

### **Stewart Perkins Cup 6th May 2017**

A combined fleet race for the Stewart Perkins Cup was on the programme for Saturday. Seven boats came out into a northerly force 3-4 wind and a moderate sea. The Race Officer set a course which kept the fleet close to the ends of the piers. *Samaki*, taking part in her first race of the year, made the best start at the windward end of the line and held off the chasing *Icon* and *Antix* until the first turning mark opposite to the Beach Cafe. *Antix*, *Icon* and *Cold Steel* displayed their superior windward capabilities as the fleet turned into the wind to head for the Bell Buoy. The order was established on this leg with *Antix*, *Icon*, *Cold Steel* and *Samaki* forming the front four but individual scuffles were taking place at the rear with *Bamboozle*, *Rampage* and *Masquerade* fighting it out. Numerous changes of position occurred but eventually they all finished in that same order and the application of the handicap did not change this.

**Result:** 1st *Antix* (John Allen and Sandy Ransom), 2nd *Icon* (Neil and Lorraine Williamson), 3rd *Cold Steel* (Colin Dey, Keith Gowland and Nigel Jarvis)

By Sunday, the wind had increased making Whitby Bay untenable for yacht racing and the scheduled Pursuit race was cancelled.

On 13th May Whitby Yacht Club are participating in the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) sponsored introduction to sailing, "Push the Boat Out". The general public will have the chance to chat to sailors in the Marina Car Park between 11am and 2 pm and then have the opportunity at 3pm to go out on a sailing boat and experience sailing in the bay off Whitby.