

RESULTS 16TH EDITION

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Classification 16th Copa del Rey - Agua Brava

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IMS Regata

Yatch	Type	Country	Armador	Shipowner
1º Nationale Nederlanden	Judel/Vrolijk 45'	España	José Luís Suevos	Luis Doreste
2º Banco Atlántico	Farr 39ML	España	Mar y Marketing	Pedro Campos
3º Porcelanato	Farr 39	España	Vicente Tirado	Santiago López

IMS Crucero

Yacht	Type	Country	Armador	Shipowner
1º Cutty Sark	Sidney 46'	España	Pelayo de la Mata	Pablo Gozueta
2º SAP	First 42S7	España	Valentín Arana	Toño Gorostegui
3º Blitz-Sat 1	Judel/Vrolijk 44'	España	Hans Peter Woelfert	Hans Peter Woelfert

Agua Brava Trophy by classes

Class	Yatch	Design	Armador	Country	Gral.-Classif.
R-0	Provezza IV	Judel Vrolijk 46'	Veli Ergin	Turquía	4º
R-1	Nationale Nederlanden	Judel Vrolijk 45'	José Luís Suevos	España	1º
R-2	TNT Draco	ILC 30	Massimo/Sodo	Italia	9º
R-3	Adeslas	Brenta 25	Joaquín Barenys	España	30º
CR-0	Sarastro 2	X-612	Jean P. Delmotte	Francia	4º
CR-1	Cutty Sark	Sidney 46'	Pelayo de la Mata	España	1º
CR-2	SAP	First 42S7	Valentín Arana	España	2º
CR-3	Eulen Transmediterránea	X-332	Angel Roquero	España	5º

Triumph of a regatta veteran...

Nationale Nederlanden

It could almost certainly be said that it came as a surprise to all, considering that Nationale Nederlanden didn't have all the resources at its disposal to sail to victory, rather the very presence of new and highly advanced boats seemed to suggest other more likely winners. Nevertheless, the mastery of old hands won out once again, demonstrating that a racing boat need not become obsolete after just a couple of seasons, as long as it has a crew that are capable of not only getting the most out of the boat at sea but that also perform the necessary modifications aimed at improvement the boat, both in terms of real performance and in achieving a more beneficial rating.

The team chosen by the owner José Luis Suevos to take care of the 97 Nationale Nederlanden campaign couldn't be better. Captained by the medallist Luis Doreste, it gave a clear demonstration of its experience and professionalism, marked by constancy, with three firsts, one third and a fifth.

Lightening the keel by 200 kilos, as well as work carried out on the sails, were elements that favoured success, although the merit must be given to the team, who knew how exactly what modifications should be made in order to maintain their cutting edge when facing the latest designs in IMS Racing.

And a new arrival in cruiser-racers...

Cutty Sark

Quite the opposite is the case of the Cutty Sark, the winner in the Cruiser-Racer category, given that the new Sidney 46 that came to defend the colours of this brand, arrived in Spain a mere five days before the start of the Cope del Rey - Agua Brava, meaning that the crew were short on time needed to get the boat ready and to become familiar with it... but nevertheless they managed to fulfil their aim of repeating for their sponsor last year's success with the BH 41.

Their mastery in the regatta field was spectacular, offering superb performance in all types of winds and on any course. The owner and sponsor, Mr. Pelayo de la Moya, proudly praised the splendid performance of the crew, captained by Pablo Gaizueta with Sergio Llorca as helmsman, whose road to victory could be dated back to the choice of the best suited boat for scoring yet another win in the always tricky regattas celebrated in the Bay of Palma de Mallorca. After this double, the Cutty Sark team moves on to ready themselves for the coming year in which, with an even better prepared boat and more aware of its reactions and possibilities, hope to mark a third win in this highly competitive race, thus setting a record in the history of the Copa del Rey - Agua Brava.

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