

## Stromness Sailing

### Evening sailing concluded

The outcome of the Commodore's Cup and May to August Points Series were both determined on Thursday, 29 August with the final two evening races of the season. Seven Snipes competed and the westerly courses Nos. 18 and 17 were used.

With the start line being fixed, there was a strong bias for starting on port tack to sail to the first mark but in both races *Bonxie* bucked the trend and started on starboard. This caused a few problems for other boats on the start line with *Freyr* having to put in a quick tack to avoid a collision, with a knock-on effect for *Go Quickly Red*, while other boats had to alter course to pass behind *Bonxie*.

*Nemo* led the fleet round mark numbers one and six in the first race, followed by *Go Quickly Red*, but all the skippers made tactical decisions on the windward legs and there were several changes of race position. *Nemo* lost out on this occasion and *Go Quickly Red* was able to gain and retain the lead for the rest of the race to win, followed by *Freyr* and *Bonxie*.

In the second race, *Bonxie* again started on starboard tack while the rest were on port tack but this time most of the fleet managed to get away ahead of *Bonxie* and she was left to play catch-up. She made a valiant effort to do that and came through eventually to take second place behind the winner, *Freyr*, with *Hassfang* finishing third.

The full results were:

**Race 1:** 1 *Go Quickly Red* (Malcolm Tipler/Doody Robertson), 2 *Freyr* (Mark Taylor/Edward Johnstone), 3 *Bonxie* (James Burgon/Griogair Morrison), 4 *Hassfang* (Chris Moore/Thorfinn Johnstone), 5 *Humdinger* (Barry Jones/Paula Hemsley), 6 *Nemo* (Ian Johnstone/Freya Johnston), 7 *Double Dutch* (Kenny Holland/Archie Porteous)

**Race 2:** 1 *Freyr*, 2 *Bonxie*, 3 *Hassfang*, 4 *Nemo*, 5 *Double Dutch*, 6 *Go Quickly Red*, 7 *Humdinger*

Donnie Hall skippered the safety boat and Iso Tipler was the starter.

### Presentation Evening

After sailing on the 29th, the annual presentation of trophies took place in Stromness Golf Club and the first three placed boats and skippers in each event are listed below:

**May Tankard:** 1 *Bonxie* (James Burgon), 2 *Go Quickly Red* (Malcolm Tipler), 3 *Wild Goose* (Mark Taylor)

**Summer Series (June-July):** 1 *Double Dutch* (Kenny Holland), 2 *Hassfang* (Chris Moore), 3 *Go Quickly Red* (Malcolm Tipler)

**Commodore's Cup (August):** 1 *Double Dutch* (Kenny Holland), 2 *Go Quickly Red* (Malcolm Tipler), 3 *Hassfang* (Chris Moore)

**Jim Hunter Trophy (May to August Points):** 1 *Go Quickly Red* (Malcolm Tipler), 2 *Double Dutch* (Kenny Holland), 3 *Hassfang* (Chris Moore)

**Frozen Foods Centre Shopping Week Trophy:** 1 *Hassfang* (Chris Moore), 2 *Wild Goose* (Mark Taylor), 3= *Double Dutch* (Kenny Holland) and *Go Faster Blue* (Pete Tipler)

**Crew Series (May to July):** 1 Thorfinn Johnston, 2 Griorair Morrison, 3 Edward Johnstone

**Interclub Stromness SC v Holm SC:** The trophy was won this year by Stromness SC and the trophy was handed to Chris Moore, skipper of *Hassfang* which was the best scoring Stromness SC boat in the event.

**Good Sport Trophy:** This special trophy is awarded in recognition of a Club member showing a particularly generous attitude. It was presented this year to Mark Taylor, for the enormous amount of work that he has done over the last two years to develop the instructing and coaching team, organise youth training for beginners and improvers and to seek out potential sources of funding. The training development and fund-raising project is ongoing and Mark Taylor continues to take the lead.

#### **Other trophies**

The remaining trophies still to be awarded are the trophy for representing Stromness SC at Orkney regattas and the Autumn Silver Snipe Trophy. The former will be determined after Holm Regatta takes place and the latter at the end of the series in early October.

#### **Sunday Sailing**

Sunday sailing, for the Autumn Silver Snipe Trophy, was cancelled on Sunday, 1 September, due to strong winds and will begin instead at 2:30 pm on Sunday, 8 September (weather permitting).

**By Iso Tipler**