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Matchtech edge Sunseeker to win MAA's inaugural PSP Southampton Boat Show 5-a-side football tournament

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Matchtech, one of the 16 teams competing in the first 5-a-side football tournament for PSP Southampton Boat Show staff and exhibitors, narrowly beat Sunseeker 2-1 to lift the Marine Advertising Agency trophy on Tuesday evening.

The competition in aid of the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) and G4 Surgery at Southampton General Hospital, included two teams made up of medical staff from PICU, and was held at Goals in Southampton,

Mark Edwards, Operations Director at Matchtech, the leading technical recruitment agency, said he was delighted with his team's performance in testing conditions.

"The guys played really well in the wet weather, and even though a few of them have taken their knees off, we're proud to be able to support such a worthy cause. As a number of our senior managers' children have received excellent care at PICU, we have been supporting the unit for a number of years so this is a great way to continue to support their a vital work," he said.

The other teams to qualify for the overall Cup Phase were Ocean Safety, PSP, IPC, CBG, PICU Freedom and a second team from Matchtech.

Peters and May, the specialist marine transport provider, was awarded the Plate after beating law firm, Moore Blatch, in the final of the group of eight which did not make it through to the Cup Phase. Other teams taking part in the Plate Phase included CSL, Bainbridge International, the British Marine Federation, Pearl Motor Yachts, PICU Independence and a team representing the Marine Advertising Agency.

The Golden Boot award went to Jack Macarthy, one of Peters and May's players, who scored a total of 15 goals in his team's six matches.

Marine Advertising Agency Director, Mike Shepherd, said the tournament had raised a total of £1,000 for PICU and the G4 Surgery at Southampton General Hospital.



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“It was great to see such competitive but friendly play and all-round good sportsmanship in our first 5-a-side tournament. I’d like to thank everyone who took part for their generosity in supporting these fantastic causes and for playing in such good spirits to make it an enjoyable and successful evening,” Mike said.

Southampton is the lead centre for paediatric intensive care in south central England with a catchment area that stretches from Dorset to Surrey to the Channel Islands. PICU is currently funded for 11 beds and treats over 700 patients per year admitting children with both medical and surgical problems ranging in age from birth to 18 years.

The MAA 5-a-side football tournament will be taking place during next year’s PSP Southampton Boat Show on 18th September 2012 (TBC). Teams are encouraged to book early to avoid disappointment.

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The PSP Southampton Boat Show runs from 16-25 September 2011. For more information visit: <http://www.southamptonboatshow.com/2011/home.aspx>

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