

Cadet class Peter Scott trophy at Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, Burnham

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It was great to be back at the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club for the [Vaikobi](#)-sponsored Peter Scott trophy, the second in the Cadet Class' spring series. Cadets have had a long association with Burnham, stretching back to the 1950s and Burnham International Cadet Week, and Corinthian Otters' own fleet is enjoying a resurgence too.

The forecast of light winds combined with spring tides was always going to make for a tricky weekend's sailing - but being a successful sailor requires more than just boatspeed. On the Saturday, the fleet was held ashore to wait for the anticipated breeze to fill, whilst the superb catering team at RCYC saw the opportunity to give the sailors an early pasta lunch.



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Race 1. Once out on the racecourse (helped by a few tows) the fleet found a 7kt southerly breeze waiting for them with tide still running. The main fleet got away with an individual recall flying. Most went left, although Alex Enkel and Jude Baldock in 10012 and Monty Hampton and Wilf Kingsnorth in 7231 went right seeking clean air. At the top mark, positioned in the mouth of the river Roach, Sophia Sfaxi and Evie Boddy in 9964 rounded first, followed by George Little and Hugh Voysey in 8533, then Tom Shepherd and Joe Mycroft in 9994. But places changed on the two reaches (the course was triangle, sausage, sausage) and the second top mark saw George+Hugh round first only to remember the spreader mark a bit late, allowing Gwen Thorogood and Primrose Denny-Pickess in 9985 to capitalise. They kept this order at the finish line, with Sam Nee and Audrey Giumali in 9028 in third.

The 10 boat regatta fleet had a clean start, with Mia Stanislaus and Isobel Stamp in 8529 and Ava Stoddart and Isabelle Davies in 10002 leading a big group up the course. Sailing one less sausage than the main fleet, they finished in this order with Nora Van Besien and Hannelore Cammaer in 10004 (one of three guest Belgian boats) in third.



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Race 2 saw the tide running fiercely, with boats having to point the wrong way in pre-start to hold position. The smart boats went right to counteract this, with Monty+Wilf going the furthest and laying the mark first without tacking. Alas for them, the wing mark was not holding, instead determinedly heading for the continental coast, so race abandoned.

Race 2 was restarted after a pause to allow the wind to fill. Sailors caution against bring swept over the line saw an especially clear start. But the current coming out of the Roach played havoc with some lay lines into the top mark. Those doing well included Sam+Audrey who rounded first, followed by 9289 sailed by Dylan McArdle and Lewis Walker and Alex+Jude in third. Several sailors miscalculated the tide on the first reach with some tacking to lay it. Places changed considerably on the beats and runs with those working out the tide gaining the most. At the end, on a dying breeze, Hettie Thorogood and Nicole Richardson in 10032 finished first, with Alex+Jude in second and Tom+Joe in third. In the Regatta Fleet, Ava+Isabelle took line honours, followed by Mia+Isobel with Nora+Hannelore again third.



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RCYC laid on a superb curry for competitors, who took advantage of the excellent clubhouse to relax and regroup for the next day's racing.

Sunday was wet and uninspiring. The fleet was held on shore for 45 minutes until the breeze filled, but towing was still required to get the Cadets out to the racecourse in time for a start. Race 3 started in 10/11kts from SSW, and sailors were very cautious about being pushed over the line. James Bailey and Jasper Bush in 9983 showed everyone how it was done with an outstanding port tack flyer, and led the fleet at the top mark. The tide was pushing boats high on the starboard lay line and on the first reach; some miscalculations costing some dearly. Unfortunately more errors were to follow, with 11 boats thinking the gate mark was in play and rounding the wrong mark - Not Sailed the Correct course scores awaited them. At the second top mark, Sophia+Evie led, with Rhona Enkel and Sophie Ringland in 9982 second and Evan Harris and James Vellacott in 10007 third. Sophia+Evie held the lead to cross the line first, followed by Loic Schoonooghe and Hanna Kerre in 10055 in second and Tom+Joe in third.

In the regatta fleet, the sailors were still getting to grips with the tide. Whilst the line was clear, the fleet was pushed further than they expected with several overstanding the marks. They've yet to watch and learn from

the main fleet start 5 minutes before them! At the end, local knowledge seemed to triumph with George Corrigan and Jessica Wright in 9027 finishing first, followed by Ava+Isabelle and then Mia+Isobel.



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In Race 4, the main fleet contested the start a little more keenly. George+Hugh won the committee boat end and were rewarded with their own private wind, sailing 15 degrees higher and half a knot faster than the pack. But the left was paying well - Amelie Whitehouse and Maddy Sherwood in 10076 had good pace and clean air. At the top mark George+Hugh rounded first with Tom+Joe hot on their heels followed by Alex McEwan and Amber Giumali in 10092. The two runs were interesting - only a few boats really headed up early to counteract the tide, with many just pointing at the mark and ending up gybing to come in at a hot angle. George+Hugh took line honours, followed by Tom+Joe and a fine performance by Rhona+Sophie securing them third. In the flagging breeze, most of regatta fleet got round the racecourse (with a couple of whisky flags at the end). At the finish, Mia+Isobel crossed first, followed by Emily Buckley and Isla Kennedy in 9243 (another Corinthian Otters boat) and Ava+Isabelle in third.

The breeze was dying now. With consistent sub-5 knots and a poor forecast, Arky sensibly cancelled all remaining races and the fleet headed home. With four races run and one discard kicking in, the Peter Scott trophy was won by Tom+Joe, with Sophia+Evie second and George+Hugh third. Silver fleet was won by Rhona+Sophie, with Hettie+Nicole second and Jemima McMorris and Harriet Davies third in 8352. Regatta fleet was won by Mia+Isobel with Ava+Isabelle second (both boats on the podium for every race) with Nora and Hannelore third.



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Our thanks go to RCYC - a brilliant host club who made everyone feel at home. I'd like to single out Edwin Buckley for his superb contributions behind the scenes, not just for this event but for his efforts in growing the Cadet class at Burnham again. And I'd also like to thank our own Race Officer, Arky - a friend of the class for many years now, who delivers excellent racing under tricky circumstances. We're proud to have him running our racing.

And so the fleet moves on to the Isle of Sheppey for the final event in the spring series. The seven world team places remain open - a bad day, gear failure or protests could easily upset the applecart. And who will perform on the day in all fleets? Watch this space...

Overall Results:

Pos	Nat	Sail No	Boat Name	Helm Name	Crew Name	Club	Division	R1	R2	R3	R4	Pts
Main Fleet												
1st	GBR	9994	May Contain Nuts	Tom Shepherd	Joe Mycroft	Frensham Pond	Gold	-5	3	3	2	8
2nd	GBR	9964	Mischief and mayhem	Sophia Sfaxi	Evie Boddy	Frensham Pond	Gold	4	-6	1	4	9
3rd	GBR	8533	Teen Spirit	George Little	Hugh Voysey	Frensham Pond	Gold	2	-13	9	1	12
4th	GBR	9028	She Who Dares	Sam Nee	Audrey Giumali	Frensham Pond	Gold	3	4	5	-7	12
5th	BEL	10055	Vortex	Loic Schoonooghe	Hanna Kerre	Brugse Zeil YC	Gold	6	-11	2	5	13
6th	GBR	9985	Twocan	Gwen Thorogood	Primrose Denny-Pickeys	Waldringfield SC	Gold	1	10	(NSC)	6	17
7th	GBR	10007	Spectre	Evan Harris	James Vellacott	Waldringfield SC	Gold	8	-16	4	9	21
8th	GBR	10092	Good Vibes	Alex McEwan	Amber Giumali	Frensham Pond	Gold	-13	8	6	8	22
9th	GBR	10012	Joint Effort	Alex Enkel	Jude Baldock	Waldringfield SC	Gold	10	2	-11	11	23
10th	GBR	7231	Sullom Voe	Monty Hampton	Wilf Kingsnorth	South Cerney SC	Gold	11	5	8	-13	24
11th	BEL	10096	Sirocca	Cyriel Debruyne	Feli Van Besien	WOS	Gold	7	-25	7	15	29
12th	GBR	9982	Racing Stripes	Rhona Enkel	Sophie Ringland	Waldringfield SC	Silver	9	19	(NSC)	3	31
13th	GBR	10032	Boombastic	Hettie Thorogood	Nicole Richardson	Waldringfield SC	Silver	14	1	(NSC)	21	36
14th	GBR	9400	She Who Shall Not Be Named	Elouise Mayhew	Clara Vellacott	Waldringfield SC	Gold	15	7	(NSC)	16	38
15th	GBR	9673	JIM	Zachary Windibank	Alice Boddy	Frensham Pond	Gold	-23	14	10	14	38
16th	GBR	10076	Aurora	Amelie Whitehouse	Maddy Sherwood	Frensham Pond	Gold	18	-22	12	10	40
17th	GBR	8352	Master Mariner	Jemima McMorris	Harriet Davies	South Cerney SC Royal Torbay SC	Silver	19	12	(NSC)	12	43
18th	GBR	10001	Pushing It	Kemmel Thorogood	Georgina Loader	Waldringfield SC	Silver	16	-17	13	17	46
19th	GBR	10003	Enigma	Oscar Bush	Emily Krailing	Waldringfield SC	Silver	12	18	(NSC)	19	49

20th	GB R	8845	Hot Rocks	Monty Slump	Frankie Sherwood	Frensham Pond	Silver	(NSC)	21	15	18	54
21st	GB R	9042	Roadrunner	Kali Karaskas	Clementine Denny-Pickeys	Waldringfield SC	Silver	-24	24	14	20	58
22nd	GB R	9241	Spritzer	Daniel Ringland	Joshua Booth	Waldringfield SC	Silver	20	15	(NSC)	23	58
23rd	GB R	9984	True Colours	Tom Krailing	Immy Sherwood	Waldringfield SC	Silver	17	20	(NSC)	25	62
24th	GB R	8556	Black Jack	Ava Roberts	William Hancock	South Cerney SC	Silver	(NSC)	23	16	24	63
25th	GB R	7274	Waverider	Joshua Davidson	Rosie Hancock	South Cerney SC	Silver	(NSC)	9	NSC	26	64
26th	GB R	9289	Wild Thing	Dylan McArdle	Lewis Walker	Waldringfield SC	Silver	25	(RET)	17	28	70
27th	GB R	9631	Hammerhead	Dominik McArdle	Oliver Walker	Waldringfield SC	Silver	21	27	(NSC)	22	70
28th	GB R	9983	Sorcerer	James Bailey	Jasper Bush	Waldringfield SC	Silver	22	26	(NSC)	27	75
Regatta Fleet												
1st	GB R	8529	Utopia	Mia Stanislaus	Isobel Stamp	Frensham Pond	Regatta	1	2	-3	1	4
2nd	GB R	10002	Aeolus	Ava Stoddart	Isabelle Davies	Frensham Pond	Regatta	2	1	2	-3	5
3rd	BEL	10004	Maniac	Nora Van Besien	Hannelore Cammaer	Royal Yacht Club van Belgie	Regatta	3	3	4	-8	10
4th	GB R	9027	Whatever	George Corrigan	Jessica Wright	Corinthian Otters	Regatta	-8	6	1	4	11
5th	GB R	9243	Blue String Pudding	Emily Buckley	Isla Kennedy	Corinthian Otters	Regatta	-5	5	5	2	12
6th	GB R	9156	Great White	Matthew Corrigan	Sammy Buckley	Corinthian Otters	Regatta	4	-8	7	7	18
7th	GB R	9380		Joseph Bowd	Ingrid Bergfeld	Corinthian Otters	Regatta	6	7	(DNF)	5	18
8th	GB R	8537	Never Look Back	Mimi Windibank	Rose Little	Frensham Pond	Regatta	7	-9	6	6	19
9th	GB R	8378	Animal	Olivia Stamp	Sophia Stamp	Frensham Pond	Regatta	9	4	(DNF)	DN C	25
10th	GB R	9456	You never forget your first cadet	Florence Fisher	Rosa Tucker	Corinthian Otters	Regatta	(RET)	10	8	9	27
11th	GB R	8427	Too Risky	Charlotte Noren-Topham	Miles Hardy	Frensham Pond	Regatta	10	-11	9	10	29