

## Bank Holiday Sailing Race Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Seven boats came out on Saturday hoping to compete in two races of the Bank Holiday Series. There was a gentle north-westerly breeze and a flat sea, which produced a competitive start with *Icon*, *Cold Steel* and *Minty* at the front of the fleet. By the first turning mark, *Icon* and *Minty* had their noses in front. *Icon* and *Cold Steel* launched their spinnakers very rapidly and this worked to their advantage until halfway to the Bell Buoy, when the wind turned too shy and they were forced to drop them. A little further back, *Tiger Rag* also flew her spinnaker for a similar length of time. *Icon* was first around the Bell Buoy and *Minty* overtook *Cold Steel* as the wind dropped. The light wind, however, suited *Skywalker* and she caught up with the larger boats as they headed for Sandsend. As they turned the mark at Sandsend, *Icon* led and she led all the way back to the Bell Buoy. Behind her, *Cold Steel*, *Minty* and *Skywalker* changed position constantly. *Cold Steel* eventually consolidated her second place and closed on *Icon* whilst *Minty* overtook *Skywalker* and that was the order at the finish as the Race Officer shortened the race in the ever decreasing wind. *Tiger Rag* was the only other boat to finish as *Masquerade* and *Bamboozle* ran out of time.

**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> *Skywalker* (Peter Brown), 2<sup>nd</sup> *Tiger Rag* (George and Nathaniel Davey).

The second race was abandoned owing to lack of wind.