

Re-sail Racing

The Madoc made the decision not to sail for the Squirrel Trophy, which was disappointing for the crews of Oisin, Morne Fortune, and Sweet Future. It did mean, happily, these crews were eager to sail and more dinghies were able to race.

Saturday 5th September Re-sail – Len Sumner Trophy

Wind W 4/5 7 Boats

All eager to sail, we sailed a self timed race with a 3-2-1 start. This left some boats at a disadvantage, but despite this, Colin (Contender) sailed majestically through the fleet to compete with the leading boats; Richard and Ed (Javelin) and Alan and Leslie (Hornet +). There was quite a tacking tussle in the middle order (Laser 2000, Laser Vago and Wayfarer) up to the Danger Rock, but the boats became more spread out as conditions became bumpier round the red mark below the Powder House. Asymmetric and Symmetric spinnakers flew as we reached down to the Pill Box and out on a run to the pink race mark. Somehow John had managed to set a 3 gybe mark course which led to some anxious moments, but with little mishap. Conditions were strong enough for Joe (Comet) to capsize three times on a shortened course.

First through the line was Richard and Ed (Javelin), closely followed by Colin (Contender) and Alan and Leslie (Hornet +)

Congratulations to Richard and Ed (Javelin) on the final result.

Sunday 6th September Re-sail; - Small Boat

Wind SW 5 with strong gusts 7 boats

Our thanks go to Alan and Leslie who volunteered to be Race Officer and Rescue in stiffening wind conditions. The fleet spread out very quickly on the beat up to buoy 13. Some spinnakers flew on the run down to the Pill Box, whilst others tied them down securely. Mark and Steph (Laser Vago) just pointed up too high and found themselves going for an 'early bath'. David performed a spectacular helmless rescue of this asymmetric only to capsize on a beat 50 yards on. Richard and Ed (Javelin) made an error on the first mark and retired gracefully. Well done to Colin who was first through the line and won the race. Ryan (Topper) beat David and Kate (Laser 2000) to 2nd by just 9 seconds on adjusted time. An exhilarating time was had by all but conditions were strengthening and we decided not to go for a second race.

Re-sail 19th and 20th September

On this weekend there are big tides which, like this weekend, give us more options for the course set. A number of boats have expressed interest in racing this weekend and some may need crews. Come and join the fray for the newly found Hilary Trophy and the Spring Pump. Hope to see you there.