

2016 Tri Services Championship

16 competitors, the three Armed services represented and members of the Emergency services as well. Add in a couple guests and you have the right mix for an enjoyable event.

First the ad-break on behalf of the Tri Services, it's open to current and retired members of the armed services and now the same for emergency services.

Take look at their web site (www.triservicesrsa.org.uk) for more information and their Championship is annually at Gosport. This is the 13 year of running and it didn't disappoint.

Saturday had the wind coming from a classic Gosport direction, Southwesterly from off the gasometer. That means a good long first beat, the race team set long courses using a good piece of the lake to good effect. The wind strength varied during the day as did the direction. It rained a couple of times but generally it was warm and pleasant. Most skippers stayed in top rig, some opting for second suit during the afternoon when it got a bit drafty. This was an unusual fleet, there wasn't a Britpop in sight, however V9's were well in evidence. Nigel Brown was in in good form most of Saturday, followed by Vinnie Zammit, Colin Cooper and David Alston, all sailing V9's. Good incident free racing all day.

And so to Sunday, the wind came round to a problematic direction, north westerly, that is diagonally over the club house and was light. It promised to get lighter and it did. Nigel, Colin and Vinnie kept it going and Dave Cox picked up his first heat win in 13 years. I don't know who was happier. Again an incident free days racing, 32 heat in total sailed so not bad value for money and everybody went away happy.

The results are on the web site, and if you fancy a play next year, contact the association and come and join us.