

Maiden Marine Beneteau Cup 2011

A lovely August weekend!



BENETEAU



The annual Maiden Marine Beneteau Regatta was another amazing weekend on and off the water! It was one of the biggest turnouts in the 17 year history of this event.

42 boats on the start line, all enjoying the slightly mixed weather! Not quite the lovely August weekend we had hoped for, but this is the Lake District and the weather Gods obviously didn't like the fact that at least two sacrificial pigs were eaten on the Saturday night! The beautiful Windermere Motor Boat Racing Club was bursting at the seams with a Jazz Band, 180 people and a Hog Roast in the building, all trying to avoid the torrential downpour of Saturday evening.

Once again we had a wonderfully warm reception, from the team at Broad Leys. This fantastic, Voysey designed venue, is perfect for the event and as always the Stewards - Richard & Fiona looked after us so well. They provided a fabulous spread of food and hospitality and they coped brilliantly with the slightly packed venue on Saturday night.

We would like to thank them for a wonderful weekend.

thank you...

A really important **thank you** must go to **The Race Committee** – firstly to Yvonne Crowder, who is a vital cog in the Maiden Marine Regatta team.

She makes things happen!

I would also like to thank Race officers Neil Crowder & Jim Schwerdt for setting the courses and calculating the results.

Neil gives up valuable OB Sailing time, to help out with this event and we really appreciate his contribution. Thanks also to Lyn Gooch who is a fantastic committee boat member.

A special thanks to the rest of the Team at Maiden Marine - John, Simon, Martin, Mark, Liz & David.

Amongst many other jobs they served drinks, laid race marks, tidied up, fixed boats, put up flags, filled in crew slots and without whom, this event wouldn't happen.

Thank you!



Tony Sladen "Westwinds"
Leading the fleet



Derek Beddows on his way to winning!



Mark Stewardson's First 34.7 Dancer

There is great camaraderie amongst all competitors, who all deserve "Spirit of the Event Awards".

There is so much enthusiasm for the event, and we are proud that this is the epitome of a Beneteau Cup Regatta and that it is now officially the biggest "Beneteau Cup" event in the UK!

We hope everyone enjoyed the event, despite the mixed weather.



Regatta Team
Maiden Marine

and now to the sponsors...



James Wright of Halewood International



The drinks party on Friday night was kindly sponsored by former First 285 owner James Wright, of drinks supplier Halewood International, they supplied all the drinks and just for the record; 40 litres of Players Punch, countless bottles of Crabbies Ginger Beer & two crates of Tsingtao beer were consumed that night!

Navigators & General Insurance Company, were as usual, hugely supportive of the Maiden Beneteau Regatta, making sure that everyone was covered for racing risks just for this event. They also sent lots of lovely trophies for the First 21 Fleet Champions and a selection of Henri Lloyd Clothing.



Harken were extremely generous with prizes, as were many of our chandlery suppliers. **North Sails** sent a shirt for every competitor and **Dubarry** delighted one small boy with his prize of a set of Ultima Boots.

A BIG THANKS goes out to all our sponsors, without whom this event would be very dull! As you can see from the photo, the prize table was groaning with a huge selection of prizes.

The full list of Sponsors is as follows: -

Navigators & General
Halewood International
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A HUGE THANKS GOES OUT TO ALL COMPETITORS FOR TAKING PART, AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MANY PRIZE WINNERS! WE REALLY ENJOYED RUNNING THIS EVENT – WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AGAIN AT THE MAIDEN BENETEAU REGATTA, SAME TIME NEXT YEAR! Karen

Results

Regatta

During this year we ran the second championship series for the First 21 fleet. It was a huge success and a very competitive series! With races every month from April to July - 21 boats and 25 races later we have a champion!

Beneteau Owner's Association First 21 Championship Series

- 1st** **Derek & Sarah Beddows** - F21.7s - Carousel
- 2nd** **Tony Brindle & Team** - F211- Ben O II
- 3rd** **Steve & Elise Watson** – F210 - Big Maude
- 4th** **Paul & Mandy Hibbert** – F21.7s - Owasippe
- 5th** **Tony Sladen – F210** - Westwinds
- 6th** **Ian & Liz Threadgold** – F21.7 - Kiri

Race 1 - North Sails Trophy

- North Sails **1st** **Tony Brindle** – First 211 – Ben O II
- North Sails **2nd** **Derek Beddows** – First 21.7s -Carousel
- North Sails **3rd** **David Watkins** – First 260 -Diamond Edge

Race 2 - The OB Sailing Trophy

- OB 1st** Mark Stewardson – First 34.7 - Dancer
- OB 2nd** David Watkins – First 260 - Diamond Edge
- OB 3rd** Rod Bulloughs – Beneteau 25 - Ridiculous

Prize for the highest placed helm taught by Neil from OB Sailing went to Bill & Lynn Entwisle on the Oceanis 31 Mist

Race 3 - The Nav & Gen Trophy

- N&G **1st** Tony Brindle – First 211 - Ben O II
- N&G **2nd** Derek Beddows – First 21.7s -Carousel
- N&G **3rd** Neville Heginbotham – First 21.7s - Casper

Race 4 - Boats.com Trophy

- B.com 1st** Mark Stewardson- First 34.7 – Dancer
- B.com 2nd** David Watkins – First 260 - Diamond Edge
- B.com 3rd** Rod Bullough – Ben 25 - Ridiculous

Now to the **Overall Fleet Results**

The Navigators & General Sponsored First 21 Fleet

N&G 21 Fleet	1st	Derek Beddows – First 21.7s - Carousel
N&G 21 Fleet	2nd	Tony Brindle – First 211 - Ben 0 II
N&G 21 Fleet	3rd	Steve & Elise Watson – First 210 – Big Maude
N&G 21 Fleet	4th	Neville Heginbotham – First 21.7s - Casper
N&G 21 Fleet	5th	Paul & Mandy Hibbert – First 21.7s - Owasippe
N&G 21 Fleet	6th	Tony Sladen – First 210 - Westwinds

25' Fleet **A new fleet this year - it included a First 260, First 25 and First 25.7s**

F25 Fleet	1st	David Watkins – First 260 – Diamond Edge
F25 Fleet	2nd	Steve Hackett – First 25 - Bliss
F25 Fleet	3rd	Mark & Tina John – First 25.7 - Sloe Motion
F25 Fleet	4th	David & Fiona Priestly – First 25.7 – Fast Forward

Oceanis 31 Fleet

31 Fleet	1st	Tim Jones – Oceanis 311 – Pheonix
31 Fleet	2nd	Andy Sawyer – Oceanis 31 - Papillon
31 Fleet	3rd	Rob & Julie Antrobus – Oceanis 31 - Tink
31 Fleet	4th	Adrian Lucas – Oceanis 311 - Tallulah
31 Fleet	5th	Bill & Lynn Entwisle – Oceanis 31 - Mist
31 Fleet	6th	Ted & Patricia McGrath – Oceanis 31 - Minerva
31 Fleet	7th	Kevin Stafford – Oceanis 311 - Escape II
31 Fleet	8th	David Russell - Oceanis 311 - Iona

Oceanis 34 Fleet

34 Fleet	1st	Paul Helsby – Oceanis 34 - Solitaire
34 Fleet	2nd	David, Vicki & Jamie Wilson – Oceanis 343 Killara
34 Fleet	3rd	Roger Smith & Family – Oceanis 34 – Elle Five

Sports Boat Fleet **Another new fleet this year**

SB Fleet	1st	Mark Stewardson – First 34.7 – Dancer
SB Fleet	2nd	Richard Parkinson – First 7.5 – Cannon Ball
SB Fleet	3rd	Rod Bullough – Beneteau 25 - Ridiculous

Overall Fleet Results



The Big Boat Fleet - SPONSORED BY YACHTWORLD.com

YW Fleet	1st	Mark & Michele Boyd – Oceanis 40 - Persuasion
YW Fleet	2nd	David Hutchon & family – Oceanis 37- Akwa mist
YW Fleet	3rd	David Hathaway – Oceanis 40 – Charisma
YW Fleet	4th	Peter Ward – Oceanis 37 – Chunky Monkey
YW Fleet	5th	Michael Quinn – Oceanis 40 - The Mighty Quinn

Capital Bank Best Novice Boat

First time racers & new owner - Neil Preston – First 21.7s - Avocet

Beneteau Owner's Association - **Spirit of the Event**

Ted & Patricia McGrath – Oceanis 31 - Minerva

They really entered into the spirit of this event. They took extra crew out sailing both days, and they provided a Committee Boat blood pressure spike, by dropping their anchor on the start line 5 minutes before the first race!

Gilbert Brown Memorial Trophy for the newest boat on the start line, went to Roger Smith & Family – New Oceanis 34 – Elle Five

Best Junior's - **Jamie Wilson** – Oceanis 343 – Killara.

Josh Wheatly & Sam Stewardson sailing on the First 34.7 Dancer. Ryan Hughes sailing on the Oceanis 40 Persuasion, and a special thanks goes to Molly Hughes who helped out during the weekend and sailed on the Oceanis 31 Minerva on Sunday.

Best Improved – zero to hero result

A traveller to the event from Barrow, he recorded a 30th in the first race and a 7th in the last race - Steve Almond – 21.7 - Magic Touch

And finally.....

The Corinthian – (Top Owner Driver)

BENETEAU CUP - OVERALL WINNERS

1st	Derek Beddows – First 21.7s - Carousel
2nd	David Watkins – First 260 – Diamond Edge
3rd	Steve & Elise – First 210 - Big Maude

Winners gallery



Derek & Sarah
Beddows –

Winners of the First 21 Championship Series and Beneteau Cup Overall Winners, they also won the First 21 Fleet – Sponsored by Nav & Gen with their First 21.7s "Carousel"



Tony Brindle & Team –

Winners of the Nav & Gen Silver Salver and Winners of the North Sails Trophy Race



Mark Stewardson & Team –

Winners of the OB Sailing Trophy Race & the Boats.com Trophy Race. They also won the Sports Boat Fleet in their First 34.7 "Dancer"



David Watkins and his team

with the First 260 Diamond Edge
Winners of the First 25 fleet, 3rd in NorthSails Trophy Race, 2nd in OB Sailing Trophy Race, 2nd in Boats.com Trophy Race, 2nd Beneteau Cup overall.

More photos available on
www.kenettphoto.co.uk



Tim Jones & family – winners of the Oceanis 31 fleet



Mark & Michele Boyd & Team from Oceanis 40 Persuasion – Winners of the Big Boat Fleet



Ted & Patricia McGrath – Beneteau Owner's Assoc – Spirit of the event award



Lyn & Bill Entwisle – Highest placed helm taught by Neil of OB Sailing



Steve Almond Best Improved result – First 21.7 – Magic Touch



Neil Preston – First 21.7s – Avocet – Best Novice Boat



Jamie Wilson - Best Junior (with his Mum & Dad and gorgeous puppy!) David & Vicki Wilson 2nd Overall in 34' Fleet



Roger Smith - Winner of the Gilbert Brown Memorial Trophy, with his daughter Kassia.