



## XOD Class Captain's Newsletter May 2015

Dear All,

I trust most of you are either in the water or close to launching. May has started with a blast of wind which is testing for the beginning of the season. Still, it is good to be back on the water after the winter.

### Recent Class Committee Meeting

Our Spring meeting had to be rescheduled because of an accident on the M27 which closed the motorway and provided gridlock on the adjoining roads, preventing a quorum attending. As it turned out, changing the date meant there was then greater clarification on forthcoming events, particularly Cowes Week and Classic Cowes. The detail surrounding this meeting is published on the Class website. John Long in particular was thanked for his tireless work on our behalf with the various authorities particularly in Cowes.

### Central Solent Championship 11-12 July

The Notice of Race and application for entry is on the Royal Southern YC website. New this year are walk ashore moorings alongside the club house. These will be available for visiting entrants.

### Cowes Classics Week 20-24 July

8 races over 4 days with an optional race on Monday. Entries are open with early bird closing 26 June. Similar format with social events to last year. Early entry recommended. Visitors moorings booked with Class Secretary. Entries are building as will tickets for social events.

### Cowes Week

Compared with 2014, changes for this year should much improve the racing for XODs. These include the same committee vessel team for the whole week. A possible start from the CV on all days except the last Saturday, which is CowesTown Regatta day. Notification of where each start is will be made by 1800 the day before using text message and the website. Only text and VHF will be used for courses on the CV. XODs will start first on the CV line. These are just some of the changes which it is felt will improve our overall racing experience at Cowes. John Long with Ted Roose's help has worked hard on our behalf to influence these changes. We now have the clarification we hoped for. Cowes week is the second week in August, so if you are going please enter soon and support this event. We have the changes we hoped for, so it should be much improved.

### TAC Committee

Action points are shown in the minutes of our last CC meeting. Of particular note we discussed the current boat check system and have asked them to look at a more simplified arrangement. Everyone felt the current method was too detailed and overcomplicated.

### Divisional responses to three questions

1. Class Championship : Overall negative. It was felt there were already sufficient choices and variety of events available
2. French Regatta : Insufficient support. Need at least 20 boats
3. Spinnaker Size : The result shows insufficient support for a change to be accepted by owners.

### Class Handbook

This has now been sent out. If you haven't received a copy it is possibly because your subs are still outstanding. As an addition, we now have the boats in the fleet listed numerically.

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