

REPORT ON CANOE SAILING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PWLLHELI, WALES, UK 19 - 25 AUGUST 2017.



The Canoe Sailing World championship has been held every 3 years since 1961 (although the first World Championship took place at Vaxholm in Sweden in 1938). This year there were 58 entries from 6 nations across 3 continents (UK, Germany, Norway, USA, Canada and Australia).

Competitors were tested in a range of winds and sea conditions over 9 races, each about 1.25 hours long. The gold medal was won Robin Wood (GBR), with Chris Maas (USA) taking silver and Alistair Warren (GBR) taking bronze. Peter Ullman from Germany finished in 4th.



2017 World Canoe Sailing Champion – Race 5 start

There was excellent coverage in the sailing press, and daily reports were produced by VRSport (see <https://vrsport.tv/sailingdinghy/international-canoe/>).



2017 World Canoe Sailing Champion – Medal presentation



2017 World Canoe Sailing Champion – Robin Wood, GBR

During the event, there was a challenge made by Great Britain to USA to race for the New York Canoe Club International Challenge Cup. This was originally presented in 1886 and is probably the oldest international trophy still competed for by any canoe discipline. It is a team race (with 3 boats in each team) between the current holders and the top scoring team after three races in the World championship. USA won the Cup in Germany in 2011 and successfully defended it in San Francisco in 2014. But this year, a strong GBR team reclaimed the Cup.



Alastair Warren (GBR team captain) with the New York Canoe Club International Challenge Cup (first competed for in 1886) after beating USA