

### Spring Series Races 5 and 6 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Six boats came out on Saturday on a glorious sunny sea with a pleasant force 3/4 north westerly wind but there was a residual swell, making for tricky sailing conditions. The fleet made a close start with *Masquerade* slightly in the lead but *Antix* had more speed and arrived first at the harbour turning point. *Antix* then got into her stride on the beat to the Bell Buoy, which she reached ahead of all the other boats. The new boat, *Minty*, also made good speed and led *Tiger Rag*, *Masquerade* and *Cold Steel* around the buoy. The boats reached to Sandsend with the order unchanged and spinnakers were raised for the run back to the Bell Buoy. The race was completed by a reach down to the pier ends before turning for the short leg to the finish line.

**Result:** Class A 1<sup>st</sup> *Antix* (John Allen and Sandy Ransom), 2<sup>nd</sup> *Minty* (Shaun Adams), 3<sup>rd</sup> *Cold Steel* (Colin Dey, Keith Gowland and Nigel Jarvis). Class B 1<sup>st</sup> *Tiger Rag* (Nathaniel Drake and George Davey), 2<sup>nd</sup> *Bamboozle* (Mike Ellis).

On Sunday just 5 boats came out for the 6<sup>th</sup> race in the Spring Series. It was another glorious day, the wind had decreased and gone easterly but the swell was greater than ever. With the light wind, a series of short laps just off the Spa Pavilion seemed appropriate. The boats were keen to go with *Masquerade* being a little too keen and she crossed the start line before the signal. She had to turn through 360° and approach the start line again which cost her a lot of ground. *Antix* took her usual position at the front followed by *Cold Steel*, *Tiger Rag*, *Bamboozle* and then *Masquerade*, valiantly trying to catch up. Spinnakers were rapidly hoisted although *Tiger Rag* had some technical problems. *Bamboozle* also experienced a problem later in the race when it was time to drop her spinnaker. Class A boats completed 5 laps and Class B, 4 laps.

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