

SOLENT IRC 2022 PRIZE GIVING

The prize giving for the Solent IRC Championships was recently held at the Hamble River Sailing Club. The series is open to all IRC boats with a handicap between 0.750 and 1.360 and cruisers sailing under each host clubs handicap system. It is the 16th year of the championship and although numbers aren't at the level of its heyday there was a good turn out to all the events.

This year the host events were:

- Christchurch Bay Race hosted by Island Sailing Club
- Champagne Charlie Platinum Jubilee Regatta hosted by Royal Southern Yacht Club
- Taittinger Regatta hosted by the Royal Solent Yacht Club
- Nab Tower hosted by the Island Sailing Club
- Hamble IRC Autumn Championships hosted by the Hamble River Sailing Club



A mix of round the cans and longer races and covering all areas of the Solent. Three out of four events to count. The overall positions on the podiums were all hard fought for. With a few notable ones. It went down to countback in IRC 2 with Becky Walford's, *Brenda's J* pipping Giovanni Belgrano's *Whooper* to the top spot. And for the overall it went down to the last event to finalize the top 3. The season leader Kevin Taylors *Jump 2 It* overtaken by Ian Handley's and Tim James' *Banter* and a regular at the top Theresa Whelan's *Zarifa* this year finished off the podium.

The overall results were:

IRC 1

1 st	Tilt Racing	GBR7877R	Andrew Moore
2 nd	Sailplane	GBR562R	Rob Bottomley
3 rd	Journey Maker	GBR7751R	Louise Makin

IRC 2

1 st	Jump 2 It	GBR1599	Kevin Taylor
2 nd	Elaine Again	GBR1250N	Mike Bridges
3 rd	Mzubu	GBR4436L	Tony White

IRC 3

1 st	Brenda's J	GBR9972L	Becky Walford
2 nd	Whooper	GBR363R	Giovanni Belgrano
3 rd	Frank 3	GBR6455R	Olly & Sam Love

IRC 4

1 st	Banter	GBR6508T	Ian Handley/Tim James
2 nd	Ziggy	GBR4069T	Kevin Downer
3 rd	Riot	GBR3153	Greig City Academy

Cruiser A

1 st	Artemis	GBR4562	David McDonald
2 nd	Wishbone	GBR4461	S Smith/T Ashbey
3 rd	Allura	GBR3153	Neil Kendrick

Cruiser B

1 st	Xarifa	GBR4698T	Theresa Whelan
2 nd	Emoyeni	GBR2364	David Smith
3 rd	Celine	GBR6528T	I Newbold/M Saunders

And the overall IRC Solent Champion 2022

1 st	Banter	GBR 6508T	Ian Handley and Tim James.
2 nd	Jump 2 It	GBR 1599	Kevin Taylor
3 rd	Xarifa	GBR 4698T	Theresa Whelan

Congratulations to all competitors from your Solent IRC Championship committee James Gair Lois Chell and Mark Denton. Look forward to seeing you at the 2023 series.

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Some of the Trophy Winners: Becky Walford ~ Kevin Taylor ~ Ian Handley ~ Theresa Whelan