

## Cadet Open at Tamesis Club

On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2012 Tamesis held their annual Cadet open. Part of the Ian Craig Trophy series, visitors from Fishers Green, Frensham and Royal Lyngton arrived to compete with the home boats for the right to take home the Munster Cup, a prestigious trophy with many famous previous winners.

Competitors were greeted with a gloriously sunny day, a gusty force 3 northerly running straight up the river and some very good bacon sandwiches. The weeks of rain had also provided an additional hazard with the Thames running about 3-4 knots of stream.

Despite the strong stream the fleet got away cleanly in the first race with Jodok & Constantin Gerber (TC) first round the first mark. The fleet bunched on the long run against the stream and Alex Corby & Rob Keen (FGSC) finally broke away to lead round the leeward mark and held this all the way to the finish closely followed by Henry Marsh & Fredrick Collins (RLYC) in second and Jodok & Constantin in third.

After lunch race two once again started cleanly, Alex & Rob soon emerged from the pack closely followed by Jack Hardie & Megan Ferguson (Frensham) in second and Ross & John Thompson (Frensham) in third. These positions were maintained until the last lap when Alex & Rob had an incident with a boat they were lapping and were forced to do 720 allowing Jack & Megan through to win the race by 2 boat lengths from Alex & Rob with Ross & John in third.

This meant that going into the last race any one of three boats could win the event. Whoever from Alex & Rob, Jack & Megan and Henry & Fredrick won the last race would take home the cup. Leading away from the first mark were Henry & Fredrick with a good lead from Alex & Rob with Jack & Megan in third. Slowly the two chasing boats closed the gap over the next couple of laps and going into the final leeward mark all 3 boats rounded together. On the short beat to the finish Alex & Rob managed to gain a slight advantage and crossed the line less than a boat length ahead of Jack & Megan with Ross & John passing Henry & Fredrick in the final few yards to steal third.

This meant Alex & Rob won the event with Jack & Megan second and Henry & Fredrick third.

<b>Helm</b>	<b>Crew</b>	<b>Boat</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Position</b>
Alex Corby	Rob Keen	Whitestuff	9000	FGSC	2	1 <sup>st</sup>
Jack Hardie	Megan Ferguson	Di Maggio	8513	FPSC	3	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Henry Marsh	Fredrick Collins	Nitro	9240	RLYC	6	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Ross Thompson	John Thompson	Get a Grip	9046	FPSC	6	4 <sup>th</sup>
Jodok Gerber	Constantin Gerber	Club Boat	6946	TC	7	5 <sup>th</sup>
Lucy Corby	Jade McCarthy	Sci-Fi	9152	FGSC	11	6 <sup>th</sup>