

## Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August

10-15 knots of North-westerly breeze met the competitors for day 5 of the RYYC's 150<sup>th</sup> Annual Regatta. With a start line set in the bay off South Shore Boat Park and windward mark 2, wind shifts were always going to play a big part in today's results.

### Cruisers - B Class, Race 5 & 6

Race 5 for the cruiser class saw the fleet head off on a course of 2 (windward mark), 9, LM, 0, 9, LM. J Dreamer was a little over-eager on the line and was recalled whilst the rest of the fleet set off. It soon became clear that it was perfect conditions for a Hunter 707 as Sin Bin led for the whole race followed By No Compromise, whilst the remainder of the boats battled amongst themselves. After corrected times it was Bee Sharp who took the win by 38seconds from Sin Bin in second and Starchick in 3<sup>rd</sup>. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> race of the day, race 6 of the series, J Dreamer showed that they hadn't learnt from the 1<sup>st</sup> race as they were again recalled at the start. Sin Bin and No Compromise again led the fleet around the course, which had substituted 5 for 0, although not by as clear a margin as they had in the 1<sup>st</sup> race. As the boats crossed the line to finish the race it was again Bee Sharp with the best corrected time to take the win, with Starchick in 2<sup>nd</sup> (6 seconds later on corrected time) and Dilemma in 3<sup>rd</sup>.



### Contessa 26 - D Class, Race 5 and 6

In the 1<sup>st</sup> race of the day Tessa and Tessador were the main contenders in the battle for 1<sup>st</sup> place as they followed the same course as the Cruiser class. As the 2 rounded the leeward mark for the 1<sup>st</sup> time a protest flag emerged from the Tessa cabin - thankfully this protest was not carried! During the 2<sup>nd</sup> round Tessa had a problem hoisting their spinnaker and allowed Tessador to take a lead and the race was eventually won by Tessador with Contessa Juliet in 2<sup>nd</sup> and Halcyon Days 3<sup>rd</sup>. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> race it was again Tessa and Tessador battling it out for the top 2 places, whilst Contessina and Contessa Juliet battled it out for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. As the boats came to the finish though it was Tessador, Contessa Juliet and Tessa to take the top the 3 places respectively.



### National Squib – C Class, Race 7 & 8

In the 1<sup>st</sup> race of the day Threadbare took a good lead on the 1<sup>st</sup> beat by staying out to sea, only to be demoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ghost as they tacked inshore earlier and took a big advantage from a lift. Ghost then led to the finish of the race. Perkers, Seahorse and Threadbare all looked capable of taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place during the race but in the end Perkers came out best by gybing out to sea on the last spinnaker leg whilst Threadbare stayed inshore and lost out to come 3<sup>rd</sup> by several boat-lengths. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> race Perkers hit the start line perfectly to make the most of a slight pin-end biased, taking a lead which they never relinquished, extending their lead slightly on every leg. Ghost and Seahorse gave chase but a very bad error of judgement saw Ghost fall from 2<sup>nd</sup> to last (we are only human after all!!) in the final ¾ of the final spinnaker leg, leaving Seahorse to take a well deserved 2<sup>nd</sup> and Magic Flute a great 3<sup>rd</sup>.



### Yorkshire One Design – E Class, Race 7 & 8

In race 7 Blackie again showed their strength by leading the fleet around the course, making the most of various windshifts and the errors of others. Meanwhile several boats battled over the remaining 2 prize places, with 2<sup>nd</sup> place eventually going to Patience and Mona following in 3<sup>rd</sup>. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> race of the day Blackie, like Ghost, also showed they were capable of making the odd mistake by allowing several different boats to take the lead at various point over the course of the race. On the final leg any 1 of 5 boats (Blackie, Tito II, Patience, Yilt and Iolanthe) could have won the race but Tito II, who took the most direct line from 2 to the pin end of the line, crossed the line in 1<sup>st</sup>, with Yilt in 2<sup>nd</sup> and Blackie in 3<sup>rd</sup>.



There are 2 more races left over the next 2 days for all classes and 2 boats are still in with a shout of winning the Commodores Rose Bowl for the best performing yacht of the week, Blackie in the YOD class (6 wins out of 8) and Ghost in the Squib class (7 wins out of 8). Good luck to everybody competing over the next 2 days.