

Sailing Report – Spring Series 1 21st April 2018

Just 5 boats came out on Saturday to compete in the first of the Spring series of races. It was near perfect sailing conditions, although the wind was a little light, a force 2 from the east. All the boats were alongside each other but shy of the line at the start. *Antix* had enough speed to forge to the front, closely followed by *Icon* and then *Cold Steel*. *Skywalker* had been in a good position but the larger boats stole her wind and she was left floundering to round the first mark off the pier ends in fourth position in company with *Tiger Rag*.

The leading 3 boats rapidly hoisted spinnakers as did *Tiger Rag*, while *Skywalker* was a little tardier. The order of *Antix*, *Icon*, *Cold Steel*, *Skywalker* and *Tiger Rag* was soon established and maintained throughout the race, although *Cold Steel* made a surge for second when *Icon* had problems dropping her spinnaker and lost ground but not enough for *Cold Steel* to take advantage of. They crossed the finish line in this order.

Result: Class A, 1st *Antix* (John Allen and Sandy Ransom), 2nd *Icon* (Neil and Lorraine Williamson), 3rd *Cold Steel* (Colin Dey, Keith Gowland and Nigel Jarvis). Class B 1st *Skywalker* (Peter Brown), 2nd *Tiger Rag* (Nathaniel and George Drake)