

Sailing Report for June 3rd and 4th

Race for the RNLI Pennant

On Saturday, eight boats came out to compete in the annual race for the RNLI Pennant. There was a light northerly wind providing a competitive start for the first reach to Sandsend. *Skywalker* was too keen and had to return to the starting side of the line. *Tiger Rag* and *Double D* were shy of the line and took a considerable time to cross it. *Icon* was the first boat to arrive at the Sandsend mark, with *Masquerade*, *Teemane* and *Minty* close behind. *Icon* made a rapid return to the Bell Buoy and this paid off substantially as she reached the finish line before the wind dropped to almost nothing. The remaining boats were swept southwards across the rock and only two others managed to cross the finish line, namely, *Skywalker* and *Teemane*.

Result: 1st *Icon* (Neil and Lorraine Williamson), 2nd *Skywalker* (Peter Brown), 3rd *Teemane* (Mike and Marilyn Dixon)

During Saturday evening in the WYC Clubhouse, the RNLI Pennant was presented to the winning crew by Keith Stuart who is the Lifeboat Operations Manager and a former Coxswain of Whitby Lifeboat.

The wind was still light for the eight boats that came out on Sunday for the 8th race in the Spring Series but it had gone westerly making the boats beat their way to Sandsend. *Icon* rapidly established a lead which she kept throughout the race. Conditions changed as rain clouds skirted Whitby Bay and although it stayed dry, the wind increased rapidly and turned south-westerly producing a hard beat to the finish line with a bay full of "white horses". In Class A, *Icon* led the boats in followed by *Samaki* and *Minty* but application of the handicap reversed the order of these last two boats. In Class B, *Tiger Rag* beat *Bamboozle*.

Result: Class A 1st *Icon* (Neil and Lorraine Williamson), 2nd *Minty* (Shaun Adams), 3rd *Samaki* (Nigel Robinson). Class B 1st *Tiger Rag* (George Davey and Nathaniel Drake), 2nd *Bamboozle* (Mike Ellis)