

Troon Cruising Club

Wacky Races



Race Report : Wacky Races Summer 2 :Race 3 (31/7/19)

Course : Lappock(p)-Beechams Bouy (p)- Finish Wind : 6-10 knots NNW

OOD: Ian Douglas Assistant OOD: Jamie Allen

Race 3 turned out to be a somewhat of a contentious affair sailed in near perfect conditions on a beautiful summers evening. The wind direction lent itself to the pre set marks allowing a true beat and run with a degree of line bias also to be considered.

Seascope were off first at 1912 but without skipper Ian Douglas on board a lack of jib halyard tension meant tacking angles were somewhat large and quickly they found themselves behind the pack of 1920 starters. This was lead by Crystal Clear who, like Hunters Moon started at the pin end of the line which they felt was the biased end. Storm, Petra and Green Kestrel together with the first race of the season participation of David Hutton on Eliza all preferred the dolphin end.

The wind was reasonably stable both in direction and strength so the only tactical consideration other than speed v height on the upwind leg was how close you dared go to Lappock at what was a very low tide. Storm seemed the happiest to risk her keel bolts, (or maybe Iain knows these waters better than anyone else racing)

Crystal Clear led to the top mark (Seen just under the forward 1/3 of Storms jib foot in Picture 1) and under spinnaker pulled away from Storm,(picture 2).

Picture 1



Picture 2



however on finishing was awarded a 4 minute OCS (over the line- on course side) penalty by the OOD which was accepted but refuted. This meant that on corrected time Storm took 1st by 15 seconds pushing Crystal Clear into 2nd.

Iain Gairns was clearly pleased by this outcome!

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A very close race was take place astern of these boats with Petra, Hunters Moon and Green Kestrel finishing within 4 minute of one another on the line. That, on corrected time equated to the three of them finishing 17 seconds apart. Hunters Moon took 3rd, 6 seconds later Petra took 4th with Green kestrel just missing out by a further 11seconds resulting in 5th.



David Hutton who was sailing single handed struggled in what were fairly light conditions for Eliza and although he beat Seascope over the water was resigned to 7th on handicap while Seascope took 6th.

Next race : Wednesday Wacky race 07/08/2019 18.15 meet at TCC clubhouse as usual. OOD: Jimmy Short.

Saturday 10 am 10/08/2019 :Rescheduled 50th Anniversary race- Ayr Bay course. Meet 0900
meet TCC for briefing.(Notice of Race will be issued tonight)