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Eighty XOD entries in Cowes Week was way ahead of any other class. Stuart Jardine won the Captain's Cup for the eighth time which is quite phenomenal.

Boats are continuing to change hands and very few are now available which need rebuilding. There is some interest in new boat construction prior to the centenary.

The Class Committee met in early September and has approved the formation of a working party to look at the long term future direction of the Class. The title '**The Way ahead**' is designed to embrace all aspects of the Class over the next twenty years. The initial remit is on the website so please look it up.

The Class Committee has decided to support the proposal to allow the rig changes that have been trialled for two years or more.

We are also intending to put forward a resolution to have boats checked against the checklist in the Handbook at least every five years.

The success of the Class and the great interest in the Class over the last couple of years has been due in no small measure to the work of the **Marketing Committee** and especially Ted Roose. This committee needs resources in the form of people, support and cash to continue to do this essential work. We have yet to find a sponsor or sponsors for the Class during the centenary year. Many of you have contacts with individuals and companies that are able to provide sponsorship. The Divisional Captains have been requested to ensure the need for a sponsor to support our marketing and centenary events is discussed at your Divisional AGM or autumn meetings.

We do not propose to ask for an increase in subscriptions to the Class Association for next year but please ensure that your subs are paid as soon as possible.

Mark Hall