie Burlton

Apologies:

Royd Brayshay
James George
Kirsten Khunert
Claire Upton-Brown

Chair Update

GG welcomed the new committee and thanked them for stepping forward and taking on their positions. GG then outlined the committee format; the use of BaseCamp and asked that if anyone had any challenges getting access to contact SDG to sort it out.

GG specifically welcomed the Sailor Reps and explained to them that they were the voice of the sailors into the committee and they should bring any topics/challenges to the attention of the committee as otherwise they can't make changes.

GG explained that he wanted to build on the success of some of the working groups that were set up in the previous year (Bosum group in particular) and stated that he wanted to set up further groups to help share the workload. It was noted that the following roles in particular (1) Teams/International group (2) Technical Support (BR confirmed Steve Smith was keen to be involved and he would speak to him further) (3) Marketing/Social Media. It was suggested that an ex 420 sailor may be willing to help out with this. TC confirmed there was one particular ex 420 sailor that had already expressed interest.

GG set a number of goals for the year:

1. How do we move ourselves (still believe one of top UK youth boats); how do we move the needle)
2. How do we increase membership numbers?
3. How do we create a nationals with over 50 boats
4. Incorporate the Class Incorporation
5. Need to and have to become more reliant with the RYA - need to both listen to each other
6. Become far more socially present (social media)

Sailor Rep Update

WF asked whether there should now be an U15 prize at events given that U15 is something that is recognised at Worlds/Europeans. The committee discussed how many boats there actually were in order to make the prize meaningful and agreed to look at this in the future if more U15 boats joined the class and took part in events.

Safeguarding Update

AB confirmed no report of welfare issues. SDG confirmed the website was updated with AB details and AB to look at sections on the website to determine if any changes needed.

GG stated that didn't believe there were any real issues from Nationals (or none that he was aware of) and that everyone behaved and people (locals and race management) were complimentary about class. AB reported that some concerns had been raised to her about how drinking managed between younger and older sailors but that there was no direct action to be taken.

Events Update

Datchet: it was confirmed that this was being run by Cadets so the Class didn't have too much to do as key roles have been filled. It was confirmed that Prizes/trophies need to be sorted - JC to confirm what was needed and organise.

Warsash: Marion Potter is on point to run this event. Sarah Rayner has taken over trophy role and will organise these.

Pwllheli: A question was raised as to whether the Class still wished to run the GP or not? SDG confirmed that Jonny McGovern had confirmed that he could attend and either do some coaching racing or act as PRO. It was noted that it clashed with the ET Team racing. The committee agreed to cancel the event and let the club know.

Action: SDG to update calendar for 2025 on the class website

It was discussed that preparation was needed to create NOR/Sl's for 2025 based on events, as with 2024. It was confirmed that Ian Bullock had done this previously and would be approached to assist again.

Nationals 2025: The committee agreed that a working group needed to be set up to ensure that the event was bigger and better than previous events. It was noted that James George should be asked to lead this and to put a team in place. Steve G indicated he was familiar with the venue and would be happy to help out. **Action:** ask James George to set up a working group.

Marketing Update

JC explained that it Menerva (runs an online school) is looking to see if they can give some sponsorship and explained that would come back to committee with more information.

JC stated that he wanted to look at what everyone else does; to consider what we should do and what we shouldn't do. Following this he would like to develop a marketing strategy but believes that we need to be doing more on on YouTube/Tick Tock.

International Update

French Nationals (Bordeaux): it was agreed that this wouldn't be a class supported event due to limited numbers expected to attend due to timings of holidays and the event

Palamos: TC advised this would be a class supported event (i.e. provide a coach and coordinate transportation) but that this will be a parent led team. TC will work on costings and logistics.

San Remo: TC advised that this would be a Youth Squad support event and that MH had confirmed that it was intended that this would be a key event for the Performance Group as part of their winter training. It was agreed that this would be a parent led event and TC will provide further updates when hear from RYA about their plans regarding Youth Squad.

Summer Teams 2025:

Worlds: TC explained that the Worlds are in Turkey and that there are significant challenges in terms of the logistics of getting boats to the event. TC asked the committee to consider limiting numbers sent to help with the logistics. The committee, in the main, were on board with having limited numbers but how this will be done would need further discussion.

Europeans: TC explained that the event was in Portugal and that given number of events that have been in Portugal in recent years the logistics of planning this team was easier. Once the allocation of team places had been announced TC will be able to work on planning/budgets for the team.

Training Update

MH confirmed that trying to chase down the clubs that do training to look at whether can "piggy back" or set up training opportunities.

Regional Training Groups: MH confirmed that the first Southern Regional Training had taken place with Tim Rush as lead coach. MH confirmed there were 5 other dates in the calendar and it was anticipated that should get up to 10 boats at the training. MH advised the

committee that launching a Northern Regional Training group at Hollingsworth; dates to be confirmed. There was a discussion about how the Regional Training was being captured/booked and who was responsible for the training (from a liability point of view). MH confirmed that currently using Cogneto which was outside of the class booking system. SDG raised concerns about this from an administration/accountability point of view. MH indicated that he believed that not using class booking system created less barriers for parents and was easier. **Action:** further discussion to be had for future training.

Open Training: MH confirmed that there will be Open Training at EoS.

Performance Group: MH confirmed that this will start after Youth Squad is offered. MH confirmed that the plan is to run alongside Youth Squad and also do a residential in October.

Finance Update

CU-B is currently having the role handed over to her from MP and following handover would provide a report at a future meeting.

Technical Update

BR advised that he carried out some scrutineering at the Nationals but didn't want to put people off by coming down too hard. BR gave an update on what checks were carried out:

- Certificates: 6 boats at random, correctors reviewed.
- Tow Ropes were present.
- Pully blocks in the system - checking those to make sure compliant.

On the whole BR advised the committee that he believed the exercise was successful and not too "in your face" and that will continue to look at how do this over the winter to ensure that boats are in a good place before we get into Selection Events.

BR asked for feedback from Sailor Reps - all fine no questions/comments.

AOB

MN raised that following the Nationals a few sailors had asked that it be raised with the committee that stuff that happens on the water should to try and stay within the sailors and not get parents involved. As the committee is aware there was an incident at the Nationals and sailors were upset that parents got involved and this created more challenges/upset than was necessary. MN stated that it was felt that people can go into meetings as observers, which could be a parent, but they need to be mindful of the situation and stay as an observer.

AG raised whether there could be more use of GoPro's at events as these are good for social media to capture activity. JC questioned whether there was anything to stop at events? A short discussion took place and an action was taken to have further discussions and report back to the committee. **Action:** need some process around drones and GPros.

DD stated that he sees one of key objectives to incorporate the class. **Action:** DD to push forward incorporation.

SG questioned whether there was a lack of 2nd hand boats around at the minute (entry level)? Action: consider going out to ask if people have them to sell.

Meeting closed at 21.04pm