

Stromness Sailing

The Orkney summer sailing season is now well under way, although folk could be forgiven for thinking it is still winter. Admittedly the wind on Thursday, 17 May had shifted round but only from the north to the east the shore party still shivered its way through the start procedures for the five Snipes racing. The youngest sailor this week was Hamish Burgon who crewed for Dad, James, in *Bonxie*.

There were three races over course three with *Hassfang* and *Go Faster Blue* sharing the race-winning honours. A bit of over-enthusiasm from *Bonxie* when rounding the final mark of the course in the first race resulted in a collision with *Double Dutch* and penalty turns before the finish.

Unfortunately, there was some confusion which resulted in *Double Dutch*, with two skippers aboard, not taking part fully in the second race in the belief that it was a crew race. It was later agreed that because of the confusion *Double Dutch* should be awarded average points for that race. This is not reflected in the on-the-water results below but is reflected in the points recorded for the series. The points for other boats are not affected. For future reference, skippers should note that all races are skipper races unless the starter tells them otherwise, either directly before boats go on the water or via the safety boat crew once boats are on the water.

Race 1: 1 *Hassfang* (Chris Moore/Nathan Omand), 2 *Humdinger* (Barry Jones/Paula Hemsley), 3 *Go Faster Blue* (Neil Foubister/Thorfinn Johnston), 4 *Double Dutch* (Kenny Holland/Johnny Robertson), 5 *Bonxie* (James Burgon/Hamish Burgon)

Race 2: 1 *Go Faster Blue* (Thorfinn Johnston/Neil Foubister), 2 *Hassfang*, 3 *Humdinger*, 4 *Bonxie*, DNF *Double Dutch*

Race 3: 1 *Hassfang*, 2 *Go Faster Blue*, 3 *Humdinger*, 4 *Double Dutch*, DNS *Bonxie*

Thank you to Donnie Hall and Ed Johnstone for manning the safety boat. Iso and Malcolm Tipler were the starters.

Iso Tipler