



It has been a tough year for the XOD fleet (like so many classes) and you would be forgiven for thinking that we have sat on our laurels after last year's results (1st Cowes Week, 1st Classic Week and 1st Lymington Week); but I am here to tell you that this is not the case.

In fact, the easing of pressure for deadlines during Easter and the Summer Holidays has allowed us to spend more time communicating with you, the sailor, and to analyse a large array of our sails; we have learnt so much from your feedback. The results this season (although limited) have been great and continue to be winning ways from 2019. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you our findings from the analysis of our designs and the options available for 2021.

1. Jibs

This is the most important sail on an XOD and is the determining factor to your height, power and acceleration. All of our jibs come with a large twin window, separate tell-tale window and camber lines at 6%, 25%, 50% and 75%. In addition, the prices include measuring which is done prior to you collecting your sails.

a. XJS1

This is our standard all-purpose jib with a soft luff (no wire) and a choice of clips or twist on hanks. This season we have been working on the entry angle of this sail which has resulted in a sail that makes it easier to "stay in the groove". This sail is used by most of our customers including: X48 "XL", X33 "Clair De Lune" and X166 "Swallow"; these three boats being last year's winners of: Lymington Week, Classic Week and Cowes Week respectively.

b. XJS2

This is our standard all-purpose jib with an internal wire and Dacron tabs. You can choose your method of luff tension adjustment from either a Cunningham loop, a lacing or a side cleat. This sail has been championed by the likes of X156 "Gleam", X37 "Ariel" and X9 "Zest" to name but a few.

c. XJC3

This is a new sail design that was launched last year after 36 months of development. This is a deeper sail than the standard options with an additional curved twist seam that helps keep fullness in the foot of the sail even when sheeting hard. This has proven very successful for X41 "Sphex" and X123 "Lara", the former having huge success this year in Hamble (winner of the Royal Southern Charity Cup, 3rd Keelboat Week) and the latter being the winner Poole week 2020. Please note that this sail is currently only available as a soft luff.

2. Mainsails

The biggest sail on the boat and the one that we have spent the most time communicating with all our customers about. We fully understand that no two XOD's are the same and that everyone sets their rig differently to suit their spars and their style of sailing. We do not want you to dismantle your boat in order to make it suit our sail, so we have come up with 3 designs that will hopefully cover the different mast "set ups".

All our mains come with an option of a single or three hole tack, slides, leech line, camber lines, insignia and logo. All our battens are branded, with an optional top batten stiffness to help give you more control on your setup. All our mains come with leech and camber tell tales plus spreader and viewing windows as standard.

a) XMC1

This is an older design but still very successful. It is flatter with a finer luff entry than the other options but still retains our standard twist and camber position. This sail is used by X48 "XL" and X33 "Clair de Lune".

b) XMC8

This is a deeper sail with a greater luff curve to suit those with a softer rig. Designed to give you both power and height, this sail will need the softer mast and the ability to track up to windward in order to keep the leech flowing in those lighter conditions. This sail is championed by our current Captains Cup winner X166 "Swallow", X41 "Sphex" and the Lymington Week 2020 winner X72 "Venus".

c) XMC10

This design is from the same mould as the XMC8, but the luff has been modified to suit those with a stiffer rig setup and the twist has been increased in the upper third. The most recent converts to this sail are: X179 "Xpeditious" (2nd Lymington Week), X61 "Silver Wind" (2nd Poole Week)

3) Spinnaker

The spinnaker design has been unchanged for the last 3 years and with the continued positive feedback we can see no reason to review this popular sail. Our spinnaker comes with sail number, measurement and bag as standard and is available in two weights of fabric:

XSL1

This is the light spinnaker and should not be used in breeze above 10knots. Made of Superkote 60 (only available in White, Red, Blue, grey and black), we use minimal sized corner patches and eyes to suit light sheets. The majority of the seams are stuck only – saving yet even more weight for those lighter conditions.

XSM2

This is our very popular "All Purpose" spinnaker that is made of Superkote 75; this sail can be used in all sailable conditions.