

PRESS RELEASE

## **X-41 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

### **WB Five wins the 2013 title**

*Second place for Le Coq Hardi (CRV Italia) third Sideracordis (Compagnia della Vela from Venice) in an all-Italian podium. Malafemmena (CRVI) wins the last race*

**Naples, 28 September 2013** – The 2013 World Championship hosted by Circolo del Remo e della Vela Italia comes to the end: **WB Five** owned by Gianclaudio Bassetti wins the title in an all-Italian podium ahead of **Le Coq Hardi**, owned by Gianpaolo and Maurizio Pavesi (CRV Italia), and **Sideracordis**, owned by Pier Vettor Grimani (Compagnia della Vela di Venezia) winner of both the 2009 and 2011 editions of the X-41 World Championship.

WB FIVE crew comprised Gianclaudio Bassetti at the helm, the tactician Branco Brcin, main sail trimmer Alberto Leghissa, halyards Giada De Blasio, Adriano Figone, Gianbattista Ballico and Michele Valenti, sail trimmers Andrea Bassetti and Andrea Ballico, Ciro di Piazza bowman, Paolo Piccione navigator and Daniela Cipriani (crew member).

The team won the title with still one race to start, while the battle for the other places was tight with four yachts within two points. WB FIVE honored the title racing even the final race, where they placed fifth, dominated by the local yacht **Malafemmena**, owned by Arturo di Lorenzo (CRV Italia) in a light 7 knots wind.

Two first places, three second and two thirds are the final score of the winning team: *“On Friday we saw our competitors coming nearby when we placed fifth in the eight race – the main sail trimmer Alberto Leghissa says – but we succeeded to keep calm and react”*.

Five points separate WB Five from the immediate runner up, **Le Coq Hardi**, scoring two first places as well and five thirds, ahead of the **Sideracordis** crew, distanced by a mere one point, penalized by the Jury following an inspection on board by the measurement committee.

All crews enjoyed the event both at sea, with ten races all in steady 7-11 knots wind and sunshine, and ashore when a daily "pasta" event welcomed crews after the races: *"A tight world championship with six different winners of the single races, crews of very high level fought for four days, – Roberto Mottola di Amato, chairman of the hosting club Circolo Italia says - having so many champions in our club was an honor for us and we are even proud to see our teams Le Coq Hardi and Malafemmena winning three races out of ten. We would be happy to see the X-41 fleet coming back to Naples next year."*

The chairman of the X-41 international class, Maurizio Pavesi, marks the success of the even *"X-41 is a well alive one design, all boats are even and we had a fantastic series of races with eight high level crews finishing within few metres."*

#### **X-41 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL RANKING**

<b>1. WB Five</b>	Gianclaudio Bassetti	ITA Club Nautico Pescara	18 - 2.2.(4).1.1.3.3.(5).2.5
<b>2 . Le Coq Hardi</b>	Gianpaolo/Maurizio.Pavesi	ITA CRV Italia	23 - 3.1.3.3.6.(7).1.3.(7).3
<b>3. Sideracordis</b>	Pier Vettor Grimani	ITA Comp. Vela Venezia	24 - 1.(6).1.2.3.4.(5).2.4.2
<b>4. Technonicol</b>	Riho Taluma	RUS Kalev Yacht Club	25 - (7).4.2.6.4.1.(6).1.3.4
<b>5 .Raffica</b>	Pasquale Orofino	ITA CNPTA Imp. Ischia	27 - 4.5.5.(7).2.2.2.(6).1.6
<b>6. Malafemmena</b>	G.Arturo di Lorenzo	ITA CRV Italia	32 - 6.3.(6).4.5.(6).4.4.5.1
<b>7. Capitani Coraggios</b>	Felcini e Santoro	ITA Yacht Club Chiavari	55 - 5.(8).8.(8).7.5.7.8.8.7
<b>8. Irresistible 4</b>	Kunio Yamada	JPN Kansai Yacht Club	56 - 8.7.7.5.(8).(8).8.7.6.8