

SPORT

Canterbury sails into record books

THE Abersoch yacht Canterbury, sailed by Tony Vernon of the South Caernarfonshire Yacht Club and a mainly local crew, has crowned a highly successful racing season by winning the Irish Sea Offshore Racing Association's 1987 Championship.

This is a very rare achievement when one realises that a fleet of 78 top class yachts were in conten-

tion, sailing from clubs from Gwynedd venues like Abersoch and Holyhead, from clubs in the North West such as Royal Dee and Royal Mersey, and from Ireland.

Canterbury was specially built for the 1985 New Zealand Admirals Cup team and was also sailing for that country in the World One Ton Cup in Poole, Dorset. She is 40 foot long, was designed by Lauric

Davidson and was built in Christchurch.

Tony Vernon, a sailing enthusiast if there ever was one, went to New Zealand to negotiate for the Canterbury and sailed her in Auckland. He brought her to Abersoch last year and admits that it took him and his team some time before they were able to get acquainted with the world class boat which carries a crew of nine or ten

when racing.

The normal crew comprises of Tony Vernon himself; Pwllheli sailmaker Jonathan Abraham, sailing master; Richard Humphreys, who is captain of the Pwllheli XV; Ewan McEwan from the National Sailing School at Plas Menai; Neville Askew of Llanbedrog; Andrew Brook from Yorkshire; John Woodvine from Liverpool; David Roberts from London and Tony Vernon's two sons, Paul Vernon, who works in London and J J Vernon, a student at University College, Bangor.

Canterbury performed very well last year but this year she has certainly swept virtually every challenge aside and winning the ISORA Championship was the ultimate. She was also the winner of the one ton level rating in the same series, as well as being the winner of two of the offshore races and also came second twice.

Canterbury also won the highly prestigious Camrose Trophy at Cowes Regatta this summer, plus several other trophies at the same venue.

As well as winning these major events Canterbury also won at the Abersoch Regatta, was also the overall winner of the Abersoch Open Keelboat Week although she was rather fortunate to beat off the challenge of Will Humphreys' Seren Wib on this occasion.

"I am really proud of my boat, my crew and of our record. At the end of the day it is our combined effort that really counts," said Tony Vernon.

Jonathan Abrahams, principal of JKA Sails. Pwllheli said that more modifications are planned for next season to make certain that Canterbury keeps its edge and becomes an even slicker racing machine.

Asked what plans they had for next season Jonathan replied: "We may be going abroad to a warm climate to compete this winter and we are definitely going to Cork to compete in the European Offshore Team Championships next summer. We did go there last year and came third overall so the odds are that



Irish Sea Offshore Racing Association

1987 SEASON'S RESULTS. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PROTEST APPEAL (IMPULSIF V. GLIDER II) IS STILL OUTSTANDING

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IRISH SEA OFFSHORE RACING ASSOCIATION - 1987 SEASONS OVERALL RESULTS

| POS. | YACHT NAME | DIV. | OWNER | CLUB | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | TOTAL | BEST |
|------|-------------------|------|-----------------------------|------|------|--------|--------|-----|--------|------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1 | CANTERBURY | A1 | A. J. VERNON | SC | 68 | 112.50 | 125 | 64 | 30 | 94 | 125 | 618.50 | 524.50 |
| 2 | LIGHTNING | A2 | L. SHARAHAN | NA | 90 | 100 | 107.50 | 100 | 62.50 | 90 | 112.50 | 662.50 | 510 |
| 3 | BANGA WANGA | A2 | HILL FAMILY | HS | 100 | 107.50 | | 94 | 53.75 | 80 | 97.50 | 532.75 | 479 |
| 4 | MEGALOPOLIS | A1 | U. C. TAYLOR | HS | 72 | 125 | 103.75 | 90 | 42.50 | 74 | 63.75 | 571 | 464.75 |
| 5 | CHECKMATE | A2 | J.M. BIGGS | HS | 86 | 103.75 | 90 | 78 | 52.50 | 66 | 103.75 | 580 | 461.50 |
| 6 | SEREN WIB | A2 | M. V. HUMPHREYS | PW | 80 | 85 | 92.50 | 83 | 57.50 | 62 | 107.50 | 567.50 | 448 |
| 7 | DEWELZA | B1 | N. D. MAGUIRE | HY | 76 | 62.50 | 87.50 | 76 | 107.50 | 78 | 95 | 582.50 | 444 |
| 8 | GRENADE | B1 | H. S. MORRIS | SC | 53 | 95 | 71.25 | 46 | 117.50 | 57 | 92.50 | 532.25 | 433.25 |
| 9 | GLIDER II | B1 | A.J. BARTON (J. MORRIS) | SC | 83 | 92.50 | 82.50 | 86 | 70 | | 80 | 494 | 424 |
| 10 | ACT OF DEFIANCE | A2 | A. N. HALL | SC | 94 | 77.50 | 97.50 | 65 | 67.50 | 72 | 71.25 | 544.75 | 412.25 |
| 11 | JIMI THE FINK | A2 | B. BARKER | AL | | | 112.50 | 48 | 56.25 | 83 | 100 | 399.75 | 399.75 |
| 12 | CONANCHE RAIDER | A1 | N. & P. REILLY | HY | 59 | 117.50 | | 61 | 23.75 | | 117.50 | 378.75 | 378.75 |
| 13 | IMP | A1 | R. DICKSON | HY | | 87.50 | 117.50 | 63 | 37.50 | | 68.75 | 374.25 | 374.25 |
| 14 | CRYSTAL CLEAR | B1 | P. A. FARRELLY | AL | 64 | 67.50 | | 68 | 92.50 | | 76.25 | 368.25 | 368.25 |
| 15 | ZAG ZIG | A2 | D. GRIFFITH | HS | 57 | 90 | 76.25 | | 47.50 | 63 | 81.25 | 415 | 367.50 |
| 16 | SCENARIO | A2 | A. J. M. JONES | PW | 45 | 72.50 | 53.75 | | 77.50 | 86 | 72.50 | 407.25 | 362.25 |
| 17 | SUNSPOT OF DWYFOR | A2 | B. R. HAGGAS | PW | 65 | 71.25 | 81.25 | 62 | | 55 | 82.50 | 417 | 362 |
| 18 | INSOLUBLE | B1 | M. J. THISTLETON | RD | 61 | 65 | 53.75 | 50 | 103.75 | 47 | 77.50 | 458 | 361 |
| 19 | ANDROMEDA OF DEE | A2 | A. L. STEAD | HS | 51 | 75 | 53.75 | 74 | 85 | D190 | 70 | 408.75 | 357.75 |
| 20 | SHE OF LLEYN | B1 | D.A. HUGHES | PW | 52 | 55 | 72.50 | | 112.50 | 61 | 43.75 | 396.75 | 353 |
| 21 | IMPULSIF | B1 | P.F. WILSON | HY | | 73.75 | 95 | 66 | 100 | | | 334.75 | 334.75 |
| 22 | SUNDANCER-O-LLEYN | B1 | J. C. SELBY | PW | | 57.50 | 53.75 | 59 | 80 | 50 | 73.75 | 374 | 324 |
| 23 | FIRANJO III | A1 | B.L. INGHAM & G.W. HIRST | HS | 63 | 76.25 | 75 | 52 | 27.50 | | 56.25 | 350 | 322.50 |
| 24 | EMIRCEDES | B1 | M. HORGAN ET.AL. | NA | | 56.25 | 82.50 | 47 | 76.25 | 60 | 43.75 | 365.75 | 322 |
| 25 | PANACHE | A2 | H. TUDOR | PW | | 63.75 | 53.75 | 51 | 32.50 | 65 | 87.50 | 353.50 | 321 |
| 26 | FIONA | B1 | P. COYNE | AL | 50 | | 77.50 | 45 | 58.75 | | 78.75 | 310 | 310 |
| 27 | BLUE OYSTER | A1 | B. ORD | HY | 56 | 61.25 | 78.75 | 44 | 28.75 | 56 | 57.50 | 382.25 | 309.50 |
| 28 | STORM BIRD | A1 | C. P. FOLEY | RI | 66 | 97.50 | | | 35 | 100 | | 298.50 | 298.50 |
| 29 | 'SMAGIC OF LLEYN | A1 | C. R. PETERS | SC | | | 73.75 | 58 | 36.25 | 59 | 67.50 | 294.50 | 294.50 |
| 30 | FINDABAR OF HOWTH | A1 | J.P. JAMESON | HY | 70 | | 53.75 | 57 | | 68 | 43.75 | 292.50 | 292.50 |
| 31 | ROUSTABOUT | A2 | M. COLWYN FOULKES | SC | | | D190 | 72 | 71.25 | 70 | 75 | 289.25 | 288.25 |
| 32 | TEN | A2 | A. DICKINSON | RD | 60 | 70 | | | 46.25 | 58 | 43.75 | 278 | 276 |
| 33 | BREASED LIGHTNING | A1 | B.J. COX | PW | 58 | 60 | 53.75 | | 26.25 | 51 | 55 | 304 | 277.75 |
| 34 | HUSTLER | A2 | D.R. & N.D. PETERS | PW | 45 | 52.50 | 53.75 | 42 | 51.25 | 49 | 65 | 358.50 | 271.50 |
| 35 | MERRY FIDDLER | A2 | J.D. BUTTERFIELD | RA | 54 | 68.75 | | 49 | 90 | | | 261.75 | 261.75 |
| 35 | SEASMOKE | B1 | P. WILLIAMS | RM | | | 53.75 | 54 | | 64 | 90 | 261.75 | 261.75 |
| 37 | ROULETTE | B1 | K. DEAKIN | PW | D190 | | 70 | 53 | 20 | 53 | 43.75 | 239.75 | 239.75 |
| 38 | MYALA | A1 | P.C. CULLEN & M. CROTTY | NA | 74 | | | 56 | 31.25 | 76 | | 237.25 | 237.25 |
| 39 | SYNCOPIATION | A2 | J. B. GOWIN | SC | 62 | | 53.75 | | 48.75 | | 66.25 | 236.75 | 236.75 |
| 40 | KEEP SHILLING | A1 | J. T. LITTLE | SC | | 78.75 | | 55 | | 48 | 43.75 | 225.50 | 225.50 |
| 41 | UFO III | A2 | M. KEATING | HY | | | | 43 | 63.75 | 54 | 61.25 | 222 | 222 |
| 42 | HUMPHREY GO-KART | B1 | T. FOX & V. FARRELL | NA | | | | 80 | 68.75 | | 43.75 | 192.50 | 192.50 |

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| 43 QUEST | B1 J. BURKE | NA | 58.75 | 125 | 183.75 | 193.75 |
| 44 HAVOC | B1 L. KERTESZ | NA | 80 | | 165 | 165 |
| 45 PADDINGTON | B1 R. STEWART | RI | 82.50 | 73.75 | 156.25 | 156.25 |
| 46 STATUS QUO | B1 P. KENNY | AL | | 70 | 148.75 | 148.75 |
| 47 LIVE WIRE | A1 D. D. O'BRIEN | RG | | 53.75 | 112.50 | 112.50 |
| 48 TEARAWAY | A1 F. J. HUGHES & P. J. O'REILLY | AL | | 40 | 100 | 100 |
| 49 ENIGMA | B1 T. C. EARLS | HY | | 97.50 | 97.50 | 97.50 |
| 50 SHEARWATER | B1 T. O'REILLY | HY | | 95 | 95 | 95 |
| 51 RED VELVET | B1 M. O'RAHILLY | RG | | 87.50 | 87.50 | 87.50 |
| 52 ELIMINATOR | B1 J. R. HALL | NA | | 85 | 85 | 85 |
| 53 BEAT AND RUN | A2 C. HOWARTH | BF | | 82.50 | 82.50 | 82.50 |
| 54 KING ONE | B1 T. MULLINS | RG | | 81.25 | 81.25 | 81.25 |
| 54 BILLY WHIZZ | A2 D.M. TURNER | HY | 81.25 | | 81.25 | 81.25 |
| 56 J.L.V. | B1 A. LAWLESS | AL | | 80 | 80 | 80 |
| 57 TESSANDA III | A2 B. PINLOTT | BF | | 75 | 75 | 75 |
| 58 EGGENOGGIN | A2 R. LEE | RG | | 72.50 | 72.50 | 72.50 |
| 59 MOONRAKER | A1 M.D. MCGRATH | NA | 66.25 | | 66.25 | 66.25 |
| 59 MOONDUSTER | A1 D. N. DOYLE | RC | | 66.25 | 66.25 | 66.25 |
| 61 CELERITAS | B1 W. BROOKS | HS | | 65 | 65 | 65 |
| 62 SIMPLY RED | A2 D. KIRK | PW | | 62.50 | 62.50 | 62.50 |
| 63 STARGAZER OF ASHTON | A2 A. W. H. COMPER | HS | | 61.25 | 61.25 | 61.25 |
| 64 SHAZOOM | B1 F. H. STONE | RA | | 60 | 60 | 60 |
| 65 SCENARIO ACT II | A2 A. FITTON | BF | | 55 | 55 | 55 |
| 66 MISTY | A2 H. WILKA & T. WOOD | RG | | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| 67 MARGARET | B1 G. CALLANAN | RG | | 45 | 45 | 45 |
| 68 MADAME X | B1 S. MORAN | RG | | 43.75 | 43.75 | 43.75 |
| 69 DEBONAIR | B1 J. J. BYRNE | NA | | 41.25 | 41.25 | 41.25 |
| 70 MACTWD | B1 G. KINSELLA | NA | | 38.75 | 38.75 | 38.75 |
| 71 SARACEN | A1 J. MARSH & P. TOFT | NS | | 33.75 | 33.75 | 33.75 |
| 72 VAQUERO II | A1 R. EVANS | RG | | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| 73 FLASH II | B1 A. SHEEHY | RG | | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| 74 BET KNOTTED | B1 N. J. ANDERTON | SC | | DISQ | DISQ | DISQ |

THE FOLLOWING YACHTS DID NOT COMPETE IN A LONG RACE

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| STAR WARS | A1 P. BOYLE | AL | 78 | 60 | 138 |
| LITTLE EGYPT | B1 R. V. LOVEGROVE | RG | 55 | 39 | 94 |
| ACRASIA | B1 D. R. MATTHEWS | HS | | 52 | |
| HELLHOUND III | B1 P. ROBINSON | HS | DISQ | | 52 |