

Sailing Report David Duke Trophy and Jim Male Cup Race 15th July

Five boats came out on Saturday to compete in a coastal race to Boulby and back to the finish line in Runswick Bay. Four of the boats were Class A boats and they raced for the David Duke Trophy. Just one boat was in Class B and that trophy was the Jim Male Cup. A powerboat, *Legacy* and crew of four left Whitby before the racing boats, in order to lay a temporary mark in Runswick Bay which acted as the finish point.

It was a close start for the five racing boats with *Icon* slightly in the lead but by the first mark *Cold Steel* had overtaken *Icon*. *Monsoon* was in third place followed by *Teemane* and then *Rampage*. Three of the boats hoisted spinnakers and pulled away from the white sail boats. However after leaving Whitby Bay there were gusts of 20 knots and *Cold Steel* was caught by one of these and almost broached. Spinnakers were rapidly returned to their bags but not before *Cold Steel's* boom hit the water. From there to the mark at Boulby, *Cold Steel* and *Icon* changed places several times in a very close race. *Monsoon* maintained her third position followed by *Teemane* and *Rampage*. Between Runswick and Boulby the wind dropped and then changed direction. One skipper reported that the boats were doing pirouettes in order to maintain some headway. *Teemane* also lost time when she had to free herself from the trailing rope of a lobster pot. Boulby mark was rounded without further incident and the race back to Runswick was again very close between *Icon* and *Cold Steel*, as each tried to gain advantage from the prevailing currents. The order at the finish line was *Cold Steel*, *Icon*, *Monsoon*, *Teemane* and *Rampage*.

Following the race the boats anchored in the bay at Runswick and the crews enjoyed picnics before returning to Whitby.

Result: Class A 1st and the David Duke Trophy *Cold Steel* (Colin Dey, Keith Gowland and Nigel Jarvis), 2nd *Icon* (Neil and Lorraine Williamson), 3rd *Monsoon* (Paul and Janet Linley). Class B 1st and the Jim Male Cup *Rampage* (Derek Wright and Paul Scaife).