

Stromness Sailing

There was a change of wind direction to the northwest for the final evening's races in the May Tankard Series on Thursday, 30 May. The wind was dropping so course 8 was used for the first race but buoy No. 3 was omitted from that course for the remaining two races.

There were seven Snipes on the water. Racing was mainly uneventful but the third race had to be delayed while a large gantry vessel was brought into the harbour with tow ropes to boats fore and aft. Once that was clear of the race course the third race was started. We owe special thanks to the skipper of the *Hamnavoe* which came slowly through the channel during the race, allowing the dinghies to sail clear.

The full race results were as follows:

Race 1: 1 *Wild Goose* (Mark Taylor/Aidan Morrison), 2 *Go Quickly Red* (Malcolm Tipler/Donnie Hall), 3 *Bonxie* (James Burgon/Griogair Morrison), 4 *Hassfang* (Chris Moore/Harvey Dunnet), 5 *Double Dutch* (Kenny Holland/Thorfinn Johnston), 6 *Nemo* (Edward Johnstone/Alfie Page), 7 *Humdinger* (Barry Jones/Paula Hemsley).

Race 2 (Crew): 1 Griogair Morrison (*Bonxie*), 2 Aidan Morrison (*Wild Goose*), 3 Harvey Dunnett (*Hassfang*), 4 Alfie Page (*Nemo*), 5 Thorfinn Johnston (*Double Dutch*).

Race 3: 1 *Bonxie*, 2 *Hassfang*, 3 *Wild Goose*, 4 *Go Quickly Red*, 5 *Double Dutch*, 5 *Nemo*, DNS *Humdinger*.

The first four final places in the May Tankard Series went to boats/skippers combinations that sailed in all eight races. The overall boat and skipper results were:

1 *Bonxie*/James Burgon (12 pts), 2 *Go Quickly Red*/Malcolm Tipler (19 pts), 3 *Wild Goose*/Mark Taylor (31 pts), 4 *Double Dutch*/Kenny Holland (34 pts), 5 *Humdinger*/Barry Jones (51 pts), 6 *Scooby*/Donnie Hall (61pts), 7 *No Fear*/Neil Foubister (71 pts), 8= *Go Faster Blue*/Peter Tipler and *Hassfang*/Chris Moore (72 pts), 10 *Nemo*/Edward Johnstone (78 pts).

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