

# 1996 One Metre European Championship 1996 - Fleetwood MYPBC

Races = 39

Discards = 5

1	22	Martin Roberts	Widget	UK	80.0
2	33	Chris Dicks	Metrick Magick	UK	93.9
3	44	Peter Stollery	Tonic	UK	165.1
4	95	Graham Bantock	Same Again	UK	183.4
5	6	Guillermo Beltri Fernandez	. . . Y Yo Que Se	Spain	243.7
6	66	Mark Dicks	Crossbow	UK	247.4
7	08	Paul Jones	Grey Lable	UK	251.8
8	21	Chris Harris	Ice 'n' Slice	UK	285.1
9	42	Remi Bres	Pasta Ga	France	321.1
10	92	Laurent Chapelot	Supermario/Quattro	France	351.4
11	90	Keith Skipper	Cotes du Rhone	UK	357.1
12	41	Rob Vice	Woodstock	UK	366.0
13	49	John Taylor	Parasite	UK	378.0
14	80	Anthony Corbett	One of a Kind	UK	384.1
15	5	Miguel Zatarain Gordo	Panpoxa	Spain	406.0
16	9	John Cleave	One over the Eight	UK	461.7
17	142	Graham Elliott	Doc Solomon	UK	506.7
18	75	Tony Edwards	Kato	UK	567.7
19	67	Derek Priestley	Para +	UK	578.4
20	51	David Taylor	Canada 1	Canada	603.0

windward marks in the most appalling wind shadows for most of Thursday, following some rain and off the sea wind on previous days. One or two visitors who had read the adverse comments about Vilamoura in many magazines, or had been there, remarked that they would have settled for the Vilamoura course there any day!

The Jury, so important to the smooth progress of major radio yachting events, dealt swiftly with no less than seventy five Protests, of which twenty-five were for redress, and as a result of their high grade service the Race Officer Ken Roberts, was able to complete no less than 39 races for the fleet of just under 60 boats.

The atmosphere was generally pretty good, and it was most noticeable that the boats were very well matched for speed in general terms, so much so that there was extremely close racing in all fleets.

The winner, much to the delight of many UK skippers and onlookers who have watched him place second in a lot of championships, was Martin Roberts, sailing his Widget, followed by Chris Dicks with his familiar Metrick Magick, and in third place the

new Tonic from the drawing board of Alex Austin, sailed by Peter Stollery. Top visiting skipper was Guillermo Beltri Fernandez, and the only other visitors to get a place in the top ten were Remi Bres sailing his Lucas BabyGo, and Laurent Chapelot sailing a design called Quattro based on some lines from Chris Dicks. They placed second and

third in the French National Championships recently, in mainly very light winds, and the much stronger wind conditions is probably the reason why Marc Minaud, the winner of that event, finished down in thirtieth place on this occasion.

## One Metre European Champs.

This event was sailed at Fleetwood over the week of 26th to 31st May, and was attended by a much wider entry in national terms than most previous One Metre class events, showing how the class is spreading across a wider base of countries as a cost effective radio yacht. Entries were received from the UK, Croatia, France, Germany, Holland, Ireland, Malta, Portugal, Spain, and Englishman David Taylor sailing under the Canadian flag.

The week was blessed by less than kind wind directions for most of the sailing time, which led to the slalom course down the length of Fleetwood's lake to give a couple of short beats to some