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## JANUARY NEWSLETTER      JANUARY 7<sup>th</sup> 2009

A happy new year to all. 2008 has been difficult for some of our members but has seen the stabilisation of the class in sailing numbers and prospects for growth in the class look excellent for 2009. With the difficult financial situation the chances of Cowes Week getting a substantial sponsor in the short term look bleak. This should not affect our sailing and the class may attract new members with low entry costs and small crew numbers.

Renewal of your **subscriptions** are due at the end of the month. If you have not signed a standing order then please do so. It makes Tina's life so much easier. The **new tie** is available with the class logo. Order now with your subscription. It only costs ten pounds, which is exceptional value especially as it is silk.

The class now has approved **musto.co.uk** to supply clothing and they will put the class **logo** on the garments for free. In addition, **Tec promotions.co.uk** in Petersfield and **oceanworld.co.uk** in Cowes have agreed to have the logos on file. All can be contacted by accessing the website for their links. I have had clothing with logo from all the suppliers and there were no problems.

At the class AGM several resolutions were approved. Three are particularly relevant to you. The class approved **larger sail windows** and if you are ordering new sails for next year you will need to discuss this point with the sailmaker. **Handheld smokes** as opposed to flares are now mandatory, smokes are better in daylight. **Electric bilge pumps** may now be fitted. The class also recommends a **floating line** is kept on board for safety reasons.

There was some discussion about the new boat build. The project, now titled '**not the new XOD**', is progressing at Lyminster and will be monitored by John Wilson and Jonathan Fairchild.

As the accounts are becoming a little more complicated due to expenditure on Marketing, we have recruited Rory Paton to take on the role of **Honorary Treasurer** for a year or two.

Mark Hall.