



X-41 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: FIRST RACING DAY AT MARINA DI SCARLINO Marina di Scarlino 13th to 20th of September

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The X-41 World Championship – organised by the Yacht Club Italiano and Club Nautico Scarlino in collaboration with X-Yachts Italy – started today in Marina di Scarlino, in Tuscany.

The weather in the morning was stormy with strong and changeable breezes. At 15:00 the fleet of 14 boats from six countries left the moorings sailing towards open sea.

The southeast breeze stabilised nicely building to 15 knots which allowed the allowing the start of the first race of the day, a windward-leeward of just more than 6 miles.

The race started at 16:20 with breeze was gradually increasing, peppered with gusts up to 20 knots.

Gianclaudio Bassetti's *WB Five* made a strong start, with Alberto Signorini at the helm and Tommaso Chieffi as tactician having chosen to start on the committee boat end of the line. The competition was close and tough from the gun, especially amongst the leading group. But after he strong opening, *WB Five* lost the lead to Pier Vettor Grimani's *Siderarcordis* who held on for three-quarters of the course, only to be finally overtaken again by *WB Five* on the last downwind.

The race which lasted a bit longer than once hour, saw *WB Five* winning, followed by *Siderarcordis*, with Murizio Pavesi's *Le Coq Hardi* in third with Aurelio Dalla Vecchia at the helm and Francesco De Angelis as tactician.

The second race of the day started just before 18:00 with the breeze dropping to 14 knots. *WB Five* lead at the start again, followed by *Siderarcordis* and *Le Coq Hardi*. The competition between these three boats was always close, while the breeze dropped to eight knots at the end of the race.

The winner was *Siderarcordis* with *WB Five* second and Joe Borghetti's *C-Map* third with Matteo Simoncelli as tactician.

The provisional leader board after 2 races is : first *Siderarcordis* (2-1) and *WB Five* (1-2) with the same score, third *Le Coq Hardi* (3-5).

After the racing has ended for the day, the crews will gather at a welcoming cocktail party at Cala Felice restaurant, organised by BMW Group Italy, sponsor of X-41 World Championship under the control of Yacht Club Italiano.
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The X-41 World Championship is sponsored by BMW, Atlante Marinas, Dab, Maremma Tuscany, Relais Vedetta, North Sails Italy sailmaker, Vela Mania and Nexus.

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