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Winners in 5 ORC classes decided at Gaastra PalmaVela

6 May 2014



Over three days of competition in a variety of conditions, the winners emerged yesterday in the five ORC classes at the 2014 Gaastra PalmaVela event, organized by Real Club Nautico de Palma (RCNP). Some teams were using this traditional start to the Spanish season as the start to their training for the ORC European Championship, held over 1-6 July at Real Club Nautico Valencia.

With scores of 2-1-2-3, Christian Plump's Swan 45 ELENA NOVA from Germany led a very international ORC Class 0 of eight entries from five countries to defend his win from last year, while a Swiss entry, Rolf auf der Maur's DK 46 KASJA III, took second place and Axel Rodger racing Luis Senis's GS 46 GC DR.LUIS SENIS took third.

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Class 1

was even more diverse, featuring ten teams from six countries, with Milan Hajek's Czech First 40.7 THREE SISTERS defeating all by doing a clean sweep of four straight victories in the series. But racing in this class was close, with the first race tied on corrected time by the eventual second place overall winner, Joan Cabrer Borrás's Spanish X-37 AIRLAN-AERMEC raced by Teo Matheu, and the eventual third place finisher, the Spanish X-35 FYORD VALENCIA LUXURY, owned and raced by Jose Luis Maldonado Dasit.

ORC Class 2 also had ten entries and teams from four countries, but all on the podium were from Spain, led by Felix Comas's modified Sun Fast 36 PINYOL VERMELL who won all but one race to take victory in this class. Runner-up was another Sun Fast 36, Jaime Morell's local-based MESTRAL FAST, and in third was Alejo Truyols's GS 37B NIDEA 2.



ORC Class 3 managed to get in five races, and among the 11 teams entered from Mallorca Bernat Ripoll Alberti's X 302 YABADABA raced by Nicola Moody did best, finishing first by 11 points clear of second on an impressive score line of 1-3-1-2-1. In second was Joan Jofre Illabres's Sun Fast 32 LAMPO ROSSO, and in third Antonio Piza Haro's First 31.7 TEARAL, although this team had to take a 12 point hit in Race 3 for their DNF score when only 4 boats finished this race...otherwise they were in contention to win the class on the strength of their 3-1-1-3 finishes in the other races.

And in ORC Class 4 there were also five races completed among the small number of local-based entries. Maria Campins's modified First 30.5 IBE-TRES MARES raced by Juan Escandell won the class with straight victories except a DNF in Race 3. Jaime Cabot Llompарт's Elvstrom 30.5 INBLAU/VELAMAR XV was second, only one of two

boats to finish Race 3, and Raul Munoz Lirio's First 235 ANDREA was third.

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