

Thursday 9th August

With 8-10 knots of wind blowing over the town from the north west, competitors in the RYYC's 150th Regatta were in for another day of shifting wind and 'strange' conditions. Plus, with the possibility of trophies being won and lost today, competition was always going to be hotting up!

Cruisers - B Class, Race 7

As the cruisers hit the start line it was soon clear to the rest of the fleets that it was beneficial to be at the pin-end of the line as Humdinger got a flying start in their race. The class made their way around the long course from the line near #7 in the South of the bay, towards windward mark T in the Northern half of the bay, back to the leeward mark, back up to 3, round 2 then back to the line, following the full course twice. As shifts took hold and the boats went their separate ways it became apparent that there wasn't a right way up the beat, just 'tack on the shifts'! No compromise eventually crossed the line 1st after 2 hours and 55 minutes, with Humdinger in 2nd and Starchick in 3rd. However, on corrected time, the result was Bee Sharp 1st (3hrs, 9mins), Starchick 2nd (3hrs 10mins) and Growler 3rd (3hrs 15mins). 2 points now separate 1st and 2nd place overall in the cruiser fleet with Starchick in 1st on 11 points and Bee Sharp on 12.



Contessa 26 - D Class, Race 7

Contessa Juliet had to make a quick substitution of helm today after Jeff Preece fell foul of an incident involving a cabaret singer and a drunken Growler!!! This left David Rudd at the helm who made an immediate impact as they took their 2nd win of the week. Juliet led from pretty much the start of the race and didn't look like giving it away easily. Contessina followed behind with Tessador brought home the 3rd prize as most places stayed the same throughout the race. 9 points separate the top 4 boats in a fleet of 9 entrants, making tomorrow's result a very important 1 for everyone involved.



National Squib – C Class, Race 9

In the National Squib class Perkera got away to a flying start from the line, hitting the pin end first. As the fleet headed up the 1st beat Perkera, Ghost and Magic Flute looked likely to be 1st to the windward mark. However, eventually Ghost took the lead after making the most of several big wind shifts and tacking their way into the lead. As the boats rounded the windward mark, less than a minute separated the top 4 boats. As the race progressed Ghost established a strong lead, leading for the remainder of the rounds with Perkera crossing the line in 2nd. This means Ghost has taken The Fairy Cup for 1st overall in the series, with Perkera taking The Julians Trophy 2nd overall.



Yorkshire One Design – E Class, Race 9

As usual racing in the YOD class was close from start to finish with several small battles emerging towards the end of the race. Mona led the fleet around the course from Blackie in 2nd until the very last leg. As the 2 boats came down the final spinnaker leg Mona led although Blackie had an overlap to leeward. They made the most of this and forced Mona higher with every attempt to pass. However, eventually Blackie ran out of time and course distance and lost out by a mere 4 seconds on the line. Meanwhile Yilt held onto a narrow lead from Tito II to cross the line in 3rd by another tiny gap of only 5 seconds! Only 34 seconds separated 1st and 7th in the YOD fleet. With a possibility of 1st and 2nd swapping places and 3rd and 4th place swapping places it's all to race for in the final race of the week!



As the week comes to a close there are very few trophies which have already been decided already. However, congratulations goes to Squib 840, *GHOST*, sailed by Gerard Dyson and Adam Saltonstall, who have won both the Squib class trophy for the overall series and the Commodore's Rose Bowl for gaining 8 wins from a possible 9 so far.