

Tuesday 7th August

Even though there was little less wind than Monday, Tuesday saw another excellent example of the perfect sailing conditions which the bay has to offer. 10 knots of westerly breeze, straight off the land, brought interesting wind shifts to challenge the tactics of the sailors in all the classes.

Cruisers - B Class, Race 4 and 2

In the 1st race of the day, R4 for the Cruiser class, the whole fleet crossed the line on starboard...apart from Starchick who weaved through the fleet on port. By the end of the 1st windward leg it was Starchick in the lead though as they rounded the 1st windward mark. No Compromise gave chase around the course from start line 5, to windward mark 9, round 7 and a spinnaker leg back to 5. The pack gradually separated as the handicap system took hold it was difficult to tell who might win overall, with only 2 of the 10 boats in the same class. No Compromise eventually caught and overtook Starchick to cross the line 1st. On corrected time it was Starchick who won, with Bee Sharp 2nd by just under 3 minutes and Sin Bin 3rd, 42 seconds behind. In the 2nd race the boats followed the same course and charged off from the start line on a beat to number 9. The 1st in the class crossed the line after 1 hour and 3 minutes, but it was Dilemma who won the race on corrected time.



Contessa 26 - D Class, Race 4 and 2

In the Contessa's 1st race Tessa, Contessina and Juliet soon established a good lead and battled it out for the top spot. After the 1st round it seemed that any of those 3 could win the race. Some close racing followed and in the end it was Contessa Juliet who came out in 1st place with Contessina in 2nd and Tessa in 3rd. At the start of the 2nd race several boats were involved in a 'incident' when the dreaded word 'protest' was finally uttered for the 1st time this week. A port / starboard issue surrounding some gentle nudging on the line left a few crews wondering what might happen but fortunately it was all solved on the water after some carefully chosen words! On the whole however, the race was a closely fought contest with Halcyon Days crossing the line first, followed by Tessador in 2nd and True Blue in 3rd.



National Squib – C Class, Race 6

The squib class saw 3 different boats each take a turn at leading the fleet round the windward mark. A windshift just before the start saw an advantage to be gained by boats at the committee boat end, with Threadbare coming out best at the end of the 1st leg. An unfortunate twist in the spinnaker saw this lead turn into 4th with Ghost and Perkers taking the lead. Close quarter sailing ensued with Ghost taking the lead for the next 2 rounds. Perkers then stole the lead with a tack inshore to be ahead at the windward mark on the final leg. With less than a boat length separating the 2 boats down the final leg Ghost gybed away to try something different. As both boats gybed to come back together again it transpired that Ghost took the win on the line, with Perkers a mere couple of boat lengths behind. Meanwhile Magic Flute and Seahorse battled it out for 3rd place, with the latter edging it by less than ½ a boat length on the finish line. Ghost takes the Hatfield Trophy for the most number of 1st places in the series as they cannot be caught.



Yorkshire One Design – E Class, Race 6

The YOD class took to the same course as the Squib class, a windward leeward course around 9 and 5, allowing the boats to make the most of the conditions by taking part in a number of individual battles. As Blackie took a commanding lead, Mona, Patience, Yilt and Tito II were locked in a battle to take the places from 2nd to 5th. On several occasions these positions changed hands, with Mona eventually taking the 2nd place and Patience the 3rd. Congratulations to Blackie, Y1, who has won the Secretary's Tray for the first half of the week.



With more of the same weather forecast for the remainder of the week, all competitors are surely in for a good 2nd half of the week.