



INTERNATIONAL GP42 ASSOCIATION

An **International GP42 Association general meeting** has been held in Cascais, Portugal, at 20.00 hours on Friday the 31st of August in the Grande Real Villa Italia Hotel.

AGENDA

- GP42 2008 CUP preliminary calendar
- Sponsorship and media coverage: document analysis
- Measurement and measurers
- Rule modifications
- TP52
- Miscellanea

PRESENTS:

FF Filippo Faruffini
JS Jan Santana
VU Vittorio Urbinati
GE Goncalo Esteves
DP Darko Prizmic
AS Angel Saez
AF Alberto Fernandez
UF Umberto Felci

PM Paolo Massarini
JG Javier Goizueta
PS Pat Shaughnessy
GB Giorgio Benussi
CS Carlos Saez
DC Daniel Calero
EH Eloy Herrero

Other 3 representatives from Quum, Fermax and Puerto Calero

As listed in the Agenda, the decision about the calendar 2008 has been the first item to be discussed and took a very long time.

The following one is representing the decision taken (please note that while these minutes were under way, the dates of the Trofeo de la Reina have changed).

“GP42 2008 CUP” PRELIMINARY CALENDAR

May beginning:	Trofeo Pirelli, YCI (Santa Margherita, ITA)
June 11th – 14th :	St Tropez, Giraglia Race, YCI or Porto Rotondo, YCPR (ITA) (?)
July 9th – 12th :	Trofeo de la Reina, RCNV (Valencia, ESP)
July 27th - August 2nd :	Copa del Rey, RCNP (Palma, ESP)
August 28th – 30th :	Trofeu Quebramar-Chrysler, CNC (Cascais, POR)
Middle October :	Puerto Calero, (Canary Island, ESP)

General Rules:

Every single race will count for the GP42 2008 CUP except the Copa del Rey where only 8 races will count

At the Giraglia only the short races will be counting for the GP42 2008 CUP.

The low point scoring system will be adopted.

Boats not competing are receiving the points of the last competing boat plus one.

The Notice of Race of the GP42 2008 CUP will be published at the beginning of February 2008.

PM is in charge of finalizing agreements with the relevant organizing clubs.

A letter has been prepared and circulated containing the general condition for a club wishing to host a GP42 2008 Cup event. This document is representing the base for a negotiation and the Class Association Steering Committee has agreed on its content.

The decision to be present in the listed events has derived by the agreed policy of not creating other events but participate to the existing “famous” ones. This strategy allows the Class to use the benefits deriving by the event organization and permits not to fill the calendar with other regattas.



The final calendar with relevant agreements is going to be circulated asap.

It was expected a formal proposal from Sanxenxo, but it did not arrive; after the meeting the proposal arrived and it will be carefully analyzed.

The participation of the biggest number of boats from any countries has been discussed and the scoring system will award the ones performing well in all of them.

GE and AF have strongly stressed and expressed the need for the Class to develop worldwide as much as possible and not to become only a local/country reality. All agreed.

Sponsorship and media coverage: document analysis

PM is in charge of funding the class and all owners have given full availability and support to help in this campaign of promoting the class on this purpose.

A preliminary document prepared by PM has circulated and approved in principle. The final one will be sent to around 15 companies already identified. JG gave his professional availability to help wherever needed and requested by PM, being the marketing his profession.

It has been noted that it will be difficult to match the class sponsors with the different events ones but this aspect will be carefully treated and considered.

The document is containing a preliminary budget of Euro 450.000, which is also covering many details related to the media coverage: press agent, web site, video production, etc.

Measurement and measurers

It has been noted that, without question, different events where measurement problems raised and not many people capable to give solutions have been available have characterized the season. PM declared that it is not his role to give technical responses to measurement issues and that he needs a real Technical Responsible for the future.

Zoran Grubisa will be asked to fill this role with more serious and dedicated commitment. Also Pablo Ferrer and Domenico Muzi will be possibly involved in the measurement team.

Also the need of forming a technical committee to discuss about design issues has been discussed. UF has proposed himself to be part of it. A proposal will be circulated shortly by PM.

Rule modifications

During the season, some requests of changing the GP42 configuration to have the bowsprit instead of the spinnaker pole came from some owners.

This proposal reached some designers and it made them very worried. In fact the opinion is that present boats could become obsolete as the new ones would have been differently designed due to the variation of conduction: tighter wind angles due to the different shape of the asymmetrics and impossibility of squaring back.

PM proposed a vote for further investigate in this direction: the members voted unanimously down the proposal. No changes to the rule.

TP52

Some more news were discussed about the possible “cooperation” with the TP52s. PM had a previous meeting with their representative and proposed the possibility to explore for another year the chance of joining the classes. 2008 will possibly see the 52 and the 42 on the same event but not during the MedCup. Then we will see where we are at the end of next season. If the double presence means to have better conditions already for 2008, well, we could catch the opportunity but without mixing too much as our races are parts of the GP42 2008 CUP.

Miscellanea

It has been agreed that Goncalo Esteves will join the Steering Committee.

The meeting closed at 22.30.

Goncalo Esteves invited all of us to a wonderful aperitif followed by an exquisite dinner.

On behalf of all International GP42 Association members, I would like to thank him for the wonderful hospitality and organization and congratulate for his great sailing season.

Personally, I would like to thank all of you for the confidence in me.

See you soon.
Paolo Massarini