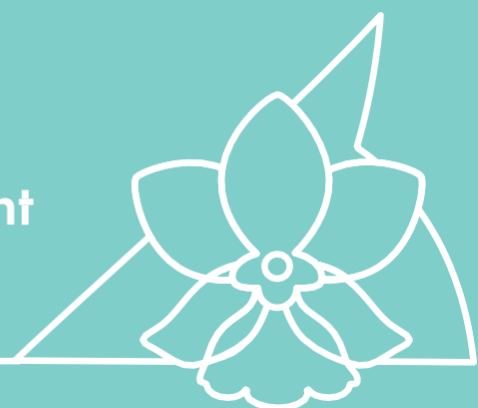


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# INTERNATIONAL 420 CLASS

The International Two Person Dinghy for young sailors



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GLOBAL SPREAD > 60 NATIONS



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## Global Spread > 60 Nations

### NORTH AMERICA + CARIBBEAN

Bahamas  
Bermuda  
Canada  
Mexico  
Puerto Rico  
St Lucia  
US Virgin Islands  
USA

### SOUTH AMERICA

Argentina  
Brazil  
Chile  
Colombia  
Ecuador  
Peru

### EUROPE

Austria  
Belarus  
Belgium  
Bulgaria  
Croatia  
Cyprus  
Czechia  
Denmark  
France  
Germany

Great Britain  
Greece  
Hungary  
Ireland  
Israel  
Italy  
Latvia  
Lithuania  
Poland

Portugal  
Romania  
Russia  
Slovakia  
Slovenia  
Spain  
Switzerland  
Turkey  
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### ASIA

China  
Chinese Taipei  
Hong Kong  
India  
Indonesia  
Japan  
Korea  
Philippines  
Macau  
Malaysia  
Myanmar  
Philippines  
Qatar  
Singapore  
Thailand

### AFRICA

Algeria  
Angola  
South Africa  
Mozambique

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## ACCESSIBILITY

Over 57.000 420s have been built up to now



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## PATHWAY

Established National Class Associations  
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## DEVELOPMENT

Specific training tools and resources  
for sailors and coaches



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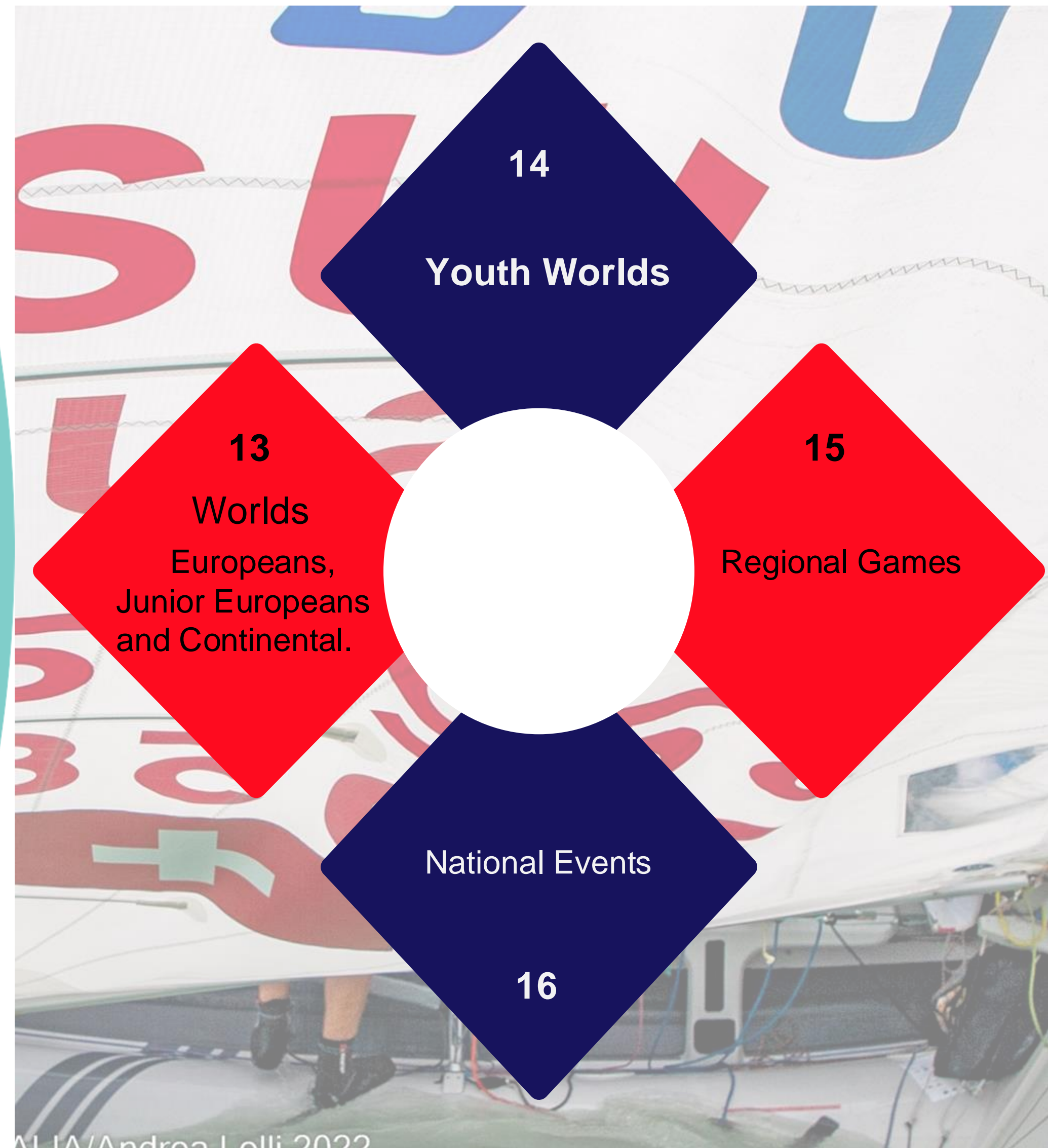
## COMPETITION

Leadership from a well organised  
International Class Association



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## TRANSITION TRACK RECORD

Many of the world's best sailors have sailed the International 420



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### **Transition**

It is an ideal transition class, whatever your next step in sailing (Dinghy or Keelboat, Multihull or Skiff)





# 420 DEVELOPMENT VIDEOS

LET'S TAKE A QUICK LOOK AT  
PARTS OF 420 DEVELOPMENT  
VIDEOS



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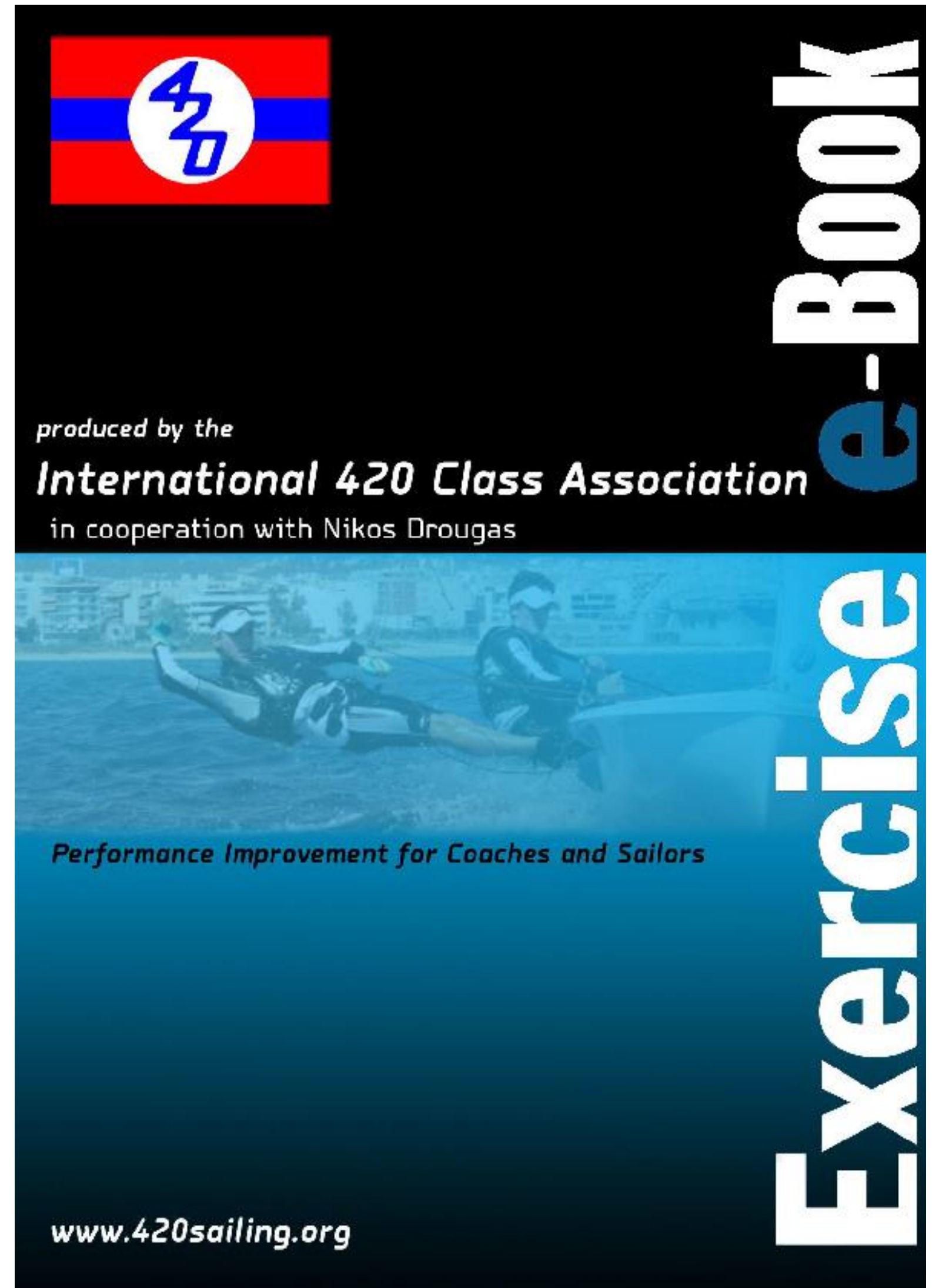


# International 420 Class: Exercise Book



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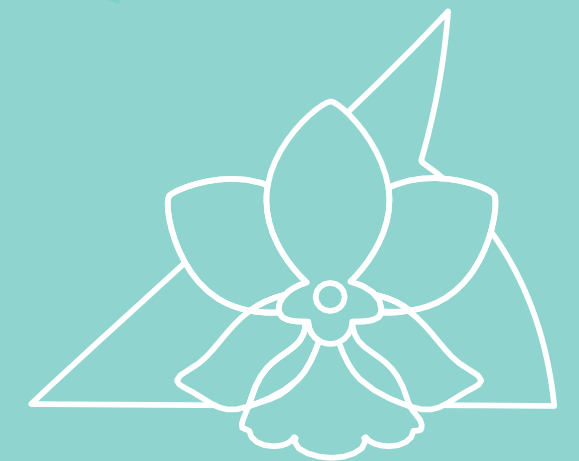
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## Wingfoil



At the end of 2019, the «actual» wingfoiling come to live and during the 2020 quickly become a new water sport around the world and after only 3 years time evolve into one of the most popular and dynamic disciplines in water sports, with potential Olympic inclusion and a strong presence in international competitions. Its growth could be fueled by advances in technology, enhanced accessibility, and a heightened focus on sustainability, making it highly appealing to a new generation of sailors and outdoor enthusiasts.



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## Vision for Wingfoiling in the future

1. Major Event Presence
  - Wingfoiling's agility and appeal to younger generations make it a strong candidate for the Olympics. Its inclusion would draw global attention, especially if competition formats like race courses and slalom are featured.
  - International Competitions: Wingfoiling will likely become a staple in major sailing events such as the World Sailing Championships and continental games, helping to standardize competition formats and attract a broader audience, keeping the whole industry involved.
2. Enhanced Technology and Performance Gear, with specific rules to keep it simple and with limited equipments.
  - Lighter and More Efficient Equipment: Innovations in materials could produce wings and boards that are more lightweight, durable, and efficient, allowing riders to reach higher speeds and perform more complex maneuvers and in lighter wind.



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- Wearable Data and Real-Time Feedback: With wearable sensors and IoT technology, wingfoilers could access real-time data on speed, wind direction, and angles, enhancing training and performance. Real-time feedback might even be integrated into competitive events for spectators, typically used by young generation.
- Sustainable Manufacturing: Gear could be made from eco-friendly materials and designs focused on minimizing waste, appealing to environmentally conscious athletes and organizations.
- 3. Accessible and Diverse Participation
  - Global Reach and Development Programs: Wingfoiling's accessibility makes it likely that more countries, including those with emerging sports programs, will embrace the discipline. Development programs, particularly in coastal nations, could introduce wingfoiling to communities worldwide.
  - Youth Programs and School Partnerships: it's likely that schools and clubs globally will have youth wingfoiling programs, similar to how kitesurfing and other sports have soon integrated into school curriculums. This new sport can nurture future talent and ensure the sport's growth.
  - Inclusivity Initiatives: Continued efforts in inclusivity could bring wingfoiling to diverse backgrounds, making it a truly global sport that resonates across different cultures.



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4. Environmentally Driven Growth
  - Green Events: Major wingfoiling events are likely to be eco-friendly, with minimal environmental impact through practices like plastic-free policies, renewable energy sources, and zero-waste initiatives, highlighted the Beach Life style, including beach cleaning.
  - Conservation Awareness: Wingfoilers could be ambassadors for ocean conservation, with events, brands, and federations advocating for environmental stewardship. This alignment with eco-friendly values could strengthen wingfoiling's appeal, particularly among youth who prioritize sustainability.
5. Integration of New Competitive Formats in «standard» sailing habit
  - Freestyle and FreeRide, Slalom, and course Races: the variety in competition formats is likely to expand, with more emphasis on freeride format, speed-based racing & slaloms, where wingfoilers navigate longer courses and perform with technical skills and tactics.
  - Wingfoiling field of play can be relatively small to add excitement and strategic elements to competitions and attract more spectators.



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## 6. Wider Recognition and Sponsorship opportunities

- Increased Media Coverage: With higher visibility through mainstream sports networks, online streaming platforms, and social media, wingfoiling could reach a global audience, building a dedicated fan base and enhancing its profile as a professional sport.
- Sponsorship and Brand Engagement: Brands with a focus on sustainability, adventure, and tech innovation are likely to sponsor athletes and events, bringing significant investment into the sport. This support could lead to prize purses, scholarships, and opportunities for professional development and a great opportunity to develop the sport of sailing in any country around the world.



## Conclusion

Long VISION\_\_, wingfoiling could be recognized as a high-energy, visually captivating sport with a prominent place in the international sailing community and possibly the Olympics. It will likely attract an increasingly for sure yougers but also in general everyone, ensuring its growth as both a recreational and professional discipline.



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## *How Wingfoiling Differs from Other Watersports*

- **Maneuverability:** With no lines or boom restricting movement, the rider can shift the wing freely, making it highly maneuverable.
- **Ease of Learning:** Many find it easier to pick up than kitesurfing because there are no lines to tangle, and it's less dependent on strong winds, also easier than windsurfing, less weight, no mast and boom and less components.
- **Versatility:** Wingfoiling works in a wider range of conditions and can be practiced on lakes, rivers, or the ocean.

Wingfoiling has grown in popularity for its versatility, the smooth sensation of foiling, and the freedom of riding with minimal gear.



  
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HOW EASY CAN BE!!!!

**Learning to wingfoil** can be a fun and rewarding experience with the right approach. Here's a step-by-step guide to help you get started:

## 1. Get Familiar with the Wing

- **Practice on Land:** Before hitting the water, practice handling the wing on land. Get comfortable with holding it, positioning it in the wind, and feeling the power it generates.
- **Basic Movements:** Learn how to steer the wing, control the power, and switch hands.
- These skills are key for maintaining balance and control on the water.

## 2. Start on a Large, Stable Board (without the Foil)

- **Flat Water:** Begin on calm, flat water to minimize distractions and allow focus on handling the wing.
- **Use a Non-Foiling Board:** Start with a larger, stable board (such as a stand-up paddleboard) to practice getting up and balancing without the foil. Paddleboards are often used for this step, allowing you to concentrate on handling the wing before adding the challenge of foiling.

## 3. Add the Foil to Your Setup

- **Practice Foiling Behind a Boat (Optional):** For a smoother transition, some people practice foiling behind a boat. This teaches the feeling of “lifting” above the water before adding the complexity of the wing.
- **Use a Bigger Board with a Foil:** Transition to a larger wingfoil board with the hydrofoil feeling and the wing in your hands                      **ENJOY!!**



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## Mirco Babini

is an accomplished figure in the world of wingfoiling and kiteboarding, and in sailing in general; known for his influential role as a mentor, founder and organizer in competitive foils racing events. He has helped shape major international competitions, recently like the WingFoil Racing World Cup Series, where he oversees many aspects and ensures that races run smoothly for participants from around the globe. Babini's experience and commitment are evident in many sailing events all over the world.

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