

TCC Autumn Series 2019



Race Report : Race 3 (18th September 2019)

Course : Lappock (p)-Finish Wind : Northerly 3-8 knots Sea state: Flat

In contrast to the exhilarating conditions of the previous Autumn series race Wednesday was a short course in light conditions that left little room for error. Two opponenets have come into play in the recent weeks , one being the other boats and the second being nightfall hence the short course.

With the end of the racing season approaching and many crews tied up with other commitements only 4 boats competed however several took the controversial opportunity to pinch crew from non competing boats so the number of people sailing remained boyant. Penn Player, confident with



her extra crew off Petra flew their spinnaker for the first time this year and Jamie Allen stole some of the Storm crew to compete in Spanker again which was great to see.

Crystal Clear& Hunters Moon made up the racing quartet. Some confusion occured at the start where a ten minute warning was thought to have ben broadcast over



vhf ch 72 however all but Crystal Clear simply started on the warning signal at 7pm which saw Crystal Clear sailing towards the harbour at that time.

Sporting an untried number one genoa for the first time this season however Crystal Clear, driven again by J McGaughey found excellent height and boat speeds of 5knots + in the light breeze and quickly reeled in Spanker, Hunters Moon and then Penn Player to lead around Lappock.



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Crystal Clear running under spinnaker with Penn Player and Hunters Moon in pursuit taken from Spanker by Jim Hood.

After this turn in the failing light all but Spanker flew their kites down the run in a dying breeze which saw Crystal Clear stretch out a 9 minute lead over the water with Penn Player and Hunters Moon finishing within minutes of one another just before dusk. Unfortunately for Jamie and crew on Spanker the failing wind and lack of kite meant an almost full night time finish some 30 minutes later.

Results for the race. 1st:Crystal Clear, 2nd : Hunters Moon, 3rd: Penn Player, 4th : Spanker

Next race and: SUNDAY 29/09/2019; Late/Autumn Series , race 4: 13.30meet at TCC clubhouse for 14.30 start.