

## Sailing Report 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May

### Two races - the Craven Old Wheels Trophy Race and the 7<sup>th</sup> race in the Spring Series

On Saturday, 9 boats came out to compete for the Craven Old Wheels trophy. A force 3 to 4 southerly wind encouraged the Race Officer to set a course to Sandsend, where the boats completed 2 circuits before returning to Whitby. There was a close start with 3 boats wide at the first turning mark off the piers. *Antix* took the lead with *Cold Steel*, *Samaki* and *Masquerade* surging backwards and forwards as they took each other's wind. *Antix* was first around the Bell Buoy and *Samaki* just had a lead on *Cold Steel* but the larger boat quickly got in to her stride and overtook *Samaki*. The order of *Antix*, *Cold Steel* and *Samaki* was maintained throughout as was the trailing order of *Minty*, *Masquerade*, *Monsoon*, *Skywalker*, *Rampage* and *Bamboozle* but application of the handicap resulted in a few changes.

**Result:** 1<sup>st</sup> *Antix* (John Allen and Sandy Ransom), 2<sup>nd</sup> *Cold Steel* (Colin Dey, Keith Gowland and Nigel Jarvis), 3<sup>rd</sup> *Skywalker* (Peter Brown).

On Sunday, 6 boats competed in the 7<sup>th</sup> race of the Spring Series of races. Lovely conditions again greeted them with the wind now westerly. All the boats made competitive starts with *Masquerade* having just a slight advantage. *Icon* soon achieved her usual position at the front but *Minty* was following her closely and was the first boat to the turning mark off Upgang. These two led the fleet back to the Bell Buoy but there they separated as *Icon* sailed faster on the wind. *Minty* dropped off the pace and eventually allowed *Masquerade* to take second position. There was a close race in Class B but eventually *Skywalker* gained the upper hand followed by *Rampage* and *Serenade of Parkstone* but again the handicap changed the positions.

**Result:** Class A 1<sup>st</sup> *Icon* (Neil and Lorraine Williamson), 2<sup>nd</sup> *Masquerade* (David Miller), 3<sup>rd</sup> *Minty* (Shaun Adams & Angel Baker). Class B 1<sup>st</sup> *Skywalker* (Peter Brown), 2<sup>nd</sup> *Serenade of Parkstone* (Les Franks and Chris Hamlett), 3<sup>rd</sup> *Rampage* (Derek Wright and Paul Scaife)