

“Trofeo PAM” – Another Success for a UK Sailing Team

The second Access Class European Championships took place on Lake Garda from 25 to 29 May 2011.

The event was based at Circolo Vela Gargnano and held in mainly light winds. 41 entrants from 10 countries competed in five classes with UK sailors winning three medals.

In addition Team Great Britain, most of whom are in the photograph, also won the “PAM trophy” (foreground) for the top national team.



The GBR team members were:

- Alex Hovden and Kate Mannerings – Papercourt S C – SKUD 18 – Gold Medal
- Lindsay Burns – Frensham Pond Sailability – Access 2.3 – Silver Medal
- Paul Phillips – Frensham Pond Sailability – Access 303 – Bronze Medal
- Tessa Watkiss – Frensham Pond Sailability – Access 303
- Simon Harle – Rutland Sailability – Access Liberty
- Alison Grant – Frensham Pond Sailability – Access 303
- Judy Figgures and Roger Smedley – Grafham S C – SKUD18
- Tom Harper – New Forest & District Sailability – Access Liberty

PAM – An Italian Idol



PAM was the pseudonym of Marsilio Pasotti, an Italian racing driver born in 1939 in the Brescia region, where the second Access Class European Championships were held on Lake Garda in May 2011.

Driving initially for Fiat Abarth he later drove for Alfa Romeo and Ferrari winning many prestigious races and achieving iconic status in Italy and further afield.

Since his premature death in 1989 he has been remembered with great affection in the region. His photograph and other pictures of his exploits are on display in local hotels and sporting clubs.

PAM had many other interests among which was designing boats to sail on Lake Garda. His widow, one of the sponsors of the European Championships, presented the “Trofeo PAM” for the top-scoring national team at the Access Class European Championships.