

Stromness Sailing Club Old News Items

Several Snipes took part in the Westray and Kirkwall Regattas on the week-ends of 29 July and 4/5/6 August.

Westray - 29 July

At Westray, *Go Quickly Red* (Malcolm Tipler/Alastair Wilson, Stromness SC) won the Snipe section of the first race with second place going to *Moonstone* (Andrew Leslie/Rachel, Holm SC) and third place to *Nemo* (Neil Foubister/Carrie Stockan, Holm/Stromness SC).

In the second race at Westray *Nemo* won the Allcomers section, with *Bonxie* (James Burgon/Donald Cowan, Stromness SC) in second place and 505 *Best Kens* (David Sabiston, Orkney SC) in third place.

Kirkwall 4/5/6 August

At Kirkwall Regatta, *Go Quickly Red* was eventually fourth in the handicap pursuit race on Friday evening after hanging on to second place until the closing minutes of the race. The race was won by the *Wayfarer*, *Smyrill* with a Laser second and a 505 third.

In the Snipe section of the first race on Saturday the first three places went to *Nemo*, *Bonxie* and *Go Quickly Red*.

In the second race, Mixed Centreboards, *Nemo* was first Snipe.

In the third race, Allcomers, *Go Quickly Red* was first Snipe.

P & O Tankard Challenge Trophy for Snipes - 20 July 2006

Ten Snipes took part in the individual challenge races for the P & O Tankard. Three of the boats were visiting boats (*Hassfang*, *Aquamania* and *Valhalla*) and the remaining seven race regularly in the Stromness SC points series.

All three races were hotly contested with positions changing frequently. Fortunately everyone was racing in good spirit and their enthusiasm was not dampened even by a collision at mark 7 and a minor hiccup with mark 2 in the first race or by the two general recalls in the second race or by the fickle and dying wind in the third race.

The overall winner, based on combined placings in the three races, was *Nemo* (Neil Foubister/Carrie Stockan). This was the third win in succession for Neil whose home club is Holm SC but who also sails regularly at Stromness SC.

For full details of the boats that sailed in the P & O Tankard event and the results of each race, please see the 20 July 2006 results sheet in the 2006 Archive.

Stromness Regatta - 15 July 2006

Please follow the 2006 Stromness Regatta Report link for the report on the Regatta and the first three placings in each race. The full results can be found by following the 2006 Stromness Regatta Results link in the 2006 Archive.

Stromness Shopping Week - Daft Raft Race

The Daft Raft Race was held on the evening of Tuesday, 18 July.

Stromness SC v Holm SC Inter-Club Team Racing - 14 July 2006

The annual inter-club team racing event took place at Stromness on Friday, 14 July 2006. Stromness won two of the three races and won overall on points. The full results are given on the 2006 InterClub Events with Holm document in the 2006 Archive.

29 June 2006

Eight Snipes and a National 12 competed over Course 4 (South East). The first beat to mark 7 was short and the fleet were still bunched as they rounded the mark with lots of calling of 'starboard!' and 'water'.

The first race was a skipper race and was won by *Wild Goose* (Mark Taylor/Mark Shiner), 2nd *Jual* (Ian Johnstone/John Young), 3rd *Go Quickly Red* (Malcolm Tipler/Alastair Wilson).

The second race was a crew race and was won by *Vendetta* (Katherine Stockan/James Stockan), 2nd *Jual* (John Young/Ian Johnstone), 3rd *Go Quickly Red* (Alastair Wilson/Malcolm Tipler).

The third race was another skipper race and was won by *Wild Goose*, 2nd *Jual*, 3rd *Scooby* (Neil Foubister/Carrie Stockan)

Callum MacIver manned the safety boat and Isobel Tipler was the starter.

22 June 2006

Nine Snipes competed in moderate to light westerly winds over course 7. The first race was a skipper race, the second a crew race and the third another skipper race.

Wild Goose (Mark Taylor/Mark Shiner) won the first skipper race, 2nd *Go Quickly Red* (Malcolm Tipler/Johnny Robertson) and 3rd *Nemo* (Neil Foubister/Carrie Stockan).

Wild Goose (Mark Shiner/Mark Taylor) also won the crew race, 2nd *Go Quickly Red* (Johnny Robertson/Malcolm Tipler) and 3rd *Jual* (Ian Johnstone/John Young).

The second skipper race was won by *Nemo*, 2nd *Wild Goose* and 3rd *Silver Fern* (Davie Marcus/Donnie Hall). Unfortunately, the spirit of the race was marred by an incident over water and rights at mark 6. After considering the facts of the situation it was concluded that three boats had infringed the racing rules and all three were disqualified by the Officer of the Day - *Bonxie* (James Burgon/Donald Cowan), *Eldorado* (Fred Johnston/Arthur Sinclair) and *Jual* (Ian Johnstone/John Young).

15 June 2006

Ten boats competed in light westerly winds, over course 7.

The Skipper race was won convincingly by *Bonxie*, skippered by James Burgon and crewed by Malcolm Marwick. The rest of the fleet was fairly bunched up as they rounded the penultimate mark of the course and from the shore I could hear a few comments along the lines of 'Excuse me, kind Sir, but I think that I have right of way here' - or words to that effect - as they rounded the mark. *Go Quickly Red* claimed innocence but did a precautionary 720 degree turn before finishing the race, losing about three or four places in the process. *Silver*

Fern skippered by Davie Marcus and crewed by Donnie Hall came second in the race and *Eldorado* skippered by Fred Johnston and crewed by Arthur Sinclair came third.

The second race was a Crew race and all ten boats took part. The wind dropped right away which meant that although the first three boats were able to finish the race, the remaining boats were still in the channel when the *Hamnavoe* ferry came steaming towards Stromness Harbour. Whilst there are situations where boats under power give way to boats under sail, this is not one of them. Discretion being the better part of valour the seven boats either accepted a tow from the safety boat, *Happy Hunter*, or paddled home. The race was won by *Vendetta* skippered by Carrie Stockan and crewed by James Stockan. 2nd was *Noringa 3* skippered by Conran Flett and crewed by Gordon Hill and 3rd was *Bonxie* skippered by Malcolm Marwick and crewed by James Burgon.

I would willingly have started a third race so that they could enjoy the rest of the evening drifting around on the tide but I took the hint when they all came ashore and dropped their sails.

8 June 2006

Nine boats sailed this week. The wind was light and variable, making it necessary to change course after each race. The first race was over course 6, the second over course 5 and the third over a short course (buoys 7, 6,1). The fleet took advantage of the absence of *Wild Goose* and vied for supremacy.

Buoy number 2 having gone walk about caused some confusion in the first race but it was finally won by *Noringa 3*, helmed by Gordon Hill and crewed by Conran Flett . The second race was the Crew race and was won, in almost drifting conditions, by *Bonxie*, helmed by Donald Cowan and crewed by James Burgon. *Scooby* and *Silver Fern* decided not to bother with the last race but those who did hang around to take part were rewarded with a temporary increase in wind before it fell away again. The race was won by *Bonxie*.

Willie Mackay manned the safety boat, *Happy Hunter* , and Isobel and Malcolm Tipler did the race starting.

1 June 2006

Three boats ventured out on Thursday evening to battle the strong westerly winds and fight for points in the May-July points series. This time *Wild Goose* did not have things all her own way as she had done in May. *Nemo* (Neil Foubister/Carrie Stockan), who dominated in the 2005 season, put up a strong challenge to win both of the skipper races and put down her marker for the remainder of the 2006 season. *Wild Goose* (Mark Taylor/Mark Shiner) was second and *Vendetta* (James Stockan/Katherine Stockan) was third.

The race starter was Gordon Hill. The safety boat, *Happy Hunter*, was manned by James Burgon and Colin Macleod.

21 and 28 May 2006

Club Members and their families turned out in force again on both Sundays. An Optimist, Toppers, Lasers and Arctic Whaler were all out on the water giving good opportunity for sailing practice in reasonable sailing conditions.

25 May 2006

The May Tankard series of races was completed on Thursday, 25 May 2006. The wind was a moderate Westerly and Course 7 was sailed. A total of 7 boats turned out and the race starter was Isobel Tipler.

The safety boat, *Happy Hunter*, skippered by Callum and crewed by Conran Flett, was kept busy as *Parsnip* capsized just before the start of the Crew Race and *Pussy Willow* capsized part way through the third race as she was crossing the wake of the *Hamnavoe* ferry.

Scooby and *Wild Goose* had been joint leaders after week one of the series but since then *Wild Goose* has dominated the remaining races to win the series convincingly.

There was competition for the lower placings and the first three places overall in the series were:

1st 10 points *Wild Goose* (Mark Taylor and Mark Shiner or Katherine Stockan)

2nd 23 points *Bonxie* (James Burgon and Donald Cowan or Malcolm Marwick)

3rd 27 points *Scooby* (Neil Foubister and Carrie Stockan or Darren McAdie)

The full result for the series is shown in the 2006BoatResults document.

18 May 2006

It did not look promising as members were rigging their boats. There was a moderate NE wind blowing but this was spoiled by a downpour. However, everyone dug deep and launched their boats for the evening's racing. It turned out to be a good evening as the rain eased off and the moderate wind remained.

There was a splendid turnout of eleven Snipes, leaving only two in the compound. All three races were dominated by *Wild Goose*, skippered by Mark Taylor and crewed by Mark Shiner and their clean sweep puts them in a commanding position for the May Tankard series with only one more evening's races to count. The team have clearly been busy tuning *Wild Goose* and she certainly sailed well in the conditions. The other Snipes competed fiercely for the minor placings.

The safety boat *Happy Hunter*, skippered by Willie Mackay and crewed by Malcolm Marwick, patrolled the racing area throughout the evening and had little to do except drop a buoy and ensure that one of the tail-enders in the Crew's race was not mowed down by 'Big Blue', the nickname for the Northlink Ferry *Hamnavoe* which steams through the race area at about 2015 as she comes to berth in Stromness Harbour. The race starter and results recorder was Isobel Tipler. **14 May 2006**

The first fun sailing afternoon was able to take place today with several families turning up to enjoy a pleasant afternoon's sailing.

11 May 2006

Racing finally got underway on Thursday, 11 May 2006 with three skippers' races towards the May Tankard and the May-July points series.

Eight Snipes took to the water and the wind throughout was moderate NNE. Pictured left is Neil Foubister preparing *Scooby* for racing, with *Wild Goose* in the background. *Scooby* and *Wild Goose* shared leadership after the first three races of the series.

7 May 2006

A beautiful sunny day but just too much wind for the first fun sailing afternoon of the new season.