

## Stromness Sailing

By the time the first race was due to start on Thursday, 16 August, the light south-easterly wind had almost disappeared and there had to be a rapid change of course from number four to a short course using buoys seven, six and one. During the wait, the starter was very tempted to leave the sailors to it as she was being attacked by midges.

The seven Snipes tried to get as close as they could to the line before the horn sounded for the start but *Wild Goose* arrived there too early. The lack of wind meant this was definitely not a day for having to return to restart and probably cost *Wild Goose* one of the top place finishes. Conversely, National 12 had trouble moving away from the slip and arrived at the line long after the hooter sounded. *Double Dutch* made the best start and led the race on the reach to round mark seven but on the next leg the wind shifted and *Double Dutch* was seen to be retracing her course for a while as other boats caught up. The wind shift meant there was a slow beat from six to one but finding the zephyrs was tricky and *Hassfang* and *Go Quickly Red* fared best, followed by *Nemo*.

The change of wind brought with it a brief moment of reasonable sailing wind for the second race. The first leg this time was a run, with all eight boats arriving at mark seven at almost the same moment, led by *Wild Goose*. Shortly after that the wind dropped away again and there was another slow finish with *Wild Goose* winning and with *Hassfang* and *Go Quickly Red* taking second and third. There was no third race. The full results were:

**Race 1:** 1 *Hassfang* (Chris Moore/Nathan Omand), 2 *Go Quickly Red* (Malcolm Tipler/Sarah Prior), 3 *Nemo* (Ian and Ewan Johnstone), 4 *Scooby* (Donnie Hall/Lotty Romaniszyn), 5 *Double Dutch* (Kenny Holland/Helena Romaniszyn), 6 *Bonxie* (James and Lewis Burgon), 7 *Wild Goose* (Mark Taylor/David Stockan), 8 National 12 (Ed Johnstone/Alfie Bage).

**Race 2:** 1 *Wild Goose*, 2 *Hassfang*, 3 *Go Quickly Red*, 4 *Nemo*, 5 *Bonxie*, 6 *Double Dutch*, 7 *Scooby*, 8 National 12.

The safety boat was skippered by Andrew Clouston. Iso Tipler was the starter.

### May Tankard Series

After racing the presentation took place in Stromness Golf Club for the May Tankard Series. Commodore Donnie Hall presented the tankard to the winner, *Hassfang* (Chris Moore). Second and third place mugs were presented to *Double Dutch* (Kenny Holland) and *Scooby* (Donnie Hall).

### Iso Tipler