

Stromness Sailing

Six Snipes took part in the second group of races of the 2013 season. The wind was again from the south-east but this time it was warmer and sunnier. The wind had been gusting 22 knots an hour before the race but during the evening gradually eased to around 10 knots. Three races were sailed with the second race being a Crew Race.

James Burgon, sailing *Bonxie*, had the best start in the first race, having - quite fairly - parked himself just behind the startline in the lead-up to the hooter and timing his powering up just right for crossing the line immediately when the hooter sounded. Getting clear away at the start enabled him to build up a lead and go on to win the race. *Wild Goose* retired from the race with gear problems.

Four youth crews competed in the Crews Race – Finley Hall, Thorfinn Johnston, Edward Johnstone and Griogair Morrison. Although the wind had begun to drop, there was still enough to make rounding the gybe mark interesting. Edward Johnstone, helming *Go Quickly Red*, led for more than half the race until Thorfinn Johnston, in *Double Dutch*, managed to secure right of water on rounding mark No. 2 and hold on to win.

The start of the third race was delayed for the arrival of the *Helliar* freight ferry which had come through the channel at about 8:15 pm, in the middle of a race, the previous week. When she did not appear the race went ahead. Mark Taylor, sailing *Wild Goose*, and James Burgon in *Bonxie* mistimed their starts, with one going over the line and having to restart and the putting in a turn just before the start but losing places. This allowed Malcolm Tipler, sailing *Go Quickly Red*, to sneak through between them and lead the race from start to finish. The *Helliar* did finally arrive some twenty minutes or so later than expected but, fortunately, the last dinghy had just cleared the channel as she rounded Ness Point.

The full results were:

Race 1: 1 *Bonxie* (James Burgon/Griogair Morrison), 2 *Go Quickly Red* (Malcolm Tipler/Edward Johnstone), 3 *Double Dutch* (Kenny Holland/Thorfinn Johnston), 4 *Humdinger* (Barry Jones/Paula Hemsley), 5 *Scooby* (Donnie Hall/Finley Hall). Retired: *Wild Goose* (Mark Taylor/David Stockan)

Race 2 (Crew Race): 1 Thorfinn Johnston (*Double Dutch*), 2 Edward Johnstone (*Go Quickly Red*), 3 Griogair Morrison (*Bonxie*), 4 Finley Hall (*Scooby*)

Race 3: 1 *Go Quickly Red*, 2 *Bonxie*, 3 *Double Dutch*, 4 *Wild Goose*, 5 *Scooby*, 5 *Humdinger*

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

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