

Sunday 5th August

Good wind, hot sun and strong tides greeted sailors on the 1st day of racing towards the individual class series.

Cruisers - B Class

The Cruisers headed off on their coastal course toward Filey Brigg Buoy via 7 and G and rounded W and 1 on the return leg. The fleet was led around the headland by No Nonsense who returned after around 6 hours, followed over the next 3 hours by the rest of the fleet.



Contessa 26 – D Class

The Contessa 26s headed off on the same course as the cruisers, albeit at a slower pace! The fleet was led round by Contessina and Contessa Juliet. After a shaky return leg Contessina won the race from Contessa Juliet, with Tessador in 3rd.



National Squib – C Class

All 6 squibs took to the start line to take part in 3 windward / leeward races, 4 rounds each. Close racing ensued, as did a couple of dodgy windshifts! In Race 1 Ghost, 840, led most of the way round from Perkers, 12, and won by a narrow margin, with Magic Flute, 805, in 3rd place. In the 2nd race the wind took a turn as the fleet approached the windward mark, a turn of 180 degrees by the time they were $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way down the spinnaker leg. 'Close racing' soon became 'lucky b***ers' and Ghost caught the wind first to take a big lead from Perkers, with Magic Flute finishing 3rd again. In the 3rd race Ghost and Perkers again battled for the lead, closely followed by Jetstream who finished the race in 3rd.

Yorkshire One Design – E Class.

All 8 YODs took to the start line after the Squibs had started for their own battles in 3 races of good wind and close combat. In the 1st race 3 boats took a turn in the lead before Blackie established her position to lead the fleet around the course, followed by Mona, Tito II and Joca. In the 2nd race the fleet met the same windshift as the squibs at the end of their first windward leg, creating a lot of changes in the order of boats, with the lead boats each dropping several places. Eventually the wind swung round again leaving Iolanthe, Mona and Tito II to take the top 3 places respectively. In the third race Blackie established a lead early and held on well to the end to take a 2nd win in 3 races, with Iolanthe and Tito II following in 2nd and 3rd.

Today saw an excellent start to racing in all classes and we hope for more over the next 5 days.

