

Summer Series Races 1 & 2 1st July 2017

Just five boats came out for the first two races of the Summer Series and faced a northerly wind and a roly sea. It was decided to have two short races in view of the conditions. A competitive start saw *Icon* and *Teemane* collide in their efforts to avoid *Samaki*.

Masquerade and *Tiger Rag* prudently kept further apart. The wind dropped and boats struggled against the tide to make the second mark, with many failing on their first attempt. *Masquerade* took the lead and kept it for rest of the race, followed by *Samaki*, *Icon*, *Teemane* and *Tiger Rag*. The race was shortened as the wind dropped even more.

Result: Class A 1st *Samaki* (Nigel Robinson), 2nd *Icon* (Neil and Lorraine Williamson), 3rd *Teemane* (Mike and Marilyn Dixon). Class B 1st *Masquerade* (David Miller), 2nd *Tiger Rag* (Nathaniel Drake and George Davey).

With the wind dropping even more, the shortest possible course was selected for the second race and the boats struggled to get round that. Whilst *Samaki* and *Icon* crawled their way to the first mark, others were struggling to cross the start line. The Class A boats, *Icon*, *Teemane* and *Samaki* clawed their way around the first mark and now with the help of the tide made it back to the harbour mark and then were all in a line for an incredibly slow, but close finish. *Tiger Rag* led in Class B but *Masquerade* was forced to retire in order to catch the last bridge.

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