

Stromness Sailing

Sailing on Thursday, 11 July was the first occasion for trying out the new standard harbour courses devised for different wind conditions. The wind was from the West and course number seventeen was selected for the first two races, using buoys one, six, five, two and seven.

For most of the boats, the first race was straightforward with *Hassfang* having a good start and leading home *Wild Goose* and *Go Quickly Red*. *Scooby* was the exception. She demonstrated clearly, by running aground between six and five, that although the *shortest* route between two points is a straight line the *quickest* route may not be when the tide is low. Good practice for getting off a lee shore, under the watchful eye of the safety boat crew.

The second race was a Crew race in which six of the seven Snipes took part. Thorfinn Johnston won the race in *Go Faster Blue*, followed by visiting crew, Leanne Fischler in *Go Quickly Red*, and Griogair Morrison in *Double Dutch*.

As the wind was dropping away by the start of the third race, there was a change of course to number sixteen using buoys one, six and seven. This time it was *Wild Goose* that gained the lead and was followed home by *Go Quickly Red* and *Go Faster Blue*.

Race 1: 1 *Hassfang* (Chris Moore/Harvey Dunnet), 2 *Wild Goose* (Mark Taylor/James Stockan), 3 *Go Quickly Red* (Malcolm Tipler/Leanne Fischler), 4 *Go Faster Blue* (Pete Tipler/Thorfinn Johnston), 5 *Double Dutch* (Kenny Holland/Griogair Morrison), 6 *Hamba* (Sheena Taylor/Doody Robertson), Rtd. *Scooby* (Donnie Hall/Aidan Morrison)

Race 2 (Crew): 1 Thorfinn Johnston (*Go Faster Blue*), 2 Leanne Fischler (*Go Quickly Red*), 3 Griogair Morrison (*Double Dutch*), 4 Harvey Dunnet (*Hassfang*), 5 Aidan Morrison (*Scooby*), 6 Doody Robertson (*Hamba*)

Race 3: 1 *Wild Goose*, 2 *Go Quickly Red*, 3 *Go Faster Blue*, 4 *Double Dutch*, 5 *Hassfang*, 6 *Scooby*, 7 *Hamba*.

The safety boat was crewed by Dave Wishart and Johnny Robertson and the race starter was Iso Tipler.

The annual interclub event takes place on 18 July, hosted by Stromness this year and Stromness Regatta is on Saturday, 20 July.

By Iso Tipler