

Wednesday Evening Race 6 16th July 2014

Next week 23rd July is the last race of the series followed by prize giving. All boats completing 5 races will be assured of a prize.

We will then be sailing a bottle race on the 30th July with Cadets as crew, which is an excellent chance to introduce the younger members of the club to bigger boat racing. Please support this. Finally on Wednesday 6th August we will hold a Lady Helm bottle race. Everyone is welcome but there will be additional prizes for the best Lady helms in both fleets.

Race 6 was sailed in excellent conditions although with one of the strongest ebbing tides of the year saw a pensive race organiser pacing the patio trying to find a suitable course that would get the boats back on time. Eventually the course was set with a downwind start and the leeward mark was Buoy 22. Wind was a SW 3 gusting 4 and the 1st boat was around Buoy 22 in about 25 minutes.

Musical started well and managed to hold off Whistle until buoy 26 when the Dragon just inched an overlap. At buoy 22 Whistle just rounded ahead of Musical but was overtaken in the tacking duel that followed. Whistle stayed out in the tide when Musical tacked inshore but there appeared to be more breeze in the tide. This paid dividends and by buoy 24 Whistle were well ahead and took the prize for 1st Keelboat on handicap. White Magic again showed excellent upwind performance and took line honours. Having had a taste for the wine as a prize winner last week Wizard also sailed well upwind and was the 2nd Cruiser on handicap followed seconds behind by Valkyrie.

Commiserations go to Wild Rover MG356 who were last weeks winners but spent several hours on the mud when going aground near Buoy 23.

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