



**X-41 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: The final countdown**  
**Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup> first racing day**

**Marina di Scarlino 13<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> of September**

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Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup> marked the official kick-off of the X-41 World Championship at the Marina di Scarlino in Maremma Tuscany. The event is organized by the Yacht Club Italiano and of the Club Nautico Scarlino, with the support of X-Yachts Italia. In the afternoon the Measurement Committee, chaired by Franco Noceti assisted by Francesco Morassutti, began checking each yacht's displacement: this phase was completed today.

14 yachts have preregistered from 6 countries: Spain, Ireland, Estonia, Great Britain, Malta, Slovenia and – of course- Italy.

The first race is due to start on Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup>. The starting gun is scheduled following the skippers' briefing at 9:00.

The program allows for a maximum of 10 races, and no more than 3 can take place in a single day. The first discard kicks in after race 4 and the second after race 9.

**The Yachts at the docks**

The first crews arrived at La Marina di Scarlino on Saturday to get acquainted with the race area. Lorenzo Bressani, Tommaso Chieffi, Francesco De Angelis, Tiziano Nava and Daniele Cassinari were out on the water training. Luis Doreste from Spain will also be taking part in the Championship calling tactics on *Vertice 360-Benalmadena*. The Spanish Champion has won two Gold Olympic medals, respectively at the 1984 Los Angeles's Olympic Games in the 470 Class, and in the FD Class in Barcelona in 1982.

**Social events**

The Opening Ceremony will take place in a breathtaking setting at "Calafelice" on Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup> following the first day of racing.

On Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup> , after all races have ended, the participants are invited to a “pasta party” while yacht owners will get together at the Owners Dinner on the premises of the Relais Vedetta. Niels Jeppesen, Chairman of X-Yachts and Piergiorgio Ravaioni, Chairman of X-Yachts Italy, will be hosting the dinner.

On Friday September 18<sup>th</sup> all participants are invited to a dinner that will be held at “La Piazzetta” in the Marina.

The prize giving ceremony will take place on Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup> , after all yachts are back at their moorings, provided that at least 4 races have taken place. Sunday is a reserve day.

### **Event Partners**

The X-41 World Championship is sponsored by BMW, Atlante Marinas, Dab, Maremma Tuscany, Relais Vedetta, North Sails Italy sailmaker, Vela Mania and Nexus.

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