

Sailing Report 10th & 11th June 2017

The first two of four races for the RIVA Cup

First Race A wet morning and a moderate southerly wind greeted the five racing and two cruising boats which were heading for Scarborough for the first away race of the season. The cruising boats made their way independently while the racing boats mustered for their start. They began with half a circuit of the bay and then left the Bell Buoy to starboard before heading south to Scarborough. *Cold Steel* made the best start with *Icon* “snapping at her heels” and *Samaki*, *Bamboozle* and *Rampage* formed the chasing group. The wind freshened and turned more against the required heading and it became necessary to change to smaller sails. *Cold Steel* and *Icon* fought it out at the front of the fleet, *Samaki* was all alone in the middle and *Bamboozle* and *Rampage* had their own battle at the back. *Bamboozle*, however, suffered a severe gear failure when her rudder broke. She was not in immediate danger but called the Coastguard who alerted the new Scarborough Shannon Class Lifeboat which rapidly put to sea and soon had *Bamboozle* in tow. **Many thanks to Scarborough RNLI!** The remainder of the fleet, unable to offer assistance, continued their race and *Icon* just led *Cold Steel* in, after a race of over 5 hours.

Result: 1st *Icon* (Neil and Lorraine Williamson), 2nd *Cold Steel* (Colin Dey, Keith Gowland and Nigel Jarvis), 3rd *Samaki* (Nigel Robinson).

Second Race Only four boats came out on Sunday to race back to Whitby, as *Bamboozle* was unable to sail. Scarborough Yacht Club gave the boats a start and the same order of yachts, *Cold Steel* and *Icon* together and then *Samaki* and *Rampage* was quickly established. The wind had freshened overnight and smaller sails were the dress of the day from the start. Both wind and tide were with the boats and a rapid return was achieved in just over two hours. *Icon*, again, took the lead just metres from the finish line as *Cold Steel* found it hard going in the very fresh wind.

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