

Regatta 2011 - Thursday

Today's racing saw wind ranging from 8-15 knots and swinging from south westerly round to northerly and everything inbetween! With a line set around mark 'U' in the centre of the bay the classes set out to a windward mark in front of the town for 3 races in each class.



D Class – The Contessa 26s

The first race of the day saw Contessa Juliet a little over eager on the start line, only to be recalled by the PRO. True Blue rounded the windward mark first on the first lap, ahead of Anna and Constant, only for Daisy Dog to pull themselves well into contention by the time they finished the first lap, closing a 50 yard gap down to an

overlap as they rounded the pin. True Blue then chose not to cover their rivals and lost out to a wind shift, leaving Daisy Dog to claim another race win. In the 2nd race of the day, Daisy Dog found the going much easier and claimed and held a clear lead throughout the race. Constant claimed 2nd with True Blue in 3rd. In the extra race, resailed after yesterday's abandoned racing, Constant found herself at the windward mark and showed that they had obviously learned from their mistakes of previous races and hoisted their spinnaker cleanly and quickly to keep the chasing pack at bay. Daisy Dog made her way up from 4th to 2nd but unfortunately couldn't close the gap on the leader, leaving Constant to claim their maiden win of the week.

C Class – National Squibs

A slight misunderstanding and crew shortage meant only 3 boats made their way out to the starting area for the 1st race. However the lack of boats didn't affect the racing, with Perkers finding herself a little too keen at the start, having enough time to go OCS, round the pin end and still start only a couple of boat lengths behind Ghost. At the windward mark it was Ghost who had sneaked ahead and managed to open a slight lead, which they held across the finish line. Trio joined the class for the 2nd race of the day, and added to the excitement of the racing as they headed to the windward mark with a slight lead. However a couple of tacks later they found themselves behind series leader Ghost and trying to fight off Perkers and Threadbare. Perkers stole 2nd place though and held this to the finish. In the final race of the day the wind shifted back and forth several times leaving Perkers in a clear lead at the 1st windward mark. Ghost gave chase and closed a 20 yard lead to half a boat length by the time the 2 rounded the leeward mark. As Ghost tacked inshore



Perkers chose to continue out to sea, a decision which cost them the win as Ghost found a favourable shift as Perkers overstood the windward mark.



E Class – The Yorkshire One Designs

In the YOD class, Blackie continued her good form as she led the fleet to the windward mark and held the pack at bay. Yilt held a clear gap in 2nd to 3rd place and Patience followed cleanly behind as the top 3 places stayed the same throughout the race. In the 2nd race of the day Blackie again found her way to the front of the fleet, leading the from start to finish ahead of Yilt who showed true continuity of results, claiming a seventh 2nd place from 8 races (the eighth result was a 1st!) The battle for 3rd to 5th was a lot closer as Patience, Mona and Ditherumpop all traded places throughout the race. The 3rd race of the day threw up the real action though as Yilt caught Blackie by surprise to lead the way around the 1st windward mark, a lead which they refused to relinquish and held to the finish. Patience, Jesta and Blackie sailed the leeward leg alongside each other with the latter just edging ahead at the leeward mark. At the end of the final lap it was Blackie who claimed 2nd and Patience who again claimed 3rd.



B Class – The Cruisers

Racing in the cruiser class has followed a similar pattern all week, with Hippy Chick leading the fleet on the water (although being the only visitor in the fleet, it's not easy finding the marks! Maybe they were fitting a crow's nest to the top of the mast when they sent the cabin boy up shortly before racing! A visit from a very soggy looking Bob Wallace onboard Jumble caught a few people by surprise, I understand he paid for his 'ticket to ride' with gin! In all 3 races Hippy Chick led from Jumble who led Halo around the course on the water. However on corrected time it was Jumble who claimed wins in the 1st and 3rd races of the day with Hippy Chick winning the 2nd.

Vice commodore Steve Wood is still looking for suitable and worthy candidates for tonight's jacket. Please send your nominations his way. Is it acceptable to nominate the committee boat for raising an 'M' flag to signify that someone was OCS in the squib class? (Right colours, but wrong order!)

Was the Jesta / Ditherumpop luffing match worthy of nomination? No fellas, you can't call mast abeam anymore! And yes Jesta, this roving reporter did spot that you hoisted the spinnaker upside down on the way out from the harbour to the committee boat!

Tonight is your final chance to order photo prints and CDs so please place any orders with Adam Saltonstall (preferably before he's had 1 too many beers!)