

## **X-35 European Championship (15-20 June 2010)**

Last Thursday till Friday (17th – 20th June 2010) the European Championships X-35 2010 were sailed in front of Medemblik on the IJsselmeer in Holland. 16 participants from 6 different nations were gathered to fight for the prizes. Already a few days prior to the event it was becoming clear that these Europeans would become a windy one from start to finish. For the Dutch competitors a welcome change after the two rather light air events Van Uden Reco and North Sea Regatta.

### **Day 1.**

That the competitors from abroad were good in these windy conditions showed on the first day, 3 races were sailed in wind of 4-5 Bft. and sunny skies. In the top four we saw the Danish team of Morten Ulrikkeholm and the two German teams of Torsten Bastiansen and Achim Griese all with equal points after 3 races, only the Dutch entry DRSX. Of Cees Wieringa was able to stay in front of the three and was leading at the end of day 1. After the races there was a happy hour, which was welcomed very much by all the sailors.

### **Day 2**

Day 2 promised again lots of wind. 5-6 Bft with big shifts and gusts made it necessary to work hard and sail smart. After three races in the difficult wave pattern of the IJsselmeer it became clear that three boats were starting to split away in points from the rest of the fleet. The teams from Torsten Bastiansen, and Morten Ulrikkeholm and still leading the fleet DRS.X helmed by Berend Jan Eedens.

### **Day 3**

After again a well organized evening with free drinks, most teams were hitting their beds early tired from two days of heavy weather sailing and the weather forecast showing an increase of wind speeds for the two planned races on Saturday 5-7 Bft. The belly ache from all the hiking wasn't going to be less on Saturday evening. The first race was without problems until the second downwind gate where a strong gust of 35 knots seemed to be a bit much on the rather shallow IJsselmeer. The committee decided to break off the race, further signals would be given on shore. For the Dutch sailors the chance to see their national team see the second match in the World Cup. During the second half the committee however expected a slight decrease of wind enabling a new starting procedure. Fortunately the Dutch soccer team was up 1-0 and it stayed that way when boats were already sailing out the harbor again. Unfortunately when out near the starting area yet another squall hit the boats which forced the committee to break off all races for the day.

### **Day 4**

18-25 knots today and DRSX. only needed to sail one 8th place to be sure of the European title. The first race on Sunday they ended second, which made them decide to not take any chances and sit the last race out in the harbor. Who's next of Alwin van Daelen had a good race day on Sunday finishing 4<sup>th</sup> overall after an off day on Friday. Yellow Rose and Loyola X made a good effort on the final day and climbed on the overall sheet.

DRSX. of Cees Wieringa is the new European Champion X-35, well followed by second place Torsten Bastiansen with team Xen and third place was for Morten Ulrikkeholm with the DEN 7 team.

Results:

No	Sailno	Name	Scores	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	NED 117	B J Eedens, NED, DRS.X, b14	10,0	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	(dnc)
2	GER 124	Torsten Bastiansen, GER, Xen, b6	24,0	6	6	2	3	2	1	4	(8)
3	DEN 7	Morten Ulrikkeholm, DEN, b1	30,0	2	8	4	4	6	5	1	(10)
4	NED 115	Alwin van Daelen, NED, Who's Next?, b13	44,0	3	4	(dnf)	14	12	3	7	1
5	NED 13	Peter van Veen, NED, Maas, b9	44,0	11	1	6	8	3	9	6	(12)
6	NED 12	Marten Jan Ringers, NED, Yellow Rose, b8	48,0	10	(12)	7	10	5	4	9	3
7	GER 9	Röder, Axel, GER, X-line, b4	52,0	15	5	(dsq)	2	4	10	5	11
8	NED 14	Bart van Aken, NED, Goldmarine, b10	52,0	7	3	(dsq)	7	13	6	11	5
9	NED 54	Kasper Kieft, NED, Loyola X, b12	56,0	(13)	9	10	13	8	7	3	6
10	GBR 3500	David Pinner, GBR, Kiss, b3	57,0	5	10	5	11	9	(12)	10	7
11	GER 5735	Achim Griese, GER, Celox, b7	59,0	4	7	3	6	11	11	(dnf)	dsq
12	GER 46	Sönke Meier-Sawatzki, GER, NiRaMo X-treme, b5	60,0	8	13	8	9	7	13	(14)	2
13	POL 9129	Michal Korneszczuk, POL, b15	66,0	14	11	9	5	10	(ocs)	13	4
14	DEN 220	Søren K. Larsen, DEN, Margaux, b2	76,0	9	14	11	12	14	8	8	(dnc)
15	SWE 137	Lars Sörqvist, SWE, Sandholm Associates, b16	92,0	12	15	(dnf)	15	15	14	12	9
16	NED 34	Gillis Jonk, NED, iX, b11	104,0	16	16	12	16	16	(dnf)	15	13