

## Sailing Report Summer Series Races 3 and 4 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July

Just six boats came out on Saturday to compete in the third race of the Summer Series. There was a light northerly wind for the start and the Race Officer decided to limit the race to a short circuit just outside the harbour. Despite the lack of wind, a competitive start was achieved. The boats all gathered at the first turning mark with *Skywalker* in the lead, *Icon* second and *Samaki*, not finding enough sea room, having to lose ground so as not to cause a collision. The boats rounded the mark but the wind was fickle and they were soon seen to be heading in all directions in the bay. The only boat to be sailing in the right direction was *Samaki* and she gained a large lead. With all the other boats pointing in different directions, it was difficult to say who had the other places. *Samaki* finished her race, followed by *Icon* and *Cold Steel* just got her bow in front of *Teemane*. The handicap, however would alter this. In Class B, *Skywalker* led *Serenade of Parkstone*.

**Result:** Class A 1<sup>st</sup> *Samaki* (Nigel Robinson), 2<sup>nd</sup> *Icon* (Neil and Lorraine Williamson), 3<sup>rd</sup> *Teemane* (Mike and Marilyn Dixon). Class B 1<sup>st</sup> *Skywalker* (Peter Brown), 2<sup>nd</sup> *Serenade of Parkstone* (Chris Hamlett and Les Franks).

After this race was completed, regular skippers handed over their helms to the ladies in their crews for the Ladies' Pursuit Race. Only three boats had lady helmsmen on board. The start was delayed owing to a lack of wind but eventually *Samaki* led the fleet away, closely followed by *Icon* and *Cold Steel*. These two boats were soon past *Samaki* and had their own short-lived tussle before *Icon* drew ahead of *Cold Steel* and this order was maintained for the whole of the race which went to Sandsend and back.

**Result:** 1<sup>st</sup> *Icon* (Shani Kitchen), 2<sup>nd</sup> *Cold Steel* (Ann Readman), 3<sup>rd</sup> *Samaki* (Susie Sykes).

There were six boats out again for the Sunday race but a different six. With a fair south westerly wind, the Race Officer sent them off on a course that would have them zig-zagging towards Sandsend. *Cold Steel* led the fleet with *Icon* close behind and followed by *Teemane* and *Minty*. *Tiger Rag* led Class B with *Serenade of Parkstone* trailing her. As the boats turned in to the wind, *Icon* and *Cold Steel* chose different tacks and *Icon's* proved the more successful and she gained the lead which she kept to the finish. *Cold Steel*, *Teemane*, *Minty* and *Tiger Rag* were all close together. The Race Officer sensed a reduction in the wind and shortened the course with *Icon* approaching the finishing line. *Cold Steel* led in the following bunch with *Teemane* and *Minty* very close.

**Result:** Class A 1<sup>st</sup> *Icon* (Neil and Lorraine Williamson), 2<sup>nd</sup> *Cold Steel* (Colin Dey, Keith Gowland and Nigel Jarvis), 3<sup>rd</sup> *Minty* (Shaun Adams and Angela Baker). Class B 1<sup>st</sup> *Tiger Rag* (George Davey and Nathaniel Drake), 2<sup>nd</sup> *Serenade of Parkstone* (Chris Hamlett and Les Franks).