



Cygnets Model Boat Club Maidstone

Ronnie Richardson Sail Trophy 2007

The Ronnie Richardson Sail Trophy is contested over ten rounds of three races per round between the months of February and November – both months inclusive. In other words 30 races make up the programme for the Trophy. The races are generally held on the last Sunday of the month starting in the early afternoon. The decision to start later in the day was made so as to not interfere with members enjoyment during the morning – it was observed that most members have gone home on a Sunday by about 12.30 pm.

With some ten rounds of races to contest the leading protagonists start to appear by about rounds 4 or 5 and generally by rounds 7 or 8 the leaders really start to come to the fore. 2007 was no different and by the end of round 7 four skippers were emerging from the pack with one of them in a very strong position. The four leading skippers were Anthony Sisley, Les May, Dave Tucker and Dave Chalk. After 7 rounds Anthony Sisley was in a commanding lead but unfortunately for him, but fortunately for the others, he had to go away on business in Europe. This allowed the two Dave's and Les to close right up on him.

Round 9 should have been very interesting but misfortune overtook Dave Chalk and Les and Anthony went into the final round with what seemed to be a comfortable lead. After nine rounds Dave Tucker had dropped out of contention.

Round 10, right at the end of November, should have been a formality for Anthony but he had misfortune after misfortune and lady luck was on Dave Chalk and Les May's side and it all came down to the 30th and last race of the competition. Anthony again ran into trouble and Dave nipped in and took the trophy by two points.

The top ten positions in the competition are as follows:

1 st	Dave Chalk	126 points
2 nd	Anthony Sisley	128 points
3 rd	Les May	136 points
4 th	Dave Tucker	170 points
5 th	Harry Hunt	212 points
6 th	Greg Chalk	228 points
7 th	Nick Clayton	241 points
8 th	Jonathan Sisley	286 points
9 th	Edie Marjoram	289 points
10 th	Rita Holmes	291 points

The following also took part in the racing:

Bill Holmes, Richard Gardner, Colin Bird, Peter Daniels, Jack and Simon Diaper, Paul Cooper, Matt Mock, Vic Mortley, Alex Bevan, John Thorneycroft, Peter White, Steve Whenham, Ted Adams, Tom Heward, Kevin Keeler.

Apologies to anybody who took part but do not appear on the above.

The 2008 series of races start with Round One at 12.30pm on Sunday 24th of February. Please come along and enjoy the spectacle of yacht racing – see the concentration required of the skippers and feel the tranquillity and relaxing atmosphere of the races for the Ronnie Richardson Trophy.