

# Troon Cruising Club

## Wacky Races



Race Report: Wacky Races Summer 2: Race 1 (17/7/19)

Course: Lappock (p) - Beechams (p) - Finish

Wind: 10-18 knots Southerly

OOD: Stuart Powrie

The first of the Wacky races Series 2 saw a pleasant break to the light wind trend with a gusty southerly and moderate sea state especially towards Beechams.

Six boats started with Seascope getting off to a flyer in a decent band of breeze while those starting toward 19.20 were left playing catch up in 10-12 knots. A dead downwind start saw all but Crystal Clear electing to Goose Wing genoa's instead of flying their spinnaker. It was certainly an entertaining downwind with some opportunities to surf the larger waves but a lot of rolling had to be managed in the process.

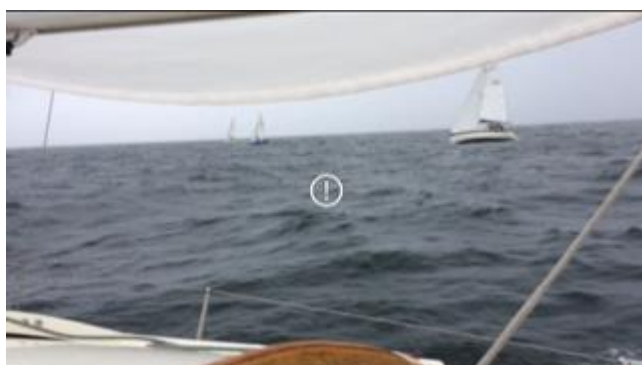
Crystal Clear rolling her way down to Lappock



Storm and Crystal Clear within a boat length of Beechams buoy



All six boats rounded Beechams within a few hundred feet of one another. From here on things became interesting



A large wave unbalanced Gary Muir on Petra shortly after the rounding and in falling forward Gary snapped his tiller leaving himself only 30 cm or so to steer his boat through the upwind leg and sea state. Storm, Petra, Hunters Moon and then Seascope in turn followed Crystal

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Clear onto an inshore starboard tack to escape the flooding tide and adverse waves.

Initial gains were made by Crystal Clear on the inside however when they tacked back off the shore onto port for a favourable wind shift Iain Gairns and crew on Storm slipped up the Barassie shore and benefited from hiding from the waves and tide to take the win by 90 seconds from Crystal Clear with Hunters Moon taking the remaining podium slot.

Many thanks to all those who assisted Seascap who after finishing had an issue with their engine and required towing into their berth  
After Lappock the breeze returned for the leg to the finish.

Next race: Wednesday 17<sup>rd</sup> July with usual meet time of 1815 at the TCC clubhouse.

OOD: Ken Stott/Rory Stein