

Troon Cruising Club

Wacky Races



Race Report: Wacky Races Summer 2: Race 2 (24/7/19)

Course: Irvine Buoy (s) Lappock (S) - Finish

Wind: 0-8 knots Southerly sometimes!

OOD: Ken Stott

Race 2 of the wacky races series 2 saw our biggest turn out this year. WE had 8 boats competing; one of which for the first time this year so welcome back Bill Anderson on Footloose.

Normal service appeared to resume despite the forecast SW 10-17 knots racing was started in almost westerly 3-5 knots unless you had chosen the shore side of the course as Iain Gairns and team did on storm and they appeared to enjoy a personal breeze of 8-10 knots all the way to Irvine buoy while the remaining 7 boats in the fleet struggled at times to fill their genoa's Spinnakers.



It wasn't long before Storm has stretched her legs and had an unassailable lead on the fleet. (As seen from her vantage point on the fleet as she headed towards the line as everyone else was heading to Irvine buoy) In unfortunately what became a fetch to Irvine buoy for other yachts there were a few position changes largely based on waterline length before a huge hole in the wind appeared from Mill Rock to Lappock that swallowed all but Storm who managed to cross the line comfortably before 9 o'clock.



Green Kestrel, Petra, Penn Player and in turn crystal Crystal Clear all became becalmed in the hole and as it became a battle of patience to see who would retire v hold on for wind the chasing pack of Seascope, Selkie and Footloose made initial gains towards the fleet again only to be engulfed by the same hole just as Petra, Penn Player and Crystal Clear found a zephyr to head to the line with.

Here Seascope can be seen leading the chasing pack before the wind shut off.

Next race: Gala Day x 2 0900 Briefing at the club 27/7/2019. RNLI Lady Isle Race 12.30 briefing for 13.30 start 28/7/19 and next Wacky race Wednesday 01/08/2019 18.15 meet at TCC clubhouse as usual