



PRESIDENT'S WORD

" Dear friends,

As you can see, the new IFDCO website designed by our VP-Communication, Ronald Stalman, is online. I think that Ronald, performed a dynamic and eclectic website for communication and promotion purposes of the FD. Together with the FD Bulletin, the Facebook page and the FD Forum, we now have great instruments to advertise our Class!! Thank you, Ronald.

The IFDCO calendar 2012 has three top events: European Championship Altea, already finished. The Vintage Yachting Games in July. And the Worlds in Santa Cruz in September. The success of our Class was always reached by the number of IFDCO members and the competitors attending to the Top events. After the success of the European Championship in Altea, I now ask you to send your Entries for both other events today.

Many thanks to the FD Spanish Class and the Club Nautico Altea for the event they organized as best ashore and in the Race Area . Personally and on behalf of IFDCO I thank very much Stephen Parry, since in Altea, after 20 years he finished his term as VP-Championship and gave his VP to Jan Lechler, appointed on last July in Malcesine; moreover, ...congratulation and good work to Jan.

The European Championship was the start the celebration of the IFDCO 60° Anniversary and very important to join all together and to promote our Class. The celebration will go on during all the year, and I recommend you that the attendance of great fleets to the

events is the best way to advertise and promote the FD. Anyway, you 'll find on the IFDCO website a "60° Anniversary" chapter with photo's and reports soon.

Coming back to the top events. With regard to the Vintage Yachting Games it is very important to have the biggest number of Countries represented. The current Entry List misses some Countries and their teams. Please do enter the VYG today.

About the World Championship in Santa Cruz, I wish to have a big and strong fleet, with teams from all over the World. Therefore we announced that every one entering before the first of June will become the roundtrip for € 750,-/boat in a six packed container. All further transportation details will be available on the website after the 1st of June.

According to the CH, NSM and AGCM we had in Malcesine on last July 2011, the topics "IFDCO Restructuring" , "IFDCO strategy" and "Communication" are matters to be discussed. Clear ideas and planning is needed for the best solution for the benefit of our Class.

In Altea at the Executive Officers meeting the progress of this ongoing matter is discussed. The Competitors Forum asked us to drop a plan. So we will and we all then discuss the matter again. So, communication and the meetings will go ahead, as follow:

- a) Communication to the IFDCO members about those issues, by the website.
- b) Competitor Forum, National Secretary Meeting and AGCM in Santa Cruz (Sep-

tember), to update the discussion and to finalize the proposals with regard to the above mentioned topics.

I'm fully aware that the decisions we will be making are very important to the future of our Class. And need the involvement and the commitment of all the Officers and the IFDCO members. Therefore we ask volunteers to join our committees.

Personally I believe that IFDCO has a structure that needs to be updated to the present goals of the Class and focused to recruit young sailors in the management. Anyway, the most important tools are "Strategy", "Team-work" and "Communication". They are absolutely necessary to ensure a fast and continuous evolution, promotion and growth of our Class . I trust in you and I'm sure we'll be able to reach together the best solutions for the future of FD.

I'm at your disposal and I'm looking forward to go ahead to join together to promote, advertiseand dream the future of the FD !.

Cheers, Alberto".

