

Stromness Sailing

It was a moderate westerly wind for sailing on Thursday, 6 June so course No. 7 was used. The usual pattern with the westerlies is for flukey gusts of wind to feed down between the houses of the town and for Mark 1 to become a wind-free zone as the wind drops away. Before the start Mark 1 was sitting in the customary calm patch but by the time racing was under way the wind had picked up and held up quite well for racing.

Seven Snipes sailed in the first and third races and the results of both were identical with *No Fear* (Neil Foubister/Glen Foubister) taking first place, followed by *Bonxie* (James Burgon/Ollie Lever) and *Go Quickly Red* (Malcolm Tipler/Lotty Romaniszyn) in second and third places.

Four qualifying crews took part in the second race which was a crew race. Thorfinn Johnston in *Double Dutch* had a brilliant start – well-timed and in clear air – and was able to hold the lead throughout the race. Ollie Lever in *Bonxie* and Anna Johnstone in *Nemo* were second and third.

The full results were:

Race 1: 1 *No Fear* (Neil Foubister/Glen Foubister), 2 *Bonxie* (James Burgon/Ollie Lever), 3 *Go Quickly Red* (Malcolm Tipler/Lotty Romaniszyn), 4 *Nemo* (Ian Johnstone/Anna Johnstone), 5 *Double Dutch* (Kenny Holland/Thorfinn Johnston), 6 *Humdinger* Barry Jones/Paula Hemsley, 7 *Scooby* (Donnie Hall/Sheena Taylor)

Race 2 Crew: 1 Thorfinn Johnston (*Double Dutch*), 2 Ollie Lever (*Bonxie*), 3 Anna Johnstone (*Nemo*), 4 Lotty Romaniszyn (*Go Quickly Red*).

Race 3: Same as for Race 1.

The safety boat skipper was Andrew Clouston and the starter was Iso Tipler

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