

# Regatta Regatta 2011

The Royal Yorkshire Yacht Club celebrated their 154<sup>th</sup> regatta this year with a week of high quality racing as Bridlington Bay provided its usual stunning scenery and changeable weather patterns, including North Easterly gusts of up to 35 knots and South Easterly breezes of only 6 knots! Peter Crooks acted as Principle Race Officer for the week, ably supported by his team, now known as 'The Usual Suspects'!

## **B Class – PY Handicap Class.**

In the cruiser class 3 boats challenged for the trophies available. *Hippie Chick* was the only visitor for the class, having travelled down from Grimsby and showed that local knowledge wasn't always needed as they claimed 5 wins from 10 races, including the coastal race to Filey and back on Friday. The RYYC's *Jumble* won 4 of the remaining races to finish 2<sup>nd</sup>, with *Halo* taking the remaining win.

## **C Class – The National Squib Class.**

The Squib class saw excellent close racing throughout the week, with Neil Orum and Tony Saltonstall on board *Perkers*, Squib 12, and Gerard Dyson and Adam Saltonstall on board *Ghost*, Sq840, battling closely through all 11 races for the prizes on offer. *Ghost* however came out on top as they won 10 of the 11 races to not only win the overall series, but to also claim the North of England Championship which was included in the first half of the week. *Threadbare*, Sq772, caught the fleet by surprise to sneak a win in race 11 to prevent *Ghost* from claiming a clean sweep for the week.

## **D Class – Contessa 26s**

In the Contessa class Steve Travis and his team aboard *Daisy Dog* took control from the beginning of the week, with 9 wins from 10 races. This included Friday's coastal race to Filey Bell Bouy, which they won by a clear 20 minutes after 8 hours of racing! With this set of results there was no surprise that they won the series for the week, ahead of the Rear-Commodore's boat, *Contessa Juliet*, who took 2<sup>nd</sup> place ahead of *Constant* in 3<sup>rd</sup>, who were the only boat to take points off *Daisy Dog* throughout the week.

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

In the YOD class Tim & Robbie Rix and Mark Eggleston on *Blackie*, YOD 1, were keen to atone for last year's runners-up spot and led from the front for the whole week having claimed 9 wins from 11 races. With *Yilt*, YOD 5, under a 'hired-helm' they surprised many by claiming two 1<sup>st</sup> places and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the remaining 9 races. John Rix's team on *Patience*, Y16, showed that experience counts for a lot by claiming a well-earned 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the week's series.

In the overall prizes for the week, *Daisy Dog* claimed the Commodore's Rose Bowl for the best performing yacht throughout the whole series, whilst *Threadbare* won the Norman Cooke Trophy for the 'best presented yacht'. Martha Handley won the Simon Nettleton Trophy for the best performance by an RYYC cadet, as voted for by RYYC members.

Next year's Regatta Week takes place from Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August, all enquires should be made to the RYYC office on 01262 672041, or through the club website at [www.ryyc.org.uk](http://www.ryyc.org.uk)