



Steiner X-Yachts Mediterranean Cup 2011: Tuscany crowns the winners

Marina di Scarlino in the heart of Maremma Tuscany crowns Sideracordis X-41 World Champion. Malafemmina and Mascalzone Latino finish second and third overall. HotelPlan Spirit of Nerina wins the Italian X-35 Championship

Marina di Scarlino, Maremma, Tuscany September 4th- Great sailing in Tuscany also on the last day of racing of the **Steiner X-Yachts Mediterranean Cup 2011** held at **Marina di Scarlino**. Despite the forecast of light winds, a steady thermal breeze from the southwest made it possible for the X-41 World Championship, the Italian X-35 Championship, the X-Yachts Mediterranean Cup Sports Division and Family Division, plus the Over 50 rendezvous to end with a bang.

Sideracordis, owner Pier Vittor Grimani with Daniele Cassinari calling tactics, wins the X-41 World Champion with one race to go thanks to the results of the protest filed the previous day. On equal points, Malafemmina owned by Arturo Di Lorenzo, with tactician Matteo Ivaldi finishes second overall. Third place for Mascalzone Latino with Vincenzo Onorato at the helm and Lorenzo Bressani calling tactics.

The X-35 Italian Champion for 2011 is **Hotelplan Spirit of Nerina** with tactician Roberto Spata. Karma with Gabriele Benussi calling tactics finishes second and Giochelotta with former Luna Rossa skipper Francesco de Angelis calling tactics is third.

Francesco de Angelis back on the dock stated: *“Marina di Scarlino is a beautiful place to race and once again we managed to complete successfully the full series of 10 races. Even when the wind is light like today, in Scarlino it is always possible to sail. The X-41 class makes the challenge all the more interesting because if you make a mistake it's hard to recover: the difference in speed of these boats is very limited”*.

In the **Sports division**, Giorgio Turchetti's Imx-38 Express wins, followed by X-342 Scamperix owner Ferruccio Scalari and X-332 Ultravox of Adriano Podenzana.

Pas Xc-38 Dosè owned by Andrea Serena wins the **Family division**, followed by X-40 Xengo owned by Sabrina Chibbaro and by X-452 Wind-Catcher owned by Ciolli Donnini.

Over 50 in the final victory goes to the Croatian X-65 Karuba V owner Magma.

The Prize giving ceremony was held in the afternoon in the Piazzetta of Marina di Scarlino. After an introduction by **Claudia Tosi**, general secretary of the Club Nautico Scarlino, **Niels Jeppesen** of X-Yachts took the floor followed by **Franco Cernigliaro** of Steiner / Beretta the main sponsor of the event, **Francesco Allegretta** CEO of Marina di Scarlino, **Fabio Baffigi** CEO X-Yachts Italy and **Guido Spadolini** Commodore of Club Nautico Scarlino. **Giulia Ravaioni** coordinated the prize giving, including the coveted **Commander XP 7x50 binoculars** awarded to class winners.

The activities of the Club Nautico and Marina di Scarlino continue in the coming weeks with two national championships of the Dinghy 12 feet and that of the D-One.

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