



# **INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS ASSOCIATION**

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
Travemünde - 2014**

**The International 420 Class Association would like to inform all member nations that the General Assembly will be held on:**

**26<sup>th</sup> of July 2014 at 18h00  
at Lübecker Yacht Club, Travemünde, Germany**

## **AGENDA**

*Welcome by Nino Shmueli, International 420 Class President*

- 1. Election of the Chairman of the meeting**
- 2. Report from the President (as circulated before the meeting)**
- 3. Report on the Class Development 2013-2014 (as circulated before the meeting)**
- 4. Class Development Plan 2014-2015 (as circulated before the meeting)**
- 5. Report from the Chairman of the Technical Committee (as circulated before the meeting)**
- 6. Presentation and acceptance of the annual accounts**
- 7. Election of Auditor for the next financial year**
- 8. Approval of next year's subscription fees**
- 9. Report from the Class Communications Officer**
- 10. Proposals from the Executive Committee**
  - 10.1. Class rules changes**
- 11. Proposals from the members**
- 12. To agree the venues of the International 420 Class World and Continental Championships for 2016, and confirm the venues and dates for these championships for 2015 (as published at [www.420sailing.org](http://www.420sailing.org))**
- 13. Election of the General Secretary and Treasurer of the Executive Committee\***
- 14. Election of the Technical Committee Chairman and members\***
- 15. Any other business**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

This General Assembly (GA) will be conducted under the Articles of Association as agreed at the 2011 General Assembly. These may be found on [www.420sailing.org](http://www.420sailing.org).

You are reminded that your **National Annual Subscription** must have been paid on or before the **1st of July 2014** for your national association to have a vote at the 2014 General Assembly.

If you do not pay in time to vote this year, 2014, you may pay at the GA and we suggest you also pay for 2015 and beyond.

Please contact the Treasurer, Catherine Dodds, if you have any queries or if you want to get a confirmation of payment receipt.

[treasurer@420sailing.org](mailto:treasurer@420sailing.org)

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Under the Articles of Association, the General Secretary and Treasurer are due for (re-) election in 'even' years. Nominations for election to the EC shall be submitted to the EC three months before the date of the General Assembly, i.e. 26<sup>th</sup> of April 2014.

A proposal letter, dated 24<sup>th</sup> of May 2014, has been received from the British 420 Class Association for CATHERINE DODDS for the position of TREASURER.

A proposal letter, dated 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2014, has been received from the Royal Belgian Yachting Federation for JURGEN CLUYTMANS for the position of GENERAL SECRETARY.

The Executive Committee fully supports these proposals.

### TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Under the Articles of Association, nominations for election to the TC shall be submitted to the EC three months before the date of the General Assembly, i.e. 26<sup>th</sup> of April 2014.

A proposal letter, dated 14<sup>th</sup> of April 2014, has been received from the Greek 420 Class Association for DIMITRIS DIMOU for the position of chairman.

A proposal letter, dated 13<sup>th</sup> of April 2014, has been received from the Argentinean 420 Class Association for ALEXANDER FINSTERBUSCH for the position of member.

The Executive Committee fully supports these proposals.

No proposal letter has been received for the additional position as a member of the Technical Committee.

# PROPOSAL FOR CLASS RULES CHANGES

## A. TO BECOME EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 2014

- 1) Insert new rule

**A.8.2** At National events the notice of race and sailing instructions may change the class rules only with the written agreement of the ICA to an official request by the local NCA and/or MNA.

Reason: To permit rule modifications at national level events, as we do for the Worlds and Europeans.

- 2) Modify existing rule

### C.5.1 (a)

2) One compass fixed to a mounting bracket. The compass shall not recess into either side tank or deck. The mounting bracket may be attached to the mast or may be used to close the mast gate. If electronic, only a compass with heading, heading memory and timing functions is permitted. Electronic or mechanical timing devices, which shall be removable. No other electrical or electronic devices than those prescribed in C.5.1 and those required by an organizer and the ICA to be carried by boats shall be permitted on board when racing.

Reason: To permit on-board cameras and tracking equipment.

- 3) Insert new rule

**C.8.3(a)** The rudder blade shall be in its fully lowered position.

Reason: The rudder blade is meant to be used in this position.

- 4) Modify existing rule

### C.9.2 MAST

#### (a) USE

1) The fore and aft bend of the mast at the mast partner level may be limited either by chocks or by an optional system of single piece of rope, one attachment, one grip and one cleat without moving parts, on top of the mast partner. Chocks or an additional system of single piece of rope, one attachment, one grip and one cleat without moving parts on top of the mast partner may be used to induce bend to the mast or to keep it from inverting. With the mast spar in its most forward position, the grip or end of rope of the aft bend control shall not be more than 150mm from the mast partner. With the mast in its aft most position the grip of the forward bend control shall not be more than 150mm from the mast partner.

Reason: This is a major change in the way the boat is sailed, making it easier to adjust fore & aft bend but only locally. In addition, provision is made for a safety arrangement to prevent mast inversion when the mast partner is not closed on the aft end and chocks cannot be used for that purpose.

5) Insert new rule

**C.10.3.1(d)** The 420 mainsail insignia as per G.3.1 may be replaced by a gold version conforming to the same dimensions when at least one member of the crew is an Int. 420 World Champion.

Reason: To provide means for recognition of Class champions during racing.

6) Modify existing rule

**D.4.2.2 (h)** Two cleats with or without moving parts, fixed on the side tanks, for the spinnaker sheets.

Reason: Cleats with moving parts are better in handling the spinnaker guy or sheet, and the spinnaker sheets should be treated in the same way as the jib and mainsheets.

7) Insert new rule

**G.1.3** Jib luff wires shall be removed for measurement.

Reason: To clarify the way of measurement.

8) Insert new rule

**G.3.2.2, G.4.1.2**

**Primary and secondary reinforcement permitted material is white woven ply with polyester fibres**

**G.5.1.2**

**Primary and secondary reinforcement permitted material is woven ply with polyester or polyamide fibres.**

Reason: To clarify that reinforcement materials are not necessarily the same as the material for the body of the sail.

9) The next version of the rules includes a number of re-wordings and minor fixes, included in the full rules document in attachment

## **B. TO BECOME EFFECTIVE 2015**

1) Modify existing rule

**D.4.2.1 (e)** Two headsail fairleads, the measurement point of which shall be at 2020 mm minimum and 2120 mm maximum from the HDP and 575 mm minimum from the centreline. The fairleads shall be fixed directly to the buoyancy tanks (see diagram 12).

Reason: The current position of the jib sheet fairleads (625mm) is too far outboard, requiring windward sheeting in many conditions. Moving the fairleads inboard can reduce the need for windward sheeting and may help sailmakers design more efficient jibs. The exact position will be determined by further testing, and the aim is to use the position that is currently taken by the jib sheet cleats. The cleats may be positioned further inboard with the help of a wedge, a rounded bracket or even a small modification in the deck moulding. In this way, existing boats can have the fairleads in the new position without serious modifications. This rule, if approved, will be in effect from 2015 to allow time for the modifications in the boats, and the new jib designs.

## **IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL NATIONS**

**ONLY 1 PERSON PER PAID UP NATION MAY VOTE. A VOTING CARD WILL BE ISSUED AT THE DOOR OF THE MEETING. PLEASE CHECK THAT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE HAS THE NECESSARY PAPERS WITH HIM/HER AND HAS BEEN INFORMED OF THE MATTERS ON THE AGENDA.**

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE FORM BELOW HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND RETURNED IN DUE TIME.**

*Jurgen Cluytmans*

General Secretary

INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS ASSOCIATION



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WE CONFIRM THAT (name) \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR

NAME OF COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ NATIONAL 420 CLASS

AT THE 2014 INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

**26<sup>th</sup> of July 2014 at 18h00 at the Lübecker Yacht Club, Travemünde, Germany**

Signed by the National 420 Class Secretary and / or President or National Authority Secretary.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Please PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY

\_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

THIS PAPER MUST BE EMAILED TO THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS ASSOCIATION AT THE LATEST ONE WEEK BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR HANDED OVER AT THE VENUE BEFORE THE START OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. YOUR VOTING CARD WILL BE ISSUED AT REGISTRATION FOR THE MEETING.

ONLY ONE PERSON PER COUNTRY MAY VOTE.

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