

Piper Championships 2017

“Tass III” Reigns supreme!

Alan Waugh and his team won the 2017 Piper OD Class championships held over 12/13th August.

15 boats took part, completing 6 races in ideal race conditions, good breeze although shifty at times gave helms and crew alike plenty to think about.

The weekend was not without incident as Brian Mclean sailing Rosanne broke his mast in a port /stbd incident with Duncan Chalmers Talisker on the Saturdays first race.



Defending Champion Bob Donaldson and Championships winner Alan Waugh had a similar incident although both boats did manage to disentangle themselves and continue racing. Three boats were grounded at one point as they hugged the shore to keep out the worst of the tide.

Saturday racing centred on the Gourock shore whilst the north westerly breeze was in place but as Sundays breeze eventually filled in from the

south and the more traditional Kilcreggan shore start was favoured by PRO Bill Aitchison.

The racing was close throughout the weekend and in the final countback Waughs win was made by a solitary point from Bob Donaldsons Pibroch, Donaldson had played a blinder on the Sunday winning all 3 races but it was still not quite enough.

Class sponsors Old Pulteney Malt whisky and Tunnocks hosted a “Tasting “at RGYC on the Saturday after racing and Inverbeg Galleries provide some spectacular prizes for the weekends racing.



Thoughts now turn for the Pipers final fling at the Holy Loch Sailing Club organised Polaris Regatta.

Results Overall

1st Alan Waugh 6 pts

2nd Pibroch R Donaldson

3rd Tamarind D Campbell