



## Class Captain's Newsletter

January 2015

Dear all

### Recent Class Committee Meeting

The January Class Committee meeting made strides on a number of issues, some of which are listed below. The Class Committee is a cohesive unit within which current members freely express their views and those of their Division for the benefit of the Class as a whole. We meet to represent your views. The Class Committee will be able to represent you if, at a Divisional level, you make sure your voice is heard and ask for feedback locally.

### Cowes Week

Since finishing the sailing season much work has been achieved on your behalf to agree and propose improvements to the racing experience for XOD owners at Cowes Week. A cohesive set of recommendations has been sent in with follow-on dialogue taking place with representatives of the Organising Authority and we are hopeful that some, or all, of our recommendations will be incorporated for 2015. The Organising Authority's higher level meetings and decisions concerning changes for the whole regatta's management structure are scheduled for early February after which we should have a better understanding of the 2015 offering for the XOD fleet. We anticipate the Notice of Race to be published in mid February, with additional information available on the Cowes Week website around this time. The overall message is that Cowes Week 2015 could be a much improved regatta.

### XOD Youth Bursary

This is available again for Cowes Week 2015 for an entry with crews all under 25 years. In the first instance raise potential candidates with Tina for consideration. The bursary covers entry and mooring fees for the week.

### Flares

It is confirmed that a minimum of 2 flares (red, orange or one of each) should be carried in all boats at Divisional level. The main exception to this is Cowes Week, where the requirements are different.

### 10" Rigging Rule

The 10" rigging rule has been reviewed following all the work done by TAC with the rigging research study in 2012. In April 2014 the Class Committee was minded not to proceed with any change but stated if any member wished to take the matter further they should write a paper for the CC to consider. No paper has been received. The recent Class Committee meeting this January discussed this rule and decided by majority to leave the rule unchanged.

### Annual Subs

If not already paid, these are due at the beginning of February.

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