

Captain's report on the 166th JE Gorey Regatta.

With this being the first JE Gorey Regatta it would be my pleasure to welcome on board The Jersey Electricity company as well as their fantastic staff who have played an important part in supporting this historic and traditional regatta .

Many of the competitors and spectators benefited from the JE presence on the beach at Gorey to start the event with merchandise from the company including the popular caps and sunglasses useful for the sunny conditions over the weekend.

The weekend was completed by a lively prize giving at the Ranch, Gorey Village where over 100 sailors attended.

What follows is Philip Jeune's media Report giving a detailed outline into the racing and prizewinners, but I would like to thank the whole team who work year round to ensure that this event runs smoothly, and whom we could not do without, (that is the Gorey Regatta committee,) as well as all the support staff over the long weekend both on, and off the water.

PERFECT conditions made for a highly successful Jersey Electricity Gorey Regatta at the weekend.

The recent high pressure that has given as such stable weather resulted in sunshine and a steady north-easterly Force 3-4 breeze throughout the two days of racing, enabling regatta director Bill Harris and his starting team to complete a busy schedule of races in what was the 166 th running of this historic event. Other regattas may be bigger but racing beneath the ramparts of Mont Orgueil in the beautiful setting of the Royal Bay of Grouville holds a special attraction for sailors of all ages. This year was no exception with the trophy winners including 12-year-old Henry Edwards in his Optimist dinghy Funky Monkey and 83-year-old Peter Carnegie in his dayboat Pod.

The event also attracted national television coverage with a film crew covering the racing for Channel 5 with a camera and drone aboard one of the competing cruisers, Mystique of St Helier, sailed by Deborah Hutchings and Chris Fritot. Their shots will hopefully be included in a documentary on the Channel Islands.

In the cruiser races the main honours were shared by four yachts – Bandit (Ben Rogers), which won three cups, and Abracadabra (Nick O'Hare), Jackrabbit (Robin Jenkins) and Super Q (Team Super Q) who each took home two.

In the dayboats – the 'red sails' class – Antony Gibb's Petrina came top in Saturday's three races with Peter Carnegie's Pod taking the honours on Sunday.

In the dinghies Laser sailor James Tilley won three trophies while Jamie Washington (Topper) and Olliver Boyle (Laser) gained two apiece.

New sponsors Jersey Electricity were represented by head of operations Mark Preece who said that the company were delighted to be able to 'come on board' such an historic event, especially one that was considerably older than JE which will celebrate its centenary next year. Staff members from JE were able to go out on a RIB to see the racing action at close quarters and also give out memorabilia to the younger sailors launching their dinghies from the beach.

The 19 trophies were presented by Mr Preece at the Sunday evening prize-giving held at the Ranch in Gorey Village, where Gorey Regatta Association captain Justin Horton expressed his delight at the success of the 166 th event and also the new partnership with JE.

Mr Horton concluded the formalities by announcing that 13-year-old Heath Senior, competing in his first Gorey Regatta, had been awarded the Morning Cloud Trophy, a special

award given at the discretion of the GRA captain. In his first race Heath's Pico dinghy had sprung a leak that filled the boat with water. Undeterred he came ashore, went round to St Catherine, collected another Pico and returned to Gorey to compete in the remaining races, perfectly illustrating the enthusiasm that makes the oldest sailing event in the Channel Islands so successful.

RESULTS

CRUISERS

Abracadabra (Nick O'Hare) De Faye Memorial Trophy & Glendewar Challenge Cup; Jackrabbit (Robin Jenkins) Richardson Trophy & Commodore's Cup; Super Q (Team Super Q) Le Riche Challenge Cup & Stevens Centenary Challenge Cup; Bandit (Ben Rogers) Betty Bruce Challenge Cup, Fairey Cup & Austin Potter Cup; Giselle (Myles Winchester) 150 th Regatta Trophy; Foxhound (Don Thompson) Yangtze Cup.

DAYBOATS

Petrina (Antony Gibb) Orviss Challenge Cup; Pod (Peter Carnegie) Frank Jeune Trophy.

DINGHIES

Jamie Washington (Topper) Fifth Gorey Cup & Rosel Bowl; James Tilley (Laser) Assinder Cup, Norman Challenge Cup & Perchard Memorial Cup; Henry Edwards (Optimist) Erehos Trophy; Olliver Boyle (Laser) Gorey Cup-George Thomas Labey & Fourth Gorey Cup; Paula Boyle (RS Aero 7) Marmotier Trophy; Florian Therese (Windsurfer)

FAST CATS

Adrian Jesson (Hobie Wildcat) Fast Cats Trophy.

MULTIHULL

Muscatelle (Jack Horton) Horton Trophy.

MORNING CLOUD TROPHY

Heath Senior (Pico).