

## Yachting Monthly Cup, 2018

Gosport Model Yacht and Boat Club is hosting the 2018 Vane A Nationals, which this year is sponsored by Dean and Reddyhoff. As is the tradition, the Yachting Monthly Cup was held in the middle of the week, this year on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August. The weather was dry and very warm, with a full-sail breeze largely from the south west but with a tendency to back at times to the south. There was a fleet of 22 boats, ranging from heavy traditional designs to the most recent thinking in the class.

For the initial rounds four sub-fleets were scheduled, with the top two boats going through to the quarter finals. By the semi-finals the wind had firmed up with the sea-breeze, and it gave superb sailing in perfect summer weather. Andrea Roberts and Lisa Priestley's mid-weight Simpson design lost narrowly to C.J. and Rob Vice's Stollery 'Clockwork Orange', and Derek and Shaun Priestley's 'VC2' lost to Peter Fothergill and Paul Edwards's new Hollom design 'Reference Point'.

By the final, sailed at about 4.30, the sea-breeze was beginning to falter. Peter and Paul from the home took both beats from C.J. and Rob, from the Guildford MYC, to win the Yachting Monthly Cup for 2018.

Tomorrow, Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup>, normal fleet racing starts again, with Martin Roberts leading Graham Butler by three points.

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