

Sailing Report 12th – 14th May RYA PUSH THE BOAT OUT and the White Rose Trophy

The sailors had a busy weekend at sea, with the tides dictating that one of the series of Midweek races had to take place on Friday evening. Only 4 boats came out for this race and the wind was equally discouraging being extremely light from the east. The Race Officer set a short course which was the minimum possible. The boats clawed their way round in just under half an hour, apart from one boat, *Masquerade*, who developed an affinity to one of the marks and was reluctant to leave it! However, the racing was keen and *Minty* and *Samaki* crossed the finishing line in a dead heat but subsequently the handicap separated them.

Result: 1st *Minty* (Shaun Adams), 2nd *Samaki* (Nigel Robinson), 3rd *Icon* (Neil & Lorraine Williamson).

There wasn't any racing on Saturday as the Club was taking part in the Royal Yachting Association's scheme, "Push The Boat Out" which provided the opportunity for novice or lapsed sailors to go out to sea on Club boats. The winds were quite boisterous to begin with but settled later and 20 people enjoyed an introduction to sailing.

It was back to normal on Sunday as 7 boats came out on a dreary and damp morning to compete in two races for the White Rose Trophy. The first race took them to the buoy off Boulby, 8 miles up the coast. The rain stopped just before the start and the fleet headed northwards. The wind originally allowed a direct course to Boulby but changed and most boats ended up having to sail against the wind to get round the buoy. *Antix* was first there with *Icon* not far behind, followed by *Samaki* and *Masquerade*, then came *Cold Steel*, *Rampage* and *Bamboozle*. The leading boats hoisted spinnakers but the others were reluctant to do so, however, those that did, greatly benefitted. *Antix* led the fleet in with *Icon* not far behind and *Cold Steel* and *Samaki* formed the end of the Class A fleet. *Masquerade* just led, in Class B, with *Bamboozle* very close and *Rampage* not far behind.

Result: Class A, 1st *Antix* (John Allen & Sandy Ransom), 2nd *Icon* (Neil & Lorraine Williamson), 3rd *Cold Steel* (Colin Dey, Keith Gowland & Nigel Jarvis). Class B, 1st *Bamboozle* (Mike Ellis), 2nd *Masquerade* (David Miller), 3rd *Rampage* (Paul Scaife & Derek Wright).

The second race of the day took place in the bay in lovely sunny weather with a fresh south westerly wind. The start was competitive and all the boats were very close at the first turning mark off the pier and after much shouting and hailing, the fleet headed out to the Bell Buoy without a red protest flag in sight! *Icon* headed the fleet, with the usual leader, *Antix* struggling with a few sail problems. The fleet turned against the wind at the Bell Buoy and various options were taken to reach the next turning point, opposite the beach huts. *Icon* was there first, with *Cold Steel* following and *Samaki* just leading *Antix*. After a short leg out to sea, the boats came back against the wind to get into Sandsend bay. *Icon* was now being pressed by *Antix*, who took the lead for the second lap by a narrow margin. The fleet completed a hard day's sailing with *Antix* in the lead followed by, *Icon*, *Cold Steel*, *Samaki*, *Masquerade*, *Rampage*, and *Bamboozle*, who had suffered some gear failure but the handicap resulted in a change to the final result.

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