



X-41 board meeting 4.12.2011 in Paris

Attendees: Robi Gripenberg (Finland), Thomas Oksmo (Norway), Maurizio Pavesi (Italy), Rolf Zachariasson (NJK Club-Finland and experienced race officer), Torsten Bastiansen (X-Yachts DK)

General: The main discussion and exchange in the meeting was how to ensure the class to continue and increase activities and by which means this can be achieved: Things like charter and charter cost, exchange of boats between North and South European crews, transportation costs/logistics, yachts for sale, dealers' involvement, website, communication to owners, class sponsor.

1. World championship 2013/2014

It was discussed if the X-41 and X-35 class should hold their championships together. This has been practiced some time (Kiel and Scarlino) and works quite well. It helps both organizers and the classes to get bigger numbers and better finance.

X-35 Worlds 2013 will probably be in Malmö, Sweden. If X-41 should hold their Worlds it would mean till 2014 before the Worlds are in the Med – this seems too long a time to ensure continuous activities in Med/Italy for the class. This subject needs further discussion, but agreement was found that the classes should work together. Torsten will take it up at the January X-35 AGM meeting. Maurizio propose to keep the Worlds alternating between Med and Baltic each year, joining the event either with X-35 Worlds or Europeans.

X-35 class have their European championship in Hankø: The Norwegian X-41 class will join them to hold their national championship.

In the future World Championships will be held in areas where a fleet already exists or where it will be easy to gather near-by owners. X-Yachts will support the events having their local and dealers from the countries nearby participating with own boats. Organization will have to provide boats for charter at budget all-inclusive rate (indicatively €5,000).

Italy is available to host the 2013 Worlds either in the gulf of Naples or in Tuscany: in alternative to chartering boats, a package for transferring north-sea boats to Italy might be arranged with local shipping companies, Maurizio will provide details.

2. European Championship 2013/2014

As the class is mainly European-based having both the World and the European championships in Europe each year might not be ideal as fleet may be fragmented between the two events. Instead of a European championship, a Med Cup or a Baltic Cup are arranged if the World Championship is held in the North Sea or in the Med respectively.

See note 1 above –

European 2012: Not yet placed, but Italian class to discuss with Italian X-35 class about a joint event

3. International class fee € 150
This should be collected from all yachts that participate at the Worlds/Europeans and any other national class events in addition to yachts that order sailstickers from the class secretary
4. Class rule amendments
Only amendment 2 (Rule 2.1a) was dismissed (12 for/11 against). All other received the necessary 75% majority.
Approved class rule amendments:

| <i>Proposed changes</i> | <i>Yes</i> | <i>No</i> |
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| <i>Rule A.13.2</i> | <i>23</i> | <i>3</i> |
| <i>Change Rule C.7.2.b</i> | <i>25</i> | <i>1</i> |
| <i>Addition to Rule C.10.5.a</i> | <i>22</i> | <i>3</i> |
| <i>Change Rule C.10.9.c.1</i> | <i>24</i> | <i>2</i> |
| <i>Change Rule C.11.3.d</i> | <i>26</i> | <i>0</i> |

The rules will be updated and an updated copy will be sent to ISAF for final approval and then to be put on their homepage. The X-41 website will link to the ISAF page, being the only official source of the rules.

5. Class forms
Torsten will check through the forma for the X-35 class and make any necessary amendments. These forms will be posted on the X-41 website as pdf for downloading.
6. X-41 international web homepage
More input is needed from the national/regional classes. X-Yachts will continue to make all updates, but needs input. Links will be established to national site and the event site.

The website needs news and stories to reflect an active class. An effort should be put into getting the site updated by January.

7. X-41 World Championship 2012
Robi and Rolf explained about the event site and organization. Hotel and accommodation is available – the organization team will make an event homepage with logistic and event information. Race area is approx 4 miles from harbour.

There will be excellent opportunities to participate in other events in the area as a tune up for the X-41 Worlds including the ORCi worlds.

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8. Class measurer

Boats inspections and measurements might be as stringent as possible at all main class events using same standard protocols, as already experimented in Italy where the class hosts its class measurer, Franco Noceti, which has been doing X-41 for some years in all national and international events. Norway has also used a chief measurer for the class. Thomas and Maurizio will provide contact to Robi to see if the Norwegian/Italian class measurer can attend the Worlds in 2012

9. Class organization

Instead of national classes, a better organization might result from larger areas as only few countries have fleets in excess of 5 boats. Italy may coordinate a Med class with Spain, France, Malta, Croatia and Slovenia. Same might apply to the North Sea/Baltic under Norwegian class coordination. This might result in joining the fleets at selected international events held in the area, thus giving owners even where small fleets exist the opportunity to even race one-design. The international class for the year 2012 is composed by

It is the intention of the international class to meet regularly, at least yearly in December (Paris boat show might be the right location and timing).

10. Other business

Following areas from the general discussion will be actioned:

- a. Charter contract: Thomas O. will get a copy of Swan 42 charter contract to use as template to make a general X-41 charter contract for all regions.
- b. Transport cost to/from Norway/Finland: Robi and Thomas to investigate possibility.
- c. Class sponsor: This is a future subject which should be communicated to owners that might be able to help through personnel contacts.
- d. Host for foreign teams: Local class organization shall act as a partner to find boat, accommodation and help with logistic questions from foreign teams.
- e. Exchange of boats: The idea behind this is to give foreign teams to travel to other regions and exchange boats with a local team or join a local team. In Italy winter tests are held monthly in Naples till April, owners wishing to participate by joining local boats/crews may contact Maurizio (mau_pavesi@alice.it) or Federica at the Italian class (segreteria-x-41@libero.it).
- f. Owners list/data base needs updated together with X-Yachts dealers network. The international class should keep an updated record of the names and location of the >80 X-41 owners, local support is needed to trace existing boats.
- g. 2012 race calendar: each nation to provide Torsten/Marianne the calendar of national events.