

Regatta 2011 - Sunday



Regatta 2011 got off to a flying start today with a 'brisk' 15-20 knot breeze, gusting nearly 25 in the middle of Bridlington Bay, where the PRO, Peter Crooks, and his team set a start line from mark 'o' using windward mark '9'. All boats looked keen to make their mark on their respective classes and show their pace early on in the week.

B Class – The Cruisers.

With the lead start time, most boats would ensure they made the starting area early, alas, not our cruiser class!

With visiting yacht *Hippy Chick* stuck in the mud, *Halo* and *Jumble* headed out to the line in 'leisurely' time with moments to spare. When the race got underway the 2 home yachts enjoyed some close racing whilst *Hippy Chick* unfortunately retired, leaving *Jumble* to cross the line first over the water ahead of *Halo*. The second race saw much the same result, albeit with *Hippy Chick* crossing the line first, streaks ahead of the 2 home boats. Unfortunately though *Hippy Chick* sailed the wrong course having missed '6', *Jumble* & *Halo* jumped a place forward. However, due to 'ongoing discussions' over the handicap system, results are yet to be published... watch this space!

C Class – The Squibs.

The Squib class started in an 'orderly fashion' shortly after the Cruiser class ding from *Perkers* to the windward mark and holding the lead all the way to the finish with *Trio* and *Threadbare* in 3rd and 4th respectively. The story was pretty much the same in the 2nd race, with a little hustle and bustle on the start-line which saw *Perkers* head away down the line whilst *Ghost* took the favoured pin



end to lead from start to finish. The weather took its toll on the class however, as both *Threadbare* and *Trio* were forced to retire, the latter with mainsail / boom issues which were, fortunately, not terminal.

D Class – The Contessas

Race 1 for the Contessa 26s included a long leg out to windward mark '8', with a hitch out to '6' before returning to the start/finish line at 'o'. *Daisy Dog* showed good form with a big lead ahead of *Contessa Juliet* from start to finish with the remainder of the class following behind. *Halcyon Days* was forced to retire late on in the race due to a 'mainsheet track failure' – hopefully not terminal! At the time of print, the 2nd race remains surrounded by controversy!

Dodgy watches and issues around start-times led to *Daisy Dog* being recorded as OCS and, having failed to return, led the remainder of the fleet around the course with *Anna*, *Contessa Juliet* and *True Blue* enjoying a good scrap for, what they believed to be, 2nd place. However, due to the OCS ruling, *Anna* took the race win from *Contessa Juliet* in 2nd with *True Blue* in 3rd.



E Class – The YODs (The Gentlemen's Class?)

With most of the newly refurbished fleet afloat, this week is likely to be about 2 things – seeing whose money was well spent and making sure the boats last the week! The first race of the day was a very well-behaved affair in comparison to the 2nd race. With the fleet split in half from the start line down either side of the first beat, it was a tense wait to see who emerged first at the windward mark *Blackie* led the field by a healthy margin throughout the race from *Yilt* and *Mona* in 2nd and 3rd respectively. *Ditherumpop* was the only casualty of the weather, breaking a shroud and being forced to retire amid fear of further damage and voiding the warranty on other parts of the rigging! In the second race however, carnage ensued at the start line with *Joca* trying to claim 'water' at the pin end (that's called 'barging' gents) and *Yilt* trying what can only be described as a 'port tack flyer'. Team Rix/Egglestone on *Blackie* came out

on top of both encounters though and again led from start to finish with *Yilt* claiming 2nd place.

All in all a hectic day on the water. In other news, well done to Linda Dyson on *Ghost* and William Jones on *Perkers* for winning Regatta week's Ladies' and Cadets' races respectively. See you all on the water for another day of fun and games tomorrow!