



Chairman's Report 2012

Dear owners,

As President of the International X35 Class during 2012, I am pleased to report the main activities taken during this year.

Updated x-35 class Rules where effective as of April 2012 and published at the ISAF website.

A relevant update on our class Rules are C.2.3, C.2.4 and C.2.5 chapters, where a new helmsman criteria was introduced and started to be applied in 2012 through the approval panel process. I want to thank the members of the panel, Roberto Gradnik, Teemu Kekkonen , René Lokesgaard and Marc Giard for the good work and effort done making it happen. As a result, a 2012 helmsman approval list can be found at the international x-35 website.

During 2012 keel and rudder templates developed by the Italian fleet to ensure right measurement of all boats where paid by the International Class. The intention was to use them in the 2012 Worlds in Spain, but it could not be possible due to logistic reasons.

To finish with the technical matters, the Technical Committee during 2012 had a vacant from X-Yachts and is still an open position to be filled.

The 2012 World Championship was held in Barcelona. A key success factor to have a good representation of 12 countries and 22 boats was to link two significant races during August at Mediterranean waters (Palma de Mallorca and Barcelona). Excellent facilities offered by Marina Badalona, the organizer, allowed to have the boats ashore. The measurements and the good development of the Championship were accomplished with the support of local professionals with international experience.

It has been a pleasure to be the President of the Class. It has given me the opportunity to share a good time and a good experience with excellent sailors. I want also thank to Marianne Toft Hansen and Torsten Bastiansen from X-Yachts for the support they always provide to our class.

Let us continue with the good ideas and contributions from all of us, developing different initiatives to keep the Class active and linked across Europe and the rest of the world.

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