



Cygnets Model Boat Club Maidstone

Ronnie Richardson Sail Trophy 2009 - Round 1 to 3

Report by Nick Clayton, thank you Nick

Rounds 1, 2, and 3 were contested in variable winds – what more can I say... This year has been much of the same as last year – where is the wind?

We have approximately 20 yachts competing in this year's races. Most skippers have opted to race the larger yachts in Class B. This has seen a trend where those skippers racing the 'Seawind' have dominated the races. It has been decided (subject to CMBC committee approval), to split the Class A yachts into two classes. This allows the 'slower' yachts in Class A to compete in their own class.

So the classes going forward are as follows:

Class A – Remains the same (This is a really competitive but small class).

Class B – 'Seawind' yachts only.

Class C – The 'other' yachts originally in Class B (Voyager, Emirates, etc.)

It should be noted that this allows skippers in Class A an 'upgrade' path for the future. Either to Class B (more expensive yachts) or Class C (less expensive).

Here are the points as of Round 3.

| | Class A | Points | Class B | Points |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------|--------------------------------|--------|
| 1 st | Dave Tucker | 47 | Anthony Sisley Derek Filmer | 43 |
| 2 nd | Paul Cooper | 34 | Dave Chalk | 39 |
| 3 rd | Colin Bird | 25 | Chris Harding | 24 |
| 4 th | David Elsworthy | 15 | Nick Clayton | 20 |
| 5 th | Alex Bevan | 14 | Harry Hunt | 14 |
| 6 th | Peter Daniels | 12 | Rita Holmes Greg Chalk | 10 |
| 7 th | Trevor Bright | 11 | Les May | 9 |
| 8 th | | | Kevin Chiles | 6 |

After some 'creative recalculation' of the points when splitting Class B, the positions are as follows:

Class A

| | | Points |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
| 1 st | Dave Tucker | 47 |
| 2 nd | Paul Cooper | 34 |
| 3 rd | Colin Bird | 25 |
| 4 th | David Elsworthy | 15 |

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| 5 th | Alex Bevan | 14 |
| 6 th | Peter Daniels | 12 |
| 7 th | Trevor Bright | 11 |

Class B

| | | Points |
|-----------------|------------------|--------|
| 1 ST | Anthony Sisley | 43 |
| 1 st | Derek Filmer | 43 |
| 1 st | Dave Chalk | 43 |
| 4 TH | Chris Harding | 28 |
| 5 TH | Nick Clayton | 21 |
| 6 TH | Derek Hutchinson | 0 |

Class C

| | | Points |
|-----------------|---------------|--------|
| 1 ST | Harry Hunt | 32 |
| 2 ND | Rita Holmes | 25 |
| 2 nd | Greg Chalk | 25 |
| 3 rd | Les May | 23 |
| 4 TH | Kevin Chiles | 7 |
| 5 th | Chris Chainey | 0 |
| 5 th | Dave Penfold | 0 |

It should be noted that Class C points are over 2 Rounds as the positions in the first round are unknown due to an administrative problem...

With this in mind the Class C championship will be held over 9 Rounds.

The Yacht Racing rules will be updated once approval has been finalised and will be in the next Bow Waves and on the website.