

Piper Owners Association 49th Anniversary Regatta

16/17th May 2015

In what was some very challenging conditions over the weekend Neil Towart and his crew of Caroline Clark and Charmaine Boyd sailing "Stay Puff" took the Overall best performance with the award of the Royal Marine Trophy.

Towart and his crew had dominated the regatta taking 4 wins out of the 5 races. Of the 9 entries received by the race committee only 1 was from "overseas", Brian McLean with Roseann back to defend the title he had won last year.



McLean was to make a very positive start by winning the first race ahead of "Stay Puff" after that little blip though the Stay Puff team got it together and McLean had dropped to 5th.

The rest of the fleet were not holding back and Allan Waugh with Tass was beginning his charge for success, having won the Saturday races last season he wasn't going to let go of the

Trophy easily, he couldn't quite make it and finished just behind Stay Puff again in race 3.

The skippers and crews then headed ashore for a welcome "warm up" from not only the soup, pies and tea but a "dram" from Regatta sponsor "Old Pulteney" malt whisky, the crews had been kept going out on the water with a Goodie bag from Piper Class series sponsor "Tunnocks", Tea cakes and Caramel wafers were just what was required to keep everyone going.

The Apres Sail continued within the HLSC till the wee small hours as crews and helms discussed how the races had been won and lost!

The Sunday weather was a vast improvement on Saturday, starting earlier to allow a full 3 race programme but have crews ashore early for the prizegiving worked well.

First race of the day and Stay Puff started well and lead at the first mark ahead of Duncan Chalmers in Talisker and Allan Waugh with Tass. Neither though could put pressure on Towart and they had a clear win and a comfortable margin in the overall placings.

The Stay Puff team were not hanging back though and again started in clear air got their nose in front and held top slot again for the duration of the race again the charge was lead by Tass and although they came close on a couple of occasions couldn't quite pass Stay Puff.

A well attended Prize giving was held at the clubhouse after the catering crew of Chris Wilson and Alison Chalmers worked their onshore magic again to fill those after racing munchies.

Results Overall

1 st	Stay Puff	Neil Towart
2 nd	Tass III	Allan Waugh
3 rd	Tom Piper	Andy Love