

Frozen Food Centre Trophy

Four Snipes sailed for the Shopping Week Frozen Food Centre Trophy on Thursday, 19 July. The wind still had a northerly chill to it but this time its direction was from the north west so course eight was used.

The event was sailed over three races with the cumulative points for each boat producing a final result. The racing was very competitive with three of the four Snipes taking turns to win a race and ending up with equal points after three races. The points in this event count also towards the May to July Points Series.

In the first race, *Nemo* had a good start and went on to win, chased down by *Go Quickly Red* and *Hassfang*, with *Double Dutch* taking fourth place.

In the second race, *Nemo* again went for a good start but was over the line and had to return to restart. This allowed *Go Quickly Red* and *Hassfang* the chance to build up a lead, with *Nemo* managing to pass *Double Dutch* to take third.

In the third race, the Snipes were joined by a Pico and a visiting Laser but they could not qualify for the main event. In the main event, it was just *Double Dutch* that had too enthusiastic a start but when the individual recall sound signal went both *Double Dutch* and *Nemo* returned to restart. *Hassfang* and *Go Quickly Red* managed to get a head start but *Nemo* was able to pass *Go Quickly Red* to take second place by just four seconds.

After the three races, *Go Quickly Red*, *Hassfang* and *Nemo* had each had a first, second and third place and ended on six points. *Hassfang* was the trophy holder from 2011 and retained the trophy in 2012. One has to wonder though, what the outcome might have been if *Nemo* had not taken the precaution of going back to restart the third race when the individual recall signal was sounded and had instead had a flying start.

Race 1: 1 *Nemo* (Ian Johnstone/Ewan Johnstone), 2 *Go Quickly Red* (Malcolm Tipler/Gordon Hill), 3 *Hassfang* (Chris Moore/Sheena Taylor), 4 *Double Dutch* (Kenny Holland/ed Johnstone)

Race 2: 1 *Go Quickly Red*, 2 *Hassfang*, 3 *Nemo*, 4 *Double Dutch*

Race 3: 1 *Hassfang*, 2 *Nemo*, 3 *Go Quickly Red*, 4 *Double Dutch* The Laser finished second on the water and fourth on corrected time but does not qualify for points. The Pico retired

Donnie Hall and Andrew Clouston manned the safety boat and Iso Tipler was the race starter.

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