

To:

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Good morning all

At the recent D One European Championships we held an owners meeting to discuss the future of the class and how we hope to develop the D One events and community. As owners we are all committed to this boat and have enjoyed excellent sailing and many great events over the past few years. We believe the D One is making sustainable growth across Europe and whilst numbers at major regattas tend to be around 20 to 25 the level of competition is high and the après sailing fantastic with many long-term friendships formed over the past few years.

At the owners meeting there were a number of points raised regarding how Devoti as the class builder see the future and this letter which has been circulated to as many D One owners as possible is intended to open a conversation with yourselves about how we can work together to ensure the D One continues to grow and thrive. The general points from the meeting at Alassio are set-out below and as owners we would greatly appreciate your thoughts and feedback:

How do you as the builder see the future of the class? We understand that new boat orders are small and you have greater production of other classes; do you intend to keep building D Ones or may there be a time in the future when you would consider licensing to an alternative builder(s)?

Some owners have had difficulty obtaining spare parts; would you consider providing some key spare parts to appointed owners in various regions to ensure good availability?

Do you think it is time to review the position of the class sail maker; we all wish to maintain the tight one design control of the sails but wonder if allowing other sail makers to make sails would help stimulate further interest in the D One. This would follow the model of other strict one designs and have tightly controlled measurement parameters to avoid the need for measurement and may help keep owners costs down.

Are you able to continue supporting the class at the Gold Cup and European Championships with spares and repairs? Would there be a possibility of providing a demonstration boat at these events so that the host club could publicise this to young sailors before the event and perhaps the boat could be raced by a young sailor during the event. We believe your support at these events is very important and provides an opportunity for owners and builder to talk and discuss the future.

Do you think you would be able to interest some of your core suppliers (Harken, North, compotech) in supporting the Gold Cup and European Championships. This may be in support of a particular social / dinner or with some fleet prizes. As owners we believe this kind of support helps raise the profile of the class. You will see below we are planning a European Circuit perhaps one (or more) core suppliers would like to take title sponsorship of this?

Do you have any 'spare' / used sails and foils that could be held UK / Europe so that when demos are held these could be used; sails could have some bright 'try a D One' signage on?

As owners we have all invested in this excellent class and we want to continue to grow and enjoy great sailing and camaraderie at events throughout Europe. At Alassio we agreed an outline plan for the Gold Cup and European Championships over the next three years as follows:

2018	Spring Gold Cup Wolfgangsee	Autumn Europeans Ligurian Sea (Rappello)
2019	Gold Cup Switzerland	Europeans France
2020	Gold Cup United Kingdom	

We believe having a 2 to 3 year programme will improve attendance at events and may encourage new sailors to join the fleet. We are aiming for more than 30 boats at Wolfgangsee next Spring and plan for this to be a high profile event for the class. We are also intending to create a European circuit to include the Gold Cup, European Championship and an event in the UK and mainland Europe and hope this will increase the interest in the D One. We are also aware of several sailors thinking or ordering new boats if the circuit continues to grow and be supported by Devoti Sailing.

We hope you will see the positive approach from the owners with this letter and we look forward to having an ongoing and open dialogue with you as the builder as we take the D One forward over the next few years. Of course any significant changes to the class would need to follow a process that obtained agreement from the majority of owners and the builder.

Once the above is agreed we can add all names of D One owners hopefully 30 or so