

Stromness Sailing

The final races of the May Tankard series took place on 31 May with nine boats competing on handicap. The wind was back in the north again so course one was used. It was good to see *Nemo* and *Go Quickly Red* back on the water for the first time this season, bringing the total boats entered in the series to twelve. Angus Budge and crew manned the safety boat and Iso Tipler was the starter.

Due to a combination of factors – folk slow to get ready, the onshore wind and *Humdinger* launching first but to the wrong side of the mooring line – racing started about twenty minutes late. Please remember, folks, that racing is due to start promptly at 7:00 pm.

There was plenty of jockeying for position at the starts of the first and third races and a couple of boats came perilously close to being over the line but just managed to slow enough to make a clean start. With so many boats all close together it was those who managed to get an overlap and claim water at the first mark that gained the advantage on the first upwind leg.

For a brief moment on the long beat to number four in the first race, *Go Quickly Red* had the lead but it was *Double Dutch* and *Hassfang* that then fought for the win and second place, with *Go Faster Blue* coming through to take third. The second race was a Crew Race. It had been expected that about four crews would compete but in the event there were only two – Griogair Morrison in *Hassfang* and Finley Hall in *Scooby* – with Finley taking the win. In the third race, the places went to *Hassfang*, *Noringa* and *Go Quickly Red*. The full results were as follows:

Race 1: 1 *Double Dutch* (Kenny Holland/Johnny Robertson), 2 *Hassfang* (Chris Moore/Griogair Morrison), 3 *Go Faster Blue* (Thorfinn Johnston/Neil Foubister), 4 *Noringa* (Gordon Hill/Ross Manson), 5 *Nemo* (Ian Johnstone/John), 6 *Scooby* (Donnie Hall/Finley Hall), 7 *Go Quickly Red* (Malcolm Tipler/Donella Kirkland), 8 *Humdinger* (Barry Jones/Paula Hemsley), 9 National 12 (Nathan Omand/Ed Johnstone)

Crew Race 2: 1 Finley Hall (*Scooby*), 2 Griogair Morrison (*Hassfang*)

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

The May Tankard series results are now known and will be reported in the *Orcadian* when the presentation has taken place. In the meantime, the results can be viewed via the Club Racing Results page at <http://www.orkneycommunities.co.uk/STROMNESSAILING/>

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