



6mR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2017: RESULTS AND TROPHY WINNERS

-) **Switzerland's *Junior SUI 77* wins Open division.**
-) **Spain's *Bribón Gallant E 16* takes Classic title**

Vancouver, British Columbia

After a challenging four days of racing, Switzerland's, *SUI 77 Junior*, with a crew under the leadership of Phillippe Durr from Club Nautique Versoix took top honours in the Open division of the Six Metre Class World Championship 2017, hosted by the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club in Vancouver, Canada from September 17 to 21.

Junior's success was a repeat of its winning performance of two years ago in France and adds to the world titles the boat won in 1985, 1999, 2007 and 2011.

First place in the Classic division for boats built before 1965 went to Spain's *E 16 Bribón Gallant* from the Real Club Nautico de Sanxenxo helmed by former Spanish King, Juan Carlos I and supported by a crew under the guidance of Canadian Olympic yachtsman and local Vancouver man, Ross Macdonald.

Second place in the Open division went to local yacht *CAN 129 New Sweden* (Ben Mumford, Royal Vancouver Yacht Club) followed by Great Britain's *K 12 St. Francis IX* (Andy Beadsworth, Royal Thames Yacht Club) and another Swiss entry, *SUI 132 Sophie II* (Hugo Stenbeck, RVB Regattaverein, Brunnen)

In the Classic division, the runner up spot went to *US 81 Goose* from the United States (Peter Hofmann, Port Madison Yacht Club), followed by Brazil's *KC 19 Saskia* (Lars Graef, Rio de Janeiro Yacht Club) and *FIN 12 Fridolin* from Finland (Henrik Lundberg, Åländska Segelsällskapet).

The Westerleigh Cup, an annual competition held each September for 6mR yachts, was sailed on the Friday and Saturday preceding the World Cup races and most of the World Championship competitors took part.

The Open division was won by *CAN 129 New Sweden* with *SUI 77 Junior* and *K 12 St. Francis IX* in second and third places respectively. The Classic division was won by the legendary U.S. boat, *US 55 Lucie* (James Hilton, St. Francis Yacht Club) followed by multiple America's Cup winner Dennis Connor in *US 87 May Be II* (San Diego Yacht Club) in second and *KC 19 Saskia* in third.

The World Championship trophy winners were:



-) World Cup (winner of the open division) – SUI 77 *Junior*
-) Djinn Trophy (winner of the classic division) – E 16 *Bribón Gallant*
-) The KSSS Trophy (the highest placed Classic yacht built to the First [1907-1919] or Second [1919- 1933] International Rule which retains its original underwater configuration) – US 55 *Lucie*
-) The Lucie Trophy (the highest placed yacht that includes a woman as helmsperson or crew) – CAN 129 *New Sweden*, Erin Christy
-) The Nelson Trophy (the highest placed boat among those first constructed and certificated as a Six Metre between 1966 and 6 September 1979, the date of the first race of the 1979 World Championships, which have had no alteration to their underwater shape other than permitted modifications to the rudder) – USA 114 *Scallywag*, Craig Healy
-) The Astor Cup (the highest placed yacht that includes a person aged 25 years or under as helmsperson or crew) – K 12 *St. Francis IX*, Vince Barrelet
-) The Baum + König Vintage Trophy (the classic yacht that is judged to have been most faithfully restored and kept to its original configuration) – US 55 *Lucie*

For full results and links to daily race reports and pictures visit <http://6mvancouver2017.com/>

Hosted by the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club (RVYC), the Six Metre World Championship was held from September 17 to 21 with 45 yachts from 12 countries participating. This was the first time Canada had hosted the regatta since it began in 1973.

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