

News from the National Squib East Coast Championships at the Royal Yorkshire Yacht Club, Bridlington.

**Day 1**

18 squibs from 9 clubs far and wide across the UK made their way to the start line on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May in Bridlington Bay for the East Coast Championships in a westerly force 3. The PRO for the weekend (David Armstrong) set a windward / leeward course in the middle of the bay hoping to get the best out of a very competitive fleet at an excellent sailing venue. A day of fantastic, close racing followed!

Race 1: *Ghost* (840) led the way for the majority of the race, closely followed by *Brimstone* (73), *aLCHEMY* (800) and *Flare* (67). As the boats made their way down the final leg to the finish, a mistake by *Ghost* allowed *Brimstone* through to take the win.

Race 2: This was led by *Easy* (83) to the windward mark, closely contested, again, by *Brimstone* and *Ghost*. Some close racing saw positions in the top 5 change several times, but in the end it was *Brimstone* who took the honours.

Race 3: 2 hours after the 1<sup>st</sup> start time, the weather had stayed much the same, but the tide had turned leading to a slight change in the sea state and a change in tactic. *aLCHEMY* took the lead from the start and proved difficult to catch, with *Easy*, *Perkers* (12) and *Seahorse* (41) putting up the best fight. Whilst boats changed positions behind them, *aLCHEMY* held off the competition to take the win.



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