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## ISS's Annual U.K. Regatta Features Big Wind and Unwavering Support for Sail4Cancer

**15 June 2017, Fort Lauderdale, FL:** Six teams took part in the International Superyacht Society (ISS) Annual Regatta 2<sup>nd</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> June, racing between Hamble and Cowes. The crews raced in a matched fleet of Fairview Sailing's Beneteau Oceanis 37 yachts.

The weekend offered fantastic networking opportunities and a chance to raise funds for worthwhile cause, Sail4Cancer. The competing teams included Superyacht Charites (SYC)/Ideaworks, Charles Douglas, Redman Whitley Dixon, Nobiskrug, BMT/Oceanco and Magnus Marine.

The participants were met with gusts up to 24 knots on Saturday and with spinnakers prohibited on the last two races due to dangerous conditions. BMT/Oceanco and SYC were in the lead by close of racing.



“Day two was much the same with strong winds keeping the sailing competitive,” says Ken Hickling, regatta founder, ISS board member and Superyacht Charities trustee. “The second race—the Trimline Rose Bowl—was helmed by ladies only. BMT/Oceanco’s boat were proud victors with Rosie Geyman at the wheel.”

Kerry Pettitt of SMART and Superyacht Charities trustee, comments on the overall results, “Well done to all that took part. BMT/Oceanco boat were extremely pleased to take the trophy home with SYC/Ideaworks coming in very close 2nd and Nobiskrug

in 3rd place.”

Saturday’s BBQ and Sail4Cancer raffle was held at the Island Sailing Club in Cowes and offered America’s Cup viewing before a delicious meal. Over £500 was raised for Sail4Cancer on the raffle alone.

Sail4Cancer is primarily a provider of water-based respite days and holidays for families affected by cancer. The charity also makes grants to cancer care centres and supports research into the positive effects of exercise and how it can help prevent cancer and aid recovery post diagnosis.



## Images

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*Annual ISS Regatta Trophy*

*Annual ISS Regatta-2017 Dinner at Island Sailing Club in Cowes*

*Annual ISS Regatta-Fleet Line Up*

*BMT-Oceanco Team Under Sail*

*ISS Regatta BMT-Oceanco Team*

Back row l. to r. – Jon Gravina, Leon Hekman, Alex Meredith Hardy, Dennis Van Gent  
 Middle row – Andries van Baren, Sander van der Linden, Rosie Geyman, Alice Schwausch  
 Front – Josh Tobin, Ken Hickling

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## **About International Superyacht Society**

Our Mission is to Ensure Sustainability & Excellence in the Global Superyachting Industry.

ISS was founded in 1989 and represents the large yacht industry. Our mission is delivered by building alliances worldwide with regional and functional associations; to serve as a communications conduit for issues affecting the marketplace, owners, crew and industry members; and to recognise achievement as well as provide educational opportunities and networking events.

The organisation is member driven and reliant on the volunteer work of Board and regular members supported by our marketing and administrative staff. Our funding comes from our members and sponsors which in turn enables the ISS to work on initiatives that benefit the large yacht industry.

#### **About Sail 4 Cancer**

Sail 4 Cancer provides respite breaks for families affected by cancer. These breaks give all the members of the family the opportunity to spend quality time together away from the stress of living with cancer for long periods and include sailing days, sailing weekend for teenagers with cancer, park breaks for young carers, riverboat breaks and resort breaks. [www.sail4cancer.org](http://www.sail4cancer.org)

