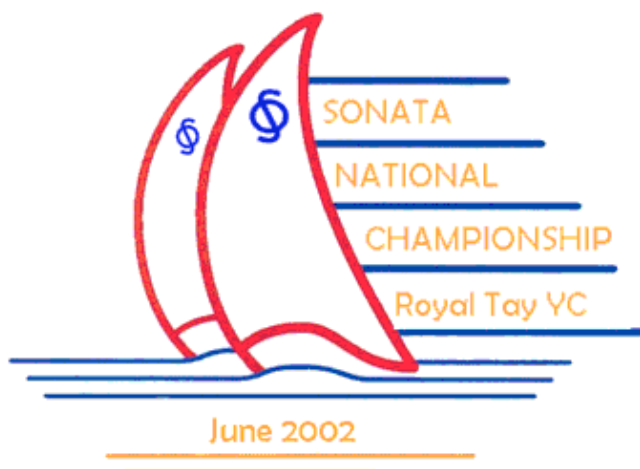


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Practice race

Fifteen of the nineteen boats entered in the Championships took part in the practice race in a strong westerly breeze which saw some spectacular broaches but no major damage was done apart from one spinnaker needing repaired. Racing was close in the windward /leeward race with those completing the course sailing four laps.

Races 1 and 2

In race 1 a good westerly breeze again saw exciting sailing. Steve Goacher in *Eric the Boat* and Heath Gairns in *Jammie Dodger* were fighting it out all the way but Steve just managed to pick up a small lead to finish first with local boat *So* lying third. Race two saw a change of the start area which was now just west of the Lifeboat pier and gave a slightly longer course. There were still plenty of spectacular broaches and one boat *Serenity* suffered a broken tiller.

Races 3 and 4

Yet again the strong west wind caused problems for the competitors taking part in races three and four. The majority of the fleet decided not to use spinnakers which was possibly a wise move as there were some spectacular broaches in the difficult conditions. There was some boat damage but nothing too major. The racing took place in an area between the Stannergate and the Middlebank Buoy.

There was no sailing on Wednesday.

The final day of the Championships saw a westerly force two gusting three giving a good day's sailing. Two windward/leeward races were sailed with the first starting just west of Tayport and the windward mark towards the harbour. Positions were closely contested with local boat **So** taking the honours.

Race 2 saw the racing moving to the north of the river beside the Lifeboat Pier and the windward mark in the same area. This gave a good spinnaker leg down through the moorings for those that came close inshore with the race finishing at the windward mark. This meant it was just a short distance for the boats to go to the harbour for craning out: a good ending to an enjoyable week.

Results

Name	No.	Practice	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Points	Place
Eric The Boat	8748	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	20	20	7	1
SO	8217	4	3	2	5	6	2	4	1	3	15	2
Tragedy	8312	DNC	8	4	3	1	3	2	3	5	16	3
Jammie Dodger	8047	DNC	2	5	4	3	11	3	2	2	16	4
Bad Company	8867	6	4	6	6	12	5	6	4	1	26	5
Pied Piper	8320	2	5	7	2	4	7	5	10	4	27	6
Exposition	8327	5	7	3	7	15	6	16	7	6	36	7
Kallista	8404	3	14	9	13	9	9	8	6	8	49	8
Napper	8968	7	9	14	8	5	4	12	12	17	50	9
Fiddlesticks	8397	DNF	11	10	11	7	8	9	5	15	50	10
Cobweb	8103	DNC	6	8	20	11	13	10	13	9	57	11
Blazer	8887	DNF	13	11	9	13	12	7	8	12	59	12
White Magic	8872	9	10	13	14	20	10	11	9	7	60	13
Serenity	8098	DNF	20	20	10	8	15	15	9	7	72	14
Fiddlers Three	8944	8	12	12	12	10	16	17	16	11	73	15
Sting	8116	DNF	15	17	20	20	14	13	11	13	83	16
Miss Elainy Us	8089	10	18	16	15	14	19	14	15	14	88	17
	8198	DNC	16	15	20	20	18	18	17	16	100	18
Sonorific	8080	DNF	17	18	16	20	17	19	18	18	104	19