

Stromness Sailing

The Commodore's Cup series of races continued on Thursday, 23 August with five Snipes and a Laser competing. With just one more week to go in the series it would have been good to have had three good races but that was not to be as there was very little wind. There was just one race which was sailed over a shortened course (buoys 1, 5, 1).

Go Quickly Red was very close to being over the line at the start of the race but the starting hooter was sounded just in time and she went on to be first round mark one. On the run to mark five it was *Scooby* that fared best and came through to lead the fleet onto the beat back to mark one while the Laser rounded the mark last. With so little and such fluky wind everything can change dramatically and on the upwind leg *Scooby* went from the front of the fleet to the back and *Double Dutch* and the Laser edged into second and third places behind *Go Quickly Red*. The full result was:

Race 1: 1 *Go Quickly Red* (Malcolm Tipler/Lotty Romanieszyn), 2 *Double Dutch* (Kenny Holland/Helena Romanieszyn), 3 Laser (Ed Johnstone), 4 *Humdinger* (Barry Jones/Paula Hemsley), 5 *Hassfang* (Chris Moore/Thorfinn Johnston), 6 *Scooby* (Donnie Hall/Finley Hall)

The Stromness safety boat, *Happy Hunter*, returned to duty after a long absence for engine repair and was manned by Andrew Clouston and Gary Foulis. Iso Tipler was the starter.

The final races of the Commodore's Cup series will be on 30 August and as things currently stand *Hassfang* is well-placed to take the trophy but all will depend on what happens that evening.

Thanks and congratulations to the seven Stromness Snipes that turned out for the Interclub Event against twelve Snipes from Holm (only seven of their scores to count) and to Holm for hosting the event this year. There was some good team racing in all three races and Stromness put up a good show but it was Holm that won overall. Nineteen Snipes on the water was a fantastic turnout and let's hope these and more will take part in the Snipe National Championships when they come to Orkney in 2013.

Iso Tipler