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The relevant section of the TCYC SIs is 15:

15.1 Interpretation of the terms for which prizes are awarded is by the Sailing Committee (SC) whose decision is final. Handicaps to be used will be based on a boat's latest club handicap with a moderating factor based on past performance, aimed at normalising the different divisions. Allowance will be made for the different starting times.

15.2 The overall winner will be the boat with the lowest corrected time.

In practice, the TCYC boats start first followed by the FSC boats some 15 minutes later or a period that suits the Start boat. Finishing times are taken and then 15 minutes, say, subtracted from the finish times of the FSC boats.

Our boats sail in their own Divisions so they can have their own club results, but they all start together.

All boats are entered into a Mixed Fleet in the system, and given handicaps as described above. It's up to the handicapper to come up with fair handicaps and in practice, the performances of the boats in this event over the past few years, is probably the best indicator of what their current handicap should be. The nature of the event, being largely a one leg race, means that club handicaps may not be the best ones to use. For example, Lady Irene has won twice because she is relatively quick downwind and has been favoured by the conditions. It's up to the handicapper to take these variations into account when assigning handicaps. It's also important to record the conditions under which the event is sailed from year to year, so that past performance can be a good guide for the expected conditions.

In answer to your question though, there is only one winner of the Catalpa Classic and that is as described in 15.2 above.

TCYC boats also get placed separately in their own club competitions. They usually get pennants at the other end. The SC needs to make a decision at the start of the season as to whether the race, and the race back, should form part of the Club Consistency series. This seems to vary year on year.