

Stromness Sailing

Summer at last and the good weather brought out a few more sailors on Thursday, 24 May. Nine boats competed, with *Noringa* and *Freyr* and the National 12 making their first appearances of the season. The wind was light and had moved from the north east to the south shortly before racing so course five was used. The increased numbers made for more interesting starting and racing, with a fair amount of shouting, a few minor bumps and penalty turns, notably from *Humdinger* and *Freyr*.

In the first race, *Noringa* led from start to finish. As the National 12, sailed by junior members Nathan Omand and Ed Johnstone, was competing, the racing was run on a handicap basis but the corrected time finishing order was the same as the on-the-water finishing order in this and the third race.

The second race was a crew race. Thorfinn Johnston has moved over from crew to skipper so it will be a new name for the Crew trophy this year. Ed Johnstone, won the first crew races of the series but this time it was Griogair Morrison (*Bonxie*) who took the honour. *Hassfang* and the National 12 had returned to shore to deal with gear problems so their crews could not compete.

In the third race, it was *Bonxie* that dominated, followed by *Freyr* in second place. There was a close tussle for third place, with *Double Dutch* just managing to hold off *Hassfang*

Race 1: 1 *Noringa* (Gordon Hill/Ross Manson), 2 *Bonxie* (James Burgon/Griogair Morrison), 3 *Hassfang* (Chris Moore/Aidan Morrison), 4 *Freyr* (Pete Tipler/Magnus Black), 5 *Go Faster Blue* (Thorfinn Johnston/Neil Foubister), 6 *Humdinger* (Barry Jones/Paula Hemsley), 7 *Double Dutch* (Kenny Holland/Johnny Robertson), 8 *Scooby* (Donnie Hall/Finley Hall), 9 National 12 (Nathan Omand/Ed Johnstone).

Race 2 (Crew): 1 Griogair Morrison (*Bonxie*), 2 Finley Hall (*Scooby*), 3 Ross Manson (*Noringa*)

Race 3: 1 *Bonxie*, 2 *Freyr*, 3 *Double Dutch*, 4 *Hassfang*, 5 *Noringa*, 6 *Scooby*, 7 *Go Faster Blue*, 8 *Humdinger*, 9 National 12

Thank you to Malcolm Tipler for manning the safety boat, with help from Lewis Burgon. Iso Tipler was the starter.

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