



## 420 Worlds Selector at Largs Sailing Club

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High wind blasting during the 420 Selector at Largs



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With a forecast of brisk but manageable 18 knot North Westerly, 43 intrepid 420 sailors launched and sailed to the race course, north of Cumbrae Island. PRO Donald McLaren set a trapezoid course with 2 outer loops, after a couple of false starts the fleet got away. Almost immediately the breeze started to pick up and by the time the fleet rounded the windward mark was at a steady 25 knots. Ben Palmer and Konrad Weaver rounded first and chose to 2 sail the reach, setting the tone for the rest of the fleet. By the next windward mark Phil Sparks and Ben Gratton had taken the lead with Palmer/Weaver struggling on the wrong settings as gusts of up to 30 knots came through the fleet. By the end of the second loop the leaders were lapping the back markers as many were struggling with the conditions. The first race finished Sparks/Gratton, Matt Rainback and Simon Foskett with Palmer/ Weaver third.

Once the first race was completed the fleet were ushered into the relative calm waters of the Largs channel, and with the wind moderating to 22 knots the course was set up, this time with one loop. Sparks/Gratton lead from the first mark to the finish, with Palmer/Weaver and Rainback/Foskett tussling for second, with Rainback/Foskett getting the upper hand. The fleet had now got to grips with the conditions and race three got underway with the minimum of fuss. As the fleet approached the first windward mark Mike Wood and Hugh Brayshaw took full advantage of a left shift, helping them to lead the fleet across the top reach, followed by top Irish female paring of Jane Butler and Jenny Andreasson and Josh Pistol and Piers Strong. Palmer/ Weaver made the strongest come back to take third behind Wood/Brayshaw and Butler/Andreasson.

With the conditions still holding and the course set, the PRO decided to complete the scheduled racing by laying on a fourth race. The wind moved left during the start sequence making the port end most favoured. Palmer/Weaver tacked on the gun and lead to the windward mark, followed by Sparks/Gratton and Rainback/Foskett it remained that way to the end. Over night Sparks/Gratton led the fleet on 4pts with Palmer/Weaver and Rainback/Foskett tied on 7pts.

With just two races scheduled for the Sunday the fleet launched in a pleasant, sunny 16 knots from the South East to sail once again in the Largs Channel just across from the sailing club. The first start produced a general recall, but with a lengthened line the fleet got away cleanly at the second time of asking. Rainback/Foskett lead at the windward mark from Palmer/Weaver and Sparks/Gratton. On the second beat Sparks/Gratton got into second as Palmer/Weaver struggled with a spinnaker sheet over the bow dropping them down to 5th. On the final reach Palmer/Weaver with their spinnaker flying powered under a couple of 2 sail reaching boats to come back to 3rd.

The final race of the event saw Wood/Brayshaw battling with Sparks/Gratton and Rainback/Foskett tussling with Palmer/Weaver with the final result being 1st Sparks/Gratton, 2nd Rainback/Foskett and 3rd Wood/Brayshaw.

The overall weekend winner was Sparks/Gratton, 2nd Rainback/Foskett and 3rd Palmer/Weaver. First Ladies were Imogen and Hermonie Stanley and first overseas boat was Buttlar/Andreasson.

The current overall positions in the Selector series are 1st Sparks/Gratton, 2nd Palmer/Weaver, 3rd Rainback/Weaver, In the Ladies lying 1st is the Stanleys, 2nd Anna Burnet and Flora Stewart, 3rd Joanna Freeman and Hannah Mitchell, a full set of selector results can be found at [www.420sailing.org.uk](http://www.420sailing.org.uk)

Miles Palmer, 420 Sailing Secretary, thanked Largs Sailing Club for putting on a great event in challenging conditions. Donald McLaren complemented the sailors for making the most of the conditions. The final Selector is at Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club on the 2nd and 3rd May.

### Overall Results:

Pos	Sail No	Helm	Crew	Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Pts
1	GBR52759	Phil SPARKS	Ben GRATTON	RLYC/RLYC	1	1	4	2	2	1	7
2	GBR53232	Matt RAINBACK	Simon FOSKETT	Poole YC/Staunton Harold SC	2	2	13	3	1	2	10
3	GBR53116	Ben PALMER	Konrad WEAVER	IBRSC/IBRSC	3	3	3	1	3	4	13
4	GBR53380	Mike WOOD	Hugh BRAYSHAW	Draycote Water SC/ Draycote Water SC	4	5	1	4	4	3	16
5	GBR52426	Tom KINVER	Charlie MAKEPEACE	EXE/Oxford	RDG4	4	9	11	10	15	38
6	GBR53645	Joshua PISTOL	Piers STRONG	Parkstone YC/Parkstone YC	5	16	6	9	14	6	40
7	GBR53591	Imogen STANLEY	Hermione STANLEY	Oxford SC/Oxford SC	9	7	8	10	8	9	41
8	GBR52907	Anna BURNET	Flora STEWART	R Northern & Clyde CruisingC/Solway YC	7	8	17	7	9	11	42
9	IRL53160	Jane BUTLER	Jenny ANDREASSON	R.st.g.y.c/R.st.g.y.c	17	DSQ	2	12	7	12	50
10	GBR51882	Jonathan HOUSE	Lewis RUMBOL	Poole YC/Poole YC	16	14	10	23	5	7	52

11	GBR53952	Rebecca KALDERON	Rosie SIBTHORP	Itchenor/Itchenor	6	11	14	21	6	16	53
12	GBR52480	Tim GRATTON	Ed RILEY	Hayling Island SC/Hayling Island SC	11	19	7	DNC	13	5	55
13	GBR51883	Amy SEABRIGHT	Katrina BREWER	Cornthian Otters/Cornthian Otters	18	6	11	6	16	19	57
14	GBR52229	Joanna FREEMAN	Hannah MITCHELL	Parkstone YC/Parkstone YC	DNC	13	5	14	17	18	67
15	GBR51754	Matthew FOSKETT	Adam WALKER	Staunton Harold/Staunton Harold	22	12	19	13	22	10	76
16	GBR53117	Guy STEPHENS	Adrian CLAY	Oxford/Oxford	BFD	9	16	5	24	25	79
17	GBR51262	Andrew WISHART	Liam GARRISON	Royal Lymington YC/Royal Lymington YC	12	31	15	8	25	21	81
18	IRL53157	Cian O'REGAN	Mark BOYLAN	K.Y.C/Skerries BoatingC	19	18	18	15	20	14	84
19	GBR53377	Sam ROBINSON	Peter ALTON	West Kirby/West Kirby	14	22	20	DNC	12	20	88
20	GBR53379	Sarah HICKMAN	Katherine KIMBER	Starcross SC/ Starcross SC	13	15	22	17	28	28	95
21	GBR52483	James HAYWARD	Tim CARTER	Waldringfield/ Waldringfield	25	10	27	20	19	23	97
22	IRL53156	John FLANIGAN	Lucas MALCOLM	HYC/HYC	10	29	23	24	18	26	101
23	IRL53578	Rob LEHANE	Irlaith KENNEDY	KYC / Rcyk/KYC	DNC	DNC	12	16	21	8	103
24	GBR53644	Billie QUINLAN	Sophie PEARSON	Burnham/Parkstone	15	30	26	18	23	22	104
25	GBR52871	Nia JONES	Hannah JONES	Cardiff Bay YC / Cardiff Bay YC	24	20	32	26	37	24	126
26	IRL53576	Diana KISSANE	Hazel O'NEILL	Howth YC/National YC	21	21	29	25	DNC	32	128
27	IRL52227	Eoghan CUDMORE	Sean MURPHY	Kinsale YC/Kinsale YC	29	32	25	19	30	30	133
28	GBR53304	Tom PAIN	Nathan BAILEY	Cardiff Bay YC / Cardiff Bay YC	DNC	24	21	27	34	33	139
29	IRL53103	Stephen TIERNAN	Dermott MCMORROU GH	R.st.g.y.c / Royal St George Y.C	23	DNC	DNC	DNC	11	17	143
30	GBR52868	Molly BRIDGE	Pip WEGUELIN	RLymYC/RLymYC	28	25	30	29	31	31	143
31	IRL53332	Timothy O'LAOIRE	Brian KELLEHER	R St George & Howth YCs / R St George YC	DNC	DNC	24	DNC	15	13	144
32	GBR52407	Will JONES	Tom BURROWS	Staunton Harold SC / Staunton Harold SC	31	17	28	DNC	33	37	146
33	GBR51988	John BEARDON	Fergus BARRIE	Annandale SC / Annandale SC	27	27	DNC	DNC	26	27	153
34	GBR53327	Eleni MORUS	Henriette BRAND	Cardiff Bay YC / Cardiff Bay YC	DNC	23	35	22	38	39	157
35	GBR50660	Sarah ALTON	Hannah JONES	Oxford / Staunton Harold SC	33	33	34	30	35	42	165
36	IRL53206	Muireann	Eimar	RCYC/RCYC	DNC	26	33	28	39	40	166

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37	GBR52915	Fred WILLIAMS	Sam MUSKETT	West Kirby/West Kirby	30	28	31	DNC	DSQ	38	173
38	IRL53698	Emma GEARY	Niamh CONNOLLY	BSC Rcyc/BSC	26	DNC	DNC	DNC	29	35	182
39	GBR52062	Michael MORUZZI	Jonathan HARRIS	Wksc / DEE / DEE	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	27	29	194
40	GBR52062X	Michael MORUZZI	Alex HARRIS	Wksc / DEE / DEE	20	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	204
41	IRL52684	Katie GAMBIER-ROSS	Ali DIX	KYC/HYC	32	DNC	DNC	DNC	40	41	205
42	GBR52151	Edward GREY	Brendan SWEENEY	RWYC/RWYC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	32	36	206
43	IRL52758	Laura MC CARTHY	Louise MC CARTHY	RCYC/RCYC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	36	34	208
44	IRL51379	Holly CAMPBELL	Lucy BOLGER	RNIYC/ HYC/Rstgyc / BSC / Rcyc	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	41	DNC	225
45	GBR53053	Jane SCEALES	Cassie SYMES	Yarmouth/Yarmouth	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	230

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