

Stromness Sailing

Sailing this week was on Monday, 1 July. Please note that there will be no Club racing on Thursday, 4 July because of boats going across to Hoy for Longhope Regatta.

Five Snipes were out on the water and with some doubling up of skippers in boats there was no Crew race held. There was a fair wind from the west/south-west at the start of racing but it was dropping away rapidly during the third race.

The importance of having a good start in clear air was demonstrated by *Go Faster Blue* and *Hassfang*. In the first two races, *Go Faster Blue* made good starts and was able to hold onto the lead and come through to win. In the third race, *Hassfang* did the same.

In all three races, there were several changes of place in both the upwind and downwind legs with the choice made between port and starboard tack for those legs making the difference between gaining or losing ground. It is never safe to assume that because the wind came from a particular direction when a mark was rounded in one race that it will be from the same direction when the same mark is rounded in another race.

The full results were as follows:

Race 1: 1 *Go Faster Blue* (Pete Tipler/Thorfinn Johnston), 2 *Go Quickly Red* (Malcolm Tipler/Mark Taylor), 3 *No Fear* (Neil Foubister/David Sinclair), 4 *Double Dutch* (Kenny Holland/Owen Rudhall), 5 *Hassfang* (Chris Moore/Donnie Hall)

Race 2: 1 *Go Faster Blue*, 2 *No Fear*, 3 *Double Dutch*, 4 *Go Quickly Red*, 5 *Hassfang*

Race 3: 1 *Hassfang*, 2 *Go Faster Blue*, 3 *Go Quickly Red*, 4 *No Fear*, 5 *Double Dutch*

The safety boat driver was Andrew Clouston and the race starter was Iso Tipler.

Stromness Regatta will be held on Saturday, 20 July. For further information please see the Club website or the advert in next week's paper.

By Iso Tipler