

The XOD Class Committee's opinion on the “not the new XOD”

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9. New Build Project

The Class Committee had no objection to the sail number XN1 being used on the boat. The Class Captain reviewed the history of the project for the new Committee members and reported that a considerable number of the class were not happy with the build, as a ply deck and strip plank hull sheathed in glass was clearly very different. It was noted that any rule change would require a 75% majority. The effort that had gone into the project was to be applauded. The boat's eligibility to race with XODs in XOD races was discussed and the Hamble Division said it would not be accepted to race in any Hamble Divisional events. The Committee thought it should be raced as much as possible but should not be eligible for any XOD trophies or prizes. It was agreed that more exposure to testing racing conditions, the hardest being Cowes Week, would result in more understanding of the boat and its characteristics. However, the Class Committee decided that the boat should not enter for Cowes Week in case it affected daily or overall results.

The Class Captain reminded the Committee that XODs were a classic boat and that, while other classes have devalued themselves with the introduction of alternative constructions, the XOD, with its traditional build and wooden mast, had created a niche, which was unique and a very valuable asset not to be forgotten.

The Class Captain concluded that the Class Committee decision was that the boat could enter for any race, series or regatta apart from Cowes Week where it has been accepted by the race or regatta organising club and the organising Divisional Captain. It will be ineligible for XOD trophies or prizes.

Further information may be obtained from the XOD Class Captain