

Three visitors and four members of the home club arrived at Clayton Hill Park today for the annual Sextant Trophy for 6 metre yachts.

The wind was lighter than forecast and in a more awkward direction which made setting a truly good course a bit of a problem.

We are confined to one bank of the lake and the wind was more or less on our backs. However the wind is seldom steady at Clayton Hill and today was no exception. So despite there being in principle broad reaches on most legs of the course, the unsteadiness proved a bit of a boon in that it threw in some decent beats and the occasional run. The course was shortened a bit to avoid a really dead spot around the leeward mark but otherwise remained the same throughout. It was tempting on one or two occasions to change the course but the wind then went back to where it was so there was no point in making a change.

We had a mixture of designs ranging from the usual Ravenna and Rococos via a Panther and the local speciality, the Prismatic, to a couple of the light weight TIAS design. One might be forgiven for expecting the Prismatic to show the others a clean pair of heels, particularly when the wind became very light, but Cliff had an off day and it was not to be. Then the lightweights looked to be the ones to beat with Terry and Vinnie leading the fleet for the first three races. However Shaun was never far away and after race 3 Keith got the Rococo on song so that by the end of race 5 he and Shaun were both on 9 points, after one discard, with Vinnie on 10 and Terry on 14.

After 10 races, now with two discards, the order remained the same with Keith on 17, Shaun on 18 and Vinnie and Terry both on 22 points.

The wind was now very light so after race 11 we had a debate and decided that one more race should be sailed.

Those last two races were to Terry's benefit as he by winning one and coming second in the other he matched the points of Shaun, who had a bad start in race 11. With four wins to Shaun's one, Terry took second place leaving Vinnie in fourth place.

Meanwhile Keith kept the Rococo on song to finish in top spot a couple of points ahead of Terry. There was not a lot to choose between the top four with only a four point spread.

Norman was sailing a borrowed Rococo for the first time and although he had his moments they didn't result in a decent score although he did manage a couple of third place finishes. Cliff's day was, by his usual standards, a bit of a disaster

relieved only by a single second place. Martin does not enjoy light winds so, apart from a single second place, he had a disappointing day.

As Race Officer I was ably assisted by Derek Davies and Paul Clayden of Lee Valley.

### SEXTANT TROPHY 2018 FINAL RESULTS

Position	Skipper	Sail #	Club/City	Hull	MYA No.	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Keith Tindall	58	Lee Valley	Rococo	571	23.0	3.0	4.0	6.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	4.0	2.0	3.0	1.0	2.0	4.0
2	Terry Burton	76	Broads	Tias	694	25.0	4.0	1.0	1.0	8.0	8.0	5.0	1.0	3.0	5.0	2.0	1.0	2.0
3	Shaun Holbeche	16	Fleetwood	Ravenna	2183	25.0	2.0	3.0	5.0	2.0	2.0	4.0	3.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	6.0	3.0
4	Vinnie Zammit	17	Norwich	Tias(mod)	2310	26.0	1.0	2.0	4.0	8.0	3.0	1.0	5.0	5.0	1.0	7.0	3.0	1.0
5	Norman Clarke	96	Lee Valley	Rococo	2215	47.0	5.0	6.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	6.0	6.0	7.0	5.0	5.0	6.0
6	Cliff Daniels	03	Lee Valley	Prismatic	576	48.0	8.0	8.0	7.0	3.0	5.0	7.0	2.0	7.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	5.0
7	Martin Jarvis	09	Lee Valley	Panther	3507	53.0	6.0	5.0	2.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	7.0	4.0	6.0	6.0	8.0	8.0

As this event was also the last round of the 2002 Trophy Series the results were added to the points table with the outcome as shown below.

With only Terry and Vinnie taking part in all three rounds the result was hardly likely to let anyone else in with a chance. The only other possible contender was Mike Ewart who, although enter for the event, was unfortunately incapacitated for the day and unable to attend. Terry proved to be a clear winner with a 56 point lead over Vinnie.

POSITION	SKIPPER	CLUB	2002T 1	2002T 2	2002T 3	BEST 3
1	Terry Burton	Broads	89	55	85	229
2	Vinnie Zammit	Broads	78	40	55	173
3	Shaun Holbeche	Fleetwood	100		70	170
4	Mike Ewart	Two Islands	66	70		136
5	Neil Cousins	Broads	33	100		133
6	John Hanton	Norwich	44	85		129
7	Keith Tindall	Lee Valley			100	100
8	Bernie Guest	Broads	55			55
9	Norman Clarke	Lee Valley			40	40
10	David Kerridge	Harwich & Dovercourt		25		25
10	Cliff Daniels	Lee Valley			25	25
12	Michael Howard	Broads	21			21
13	Tony Garner	Broads	10			10
13	Mike Collins	Harwich & Dovercourt		10		10
13	Martin Jarvis	Lee Valley			10	10
	Peter Sutton	Broads	0			0
	Malcolm Button	Harwich & Dovercourt		0		0
	Henry Farley	Lee Valley			0	0

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