

Troon Cruising Club

Wacky Races

Race Report: Wacky Races Summer 2 – Race 4 (07/08/19)

Course: Beechams Buoy(s) – Lappock(s) – Finish      Wind: 18-22 knots WNW

OOD: Jimmy Short

Race 4 started in brisk conditions with a fresh wind and lively sea state. Down in numbers with just 5 boats making the start, the conditions meant that a variety of reefing options were chosen. Green Kestrel and Storm made use of their furling headsails, Lysa Blue included a deep reefed mainsail whilst Gary Muir on Petra opted for full sail!

Hunters Moon made a good start off the line, opting for an inshore tack towards Lappock followed by the others. However the heavier conditions favoured the larger boats which enabled Storm, Green Kestrel and Petra to make better progress to windward. Petra and Green Kestrel tacked off shore before reaching Lappock, whilst Storm and Hunters Moon opted to go inshore of Lappock looking for the benefit of smoother seas. Gary Muir was eventually forced to furl some of Petra's headsail which gave some advantage to Green Kestrel, but not before Storm tacked offshore to round Beechams first.

Lysa Blue eventually turned back due to the uncomfortable conditions whilst the remaining four boats finished the beat to Beechams before turning to run downwind passing Lappock to starboard and then enjoying a broad reach to the finish.

Storm crossed the line first in almost exactly 40 minutes of sailing followed by Petra, Green Kestrel and lastly Hunters Moon. Despite the lively conditions all four boats crossed the line with just 11 minutes between first and last.

The challenging conditions meant there was a noticeable lack of photographs taken on the night and therefore none to add to the narrative above.

Next Race:

10<sup>th</sup> August 2019 - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cup, 10 am start.

14<sup>th</sup> August 2019 - Wacky Races Summer 2 - Race 5, Clubhouse briefing at 6.15pm as usual. OOD – Andy Dickson