



News Release

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Team GB Takes Silver at World Gliding Championship

The British Gliding Team has finished in silver medal position in the World Gliding Championships which ended this weekend at Uvalde in Texas.

After 13 days of intense competition, during which the competitors cumulatively flew over 800 000km, the team gold was won Poland, with Germany third. The top British individual performance came from Mike Young who was third in the 18m class, just one place ahead of team mate Russell Cheetham.

Pete Harvey, flying the new Antares 23 sailplane, an aircraft that he had no previous experience of, finished 5th overall in the Open Class after racking up three day wins. Ed Johnston finished 6th overall in a very strong field in the 15m class, with Matt Cook 23rd.

Non-flying team captain, Phil Strurley, commented: "This was a splendid all-round effort by Team GB which displays the UK's strength in depth at this level."

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