

## Sailing Report Summer Series Races 5 and 6 22<sup>nd</sup> July

The number of boats was greatly reduced due to two Club members, Nathaniel and George(ina) performing different nautical activities, getting spliced! Class A could only field one boat, so *Cold Steel* was guaranteed the top step of the podium. Class B managed a few more with *Skywalker*, *Masquerade*, *Rampage*, *Serenade of Parkstone* and *Double D*. A moderate easterly wind prompted the Race Officer to set the start into the wind with the first mark being off the pier ends. *Masquerade* made the best start but all the boats were bunched up at the first buoy. *Masquerade* and *Cold Steel* were side by side as the fleet headed for the bell buoy. All the boats were close together at the mark but then *Cold Steel* found her speed and established a lead which she didn't lose. *Skywalker* and *Masquerade* had a close fight but finished in that order and *Serenade of Parkstone* beat *Rampage* as *Double D* brought up the rear.

**Result:** Class A 1<sup>st</sup> *Cold Steel* (Colin Dey, Keith Gowland and Nigel Jarvis). Class B 1<sup>st</sup> *Skywalker* (Peter Brown), 2<sup>nd</sup> *Masquerade* (David Miller), 3<sup>rd</sup> *Serenade of Parkstone* (Les Franks and Chris Hamlett)

For the second race of the day, *Masquerade* and *Double D* decided that one race was enough and retired to the marina. *Serenade of Parkstone* had a flying start, hitting the line as the start signal sounded. The first rounding mark was off the pier ends before the boats headed for the bell buoy. *Cold Steel* crept to the front and *Skywalker* led *Serenade of Parkstone* and *Rampage* in Class B. Only *Skywalker* sported her spinnaker as they headed for the Upgang mark but *Cold Steel* retained her lead. The wind freshened and the boats were well pressed but were able to retain their largest sails. The positions were the same on the second lap as on the first, as *Cold Steel* led the fleet home. *Skywalker* led home Class B and *Serenade of Parkstone* retained her lead over *Rampage*.

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