



STEINER X-YACHTS GOLD CUP IN TUSCANY: THE WINNERS

SIDERACORDIS WINS THE X-41 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP LELAGAIN IS X-35 WORLD CHAMPION

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Last day of racing at **Steiner X-Yachts Gold Cup** taking place at Marina di Scarlino in Maremma Tuscany. In all **19** races were held in **four days** with close to **80 yachts from 14 nations** competing on four separate courses with the Islands of **Elba, Montecristo and Corsica** on the horizon. The event was organized by the Yacht Club Italiano and the Club Nautico Scarlino, in collaboration with X-Yachts Italia and in partnership with Steiner.

Lelagain owned by **Franco Solerio** with tactician **Branco Brcin** is the winner of the **X-35 World Championship** with 34 points (a 13 point lead on *Karma*, second overall). This is the second consecutive World title: in 2009 the yacht won the World Championship in Germany and in 2010 triumphed in the X-35 class at the Copa del Rey.

Sideracordis owner **Pier Vettor Grimani** with **Daniele Cassinari** is the **European X-41 Champion** with 23 points (6 point lead on th *Le Coq Hardi* second overall).

The Prize Giving Ceremony was held in La Piazzetta at Marina di Scarlino in the afternoon with wine and refreshments offered by **Maremma Tuscany**, an association representing high-end companies with excellence and quality as a common denominator.

X-35 World Championship: today's race

The start gun fired at 2 p.m. once the thermal breeze had settled in on the Gulf of Scarlino blowing from the northwest at 10-12 knots. British *X on the Beach* owner and helmsman Ingo Dietrich rounded the first windward mark in the lead, stretching out on *Lelagain* and *Giochelotta*, winning the race and wrapping up the Championship 6th overall.

Final Results after 10 races and 1discard

1. *Lelagain*, Franco Solerio (ITA): 34 points
2. *Karma*, Vladimiro Pegoraro (ITA): 47 points
3. *Spirit of Nerina*, Alberto Fusco (ITA): 48 points
4. *Margherita*, Roberto Mazzucato (ITA): 55 points
5. *Tixelio*, Carlo Brenco (ITA): 58 points

X-41 European Championship: today's race

Racing kicked off shortly before 2 p.m *WB Five* with Signorini at the helm cut the finish line in 1st position, followed by *Le Coq Hardi* with De Angelis calling tactics in second place and in third Spanish *Iberostar* with tactician Luis Doreste on board.



Final Results after 10 races and 1 discard

1. *Sideracordis* , Pier Vettor Grimani (ITA): 23 points
2. *Le Coq Hardi* , Maurizio Pavesi (ITA): 29 points
3. *Raffica*, Pasquale Orofino (ITA): 30 points
4. *WB Five*, Gianclaudio Bassetti (ITA): 32 points
5. *Malafemmena*, Giovanni Di Lorenzo (ITA): 36 points

Over 50' Invitational

The Over 50' fleet raced on an offshore course using the Island of Cerboli, just off the Island of Elba, as a natural buoy. **Capricciricci**, owner Gianluigi Dubbini, won the race and the regatta Final Results 1 - *Capricciricci* owner Gian Luigi Dubbini: 2.- *Karuba 5* owner Goranko Fizulic - 3. *Trota* owner Martino Montanarini.

X-Yachts Gold Cup

The X-Yachts Gold Cup today completed an additional three races. Two for the Sport division on a windward-leeward course and one for the Family division on a triangle course.

Final Results Family: 1. *Abitudine*, Xc 42 owner Stefano Pecchioli - 2. *Titti too much*, X-43 owner Roberto Viti - 3. *Bycx*, X-46 owner Guiseppe Stilo.

Final Results Sport: 1. *Scamperix*, X-342 owner Ferruccio Scalari - 2. *Canapiglia*, X-46 owner Pierre Hamon - 3. *Brancaleone*, X-382mki owner Ciro Casanova .

On the docks

Ingo Dietrich, owner and helmsman of X On the Beach (GBR) who closed 6th overall, stated: " I am very happy to be back racing in Scarlino. I have been coming here for a couple of years now and it's great to see how it keeps on getting better and better. The race course is fantastic and there is excellent management both on the water and on land."

Japanese Toschi Sakama, maintrimmer on Quetefeek "This is our first time in Italy and what a great place to sail! I wish we had more time to discover the Tuscan Archipelago, but we must go back to defend our National Title."

Event Partners

STEINER-OPTIK, the German world market leader for professional marine binoculars, makes its official debut in the world of International Racing. Steiner, well known for the Commander XP, the first binocular with a fitted integrated compass relied upon by the US Navy, is the Main Sponsor of the Steiner X-Yachts Gold Cup, taking place at La Marina di Scarlino, Maremma, Tuscany in Italy from the 29th of August until the 5th of September.

Steiner was established in 1947 in Bayreuth by Karl Steiner. In 2008 the company became a part of the Italian Beretta Group, making its worldwide leadership and presence even stronger, with a presence in over 70 countries.

Franco Cernigliaro, Marketing Director of the Beretta Holding Group explains: "Today, together with our German partners and thanks to Beretta's knowhow, we resolved to take a closer look at our Steiner customers thereby deciding to tie our Brand to top racing fleet like that of X-Yachts. We share similar values: both brands are top-of-the-line in performance and excel in the fields of design and technology.

Taking part in this event hosted by La Marina di Scarlino and organized by X-Yachts Italia, the Yacht Club Italiano and the Club Nautico Scarlino, represents a significant entry in the nautical world which may in turn lead Beretta to develop new products for this sector." This is the first time that the company led by Ugo Gussalli Beretta ties its name to a non hunting or recreational shooting event.



The Steiner X-Yachts Gold Cup IVERDEMARE polo shirts are made with recycled plastic, 6 one-and-a-half litre PET bottles were used for each shirt. From a plastic bottle to a polo shirt in three simple steps: drink, recycle & wear. A special "passport" comes with it certifying the shirt's environmental friendliness and sustainability.

La Marina di Scarlino is the first integrated yachting project in Italy (800 berths, max length 36 meters, max. draft 4.5 meters) An ideal location for an unforgettable stay in the heart of the Tuscan Maremma and at the centre of the Tuscan Archipelago, combining luxurious hospitality, exclusive services reserved for its guests, a prestigious residential complex with apartments ranging from 80 to 120 square meters overlooking the Marina with a view of the Island of Elba. Restaurants, bars and shopping are also available.

Marina Management has been entrusted with the centralized management of all services, thereby ensuring seamless coordination. The Marina, the Yacht Service, the Residences and the Yacht Club work jointly to meet the needs of all sea lovers. All sporting activity is managed by the Club Nautico Scarlino, a reference point in major international sailing events thanks to the ideal weather conditions in Maremma and thanks to its organizational skills. www.lamarinadiscarlino.it

Sorgenia Energia Sensibile and Maremma Tuscany are also partners of the event.

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