

2012 Tri-Services Championship

For most of the Tri-Services Regatta saw variable light, flucky winds coming from the south west.

A 19 boat entry, the biggest turn out so far, made the (OOD) Mr Bill Green split the fleet into two. Racing was very competitive throughout the two days and with 16 races completed, left the skippers with two discards to count.

Sunday morning saw Mick Chamberlain (Army) John Cleave (Royal Navy) and Vinnie Zammit (Army) all trying to make their mark in this regatta. Coming to the lunch break Mick Chamberlain started to create a significant lead on the chasing pack, but when racing resumed in the afternoon, the wind direction had swung 180 degrees and was slowly increasing in strength to a hard top suit breeze. By the last two rounds of racing in this regatta, the wind had pickup so much that it was sometimes difficult to keep control of the boats with their top rigs on. John Taylor (Royal Navy) was the only skipper to change down and from his decision found some success using his smaller rig on his boat, but it was too little too late for him.

Mick Chamberlain (Army) was the eventual winner of this Championship, a great achievement as this was his first time competing in this event.

The Team trophy was won by the Army, the team was made up of Mick Chamberlain, Lester Gilbert and Vinnie Zammitt. This is the first time in 9 years that the Navy team has not won the team event.

Full Results

1st Mick Chamberlain (Army) 27pts

2nd John Cleave (Royal Navy) 44pts

3rd Vinnie Zammit (Army) 52pts

4th Lester Gilbert (Army) 58pts

5th Mike Nichols (Royal Navy) 62pts

6th John Taylor (Royal Navy) 68pts

7th Tony Banfield (RAF) 99pts

=8th Malcolm McDonald (Royal Navy) 128pts

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10th Alan Southwell (Army) 149pts

11th Geoff Woodmason (Royal Navy) 169pts

12th Joe Binks (Army) 171pts

13th Ken Snell (Army) 178pts

14th Steve Rudd (Army) 184pts

15th Dennis Bookham (Royal Navy) 190pts

16th Chaz Jordan (RAF) 191pts

17th Neil Baxter (Army) 202pts

18th Roger Plumb (RAF) 248pts

Royal Navy Champion – John Cleave

Army Champion – Mick Chamberlain

RAF Champion – Tony Banfield

Team Winners – **Army**