



Race reports from the 2018 season

26th April

A breezy day challenged substitute race officers Munch and Zoe, with gusts of over 25 knots recorded it was decided that we would race in the harbour.

Sid (sailing on Z78) had an epically long journey from Hayling Island so Rosina left the Camber slightly delayed at 18.15. After leaving Z78s crew in Haslar, Briggs and Whittaker motored the fine vessel Rosina up the harbour and into Portchester creek, finally setting up station moored to one of the Squib buoys. With a good SW breeze of about 16 knots, gusting 20 knots, course was set which consisted of two windward - leeward sausages in Portchester creek followed by a beat to Z1, a fetch to W1 and finishing at B4.

The sequence started 6 minutes late mainly due to the aforementioned epically long journey. All three Victories looked perplexed (apart from being up harbour) in trying to find B60. However, when the start gun went off they had found the windward, Z54 was so far over the line they were nearly at Hardway Sailing Club!! Begrudgingly Z54 returned to the correct side of the line and all three boats shot off to the windward mark tacking up the channel to stay out of the tide. The order around the first mark was as follows- Z78 Z74 and Z54 with the fleet compressing significantly on the next loop. Leaving the race all to play for.

Tacking up to Z1, Geoff Dixon helming Z54 pulled a blinder and nailed the layline coming out ahead, whilst Z78 and Z74 seemed to be sailing each other off. Jim Downing on Z78 found a back eddy and nearly caught Z54, but they maintained their lead around W1 and fetched toward the line. Z78 and Z74 locked horns to fight out the final fetch. Tom Hartridge helming Z74 narrowly missing out on second place by approximately 20 seconds despite trying an optimistic kite hoist on the final leg.

Final results

1st Z54 sailed by Geoff Dixon, David Price and Mike Ellison

2nd Z78 sailed by Jim Downing, Sid Dollery and James Jopling

3rd Z74 sailed by Tom Hartridge, Duncan Evans and Phil Parnell

An epic evening had by all to complete the first Thursday race of the season. Although another 20 degrees would've been nice !!

The next Victory Class race is on Saturday at 14.00.

Briggs and Whittaker,

Out.







10th May

Tonight's race report-

In the last race in the Thursday Tankard Series seven boats braved the chilly southwesterly breeze. Officer of the day was from Geoff Dixon with (hindering) help from Mike Ellison and Zoe Whittaker.

Rosina was promptly anchored off KB and we set a course -

Darling Associates P

KB P

RAYC & RNC P

KB P

PSC S

Line/Alfie S

PSC P

Line to finish

After a short postponement for Z68 the start signal was in full swing until Papa became entangled during deployment. The start sequence was restarted all seven boats were off! Z76, Z57 and Z68 were OCS. Z76 and Z57 returned through the line and up to the windward mark.

After all the pre-start and start sequence excitement the OOD and his disciples decided it was time for a little refreshment (sausage rolls, grapes and pimm's) before pulling up the anchor and watching the boats reach between KB and PSC.

The course was then shortened to finish at the line. The order of Victories at the finish was as follows-

Z74

Z69

Z57

Z78

Z76

Z70

Z68 (OCS)

The next Victory Class race is on Saturday at 1400 for the last points in the Helmsmans Cup Series. We look forward to seeing you on the water !

Zoe, Mike and Geoff

Ps- Rosina has run out of chalk, any donations welcome...







17th May

Last night started with a short postponement whilst Rosina picked up an unknown late comer (Z68?), perfect conditions on the water with a gentle easterly (ish) and some chilly sunshine. Rosina was anchored off PSC Parhelion with the course set -

VW s

KB p

GL p

PSC s

Line to finish

There were nine boat for the first race in the 2nd Thursday series for the Puffin Trophy.

Pre-start Z77 had trouble with their main halyard (twice according to 'Munch') but the race started with no major events.

On the start Z78 was squeezed out at by Z71 with everyone else having clear starts. The fleet were pretty close up to the top mark (VW) apart from Z68 who stuck it out on the channel side of the course and came around the windward in first place by a long way. Next boats round were Z76 and Z74 followed by Z77 sneaking in front of Z71, and then Z57 and Z70 pretty close behind.

.....Due to racing Z71 instead of surveying from Rosina, I cannot remember what happened in the middle part of the race, so we will pick the commentary back up heading from GL to PSC....

With Z68 smoking the extra special super fast cigarettes, the battle for second place was between Z76 and Z74 who seemed to be sailing each other off to Cowes. Z77 and Z57 had a similar battle, with Z71 in the middle with lovely clear air!

Behind Z57 and Z77 we had Z70 close behind and then Z78 and Z54.

It seemed Z76 had won the battle to Cowes over Z74 and was in the lead for the reach to Alfie. Z71 had a clear rounding (with a beautiful kite drop...) whilst Z57 had gybing troubles leading to Z77 being let in around PSC.

Final results-

Z86 Bill and John

Z76 Kim and Julian

Z74 Tom, Duncan, Phil

Z71 Gareth, Jimmy and Zoe

Z77 Hugh, Munch and BAR guest Ben

Z57 Janet and Martyn

Z70 Liz, Matt and Al Murray

Z78 Jim and Sid

Z54 David, Mike and Vicki

Rumour has it that Jimmy has fitted a new B & G display (source unknown) to Rosina so that it now shows twice as much data to our lovely OODs. Thank you Jimmy!

Congrats Bill and John for a brilliantly sailed race. The OOD was Andrew Terry from Z38 (Minx), thank you very much for a great evenings race.

Our next race is on Saturday for the first race (of 5) in the Presidents Shield. Last week we had six boats out!! With glorious sunshine predicted why not come out for a sail?

See you on the water!

Written by Zoe

19th May

A race full of 8's

With many screws in houses that are reserved for the presidents shield empty this year the first race of the series was always due to be well supported, but when it's also sunny with not a cloud in the sky, and blowing a good 12 ish from the east south east who wouldn't want to go sailing? I jumped at the opportunity to sail with Mike and Geoff to Zelia rather than scraping the bottom of my boat (the one with mace colour sails.....)

The tide was in full flood as we exited the harbour, with it whipping around the corner engines where necessary. But once out the silent was resplendent albeit slightly choppy seas. Z54 offered to be gate boat, but Z68 were happy to do the duties. A course was announced, and after input from the fleet a new course was announced-

PSC, Outerspit, RNC&RAYC, Gleeds, KB, Alfie (nearly all the Victory class marks, we did go near VW)

The sequence was started and then postponed to wait for the late running Z48 (welcome Mike) started again with some ...ish timings and eventually the race for under way, with all boats through the gate by 48 seconds. It wasn't long into the beat that Geoff starting cursing the return of Z38 (welcome back Andrew) as he pointed higher and faster than Z54. The beat to OSB was tidal with the strong west going dragging us towards Hayling and the flood dragging any who ventured into the deep water approach channel back into the harbour.

The logic by the crew of Z54 was up the middle, so it was to some surprise when Z78 did a long beat south and then kept going a bit more. We were convinced that they had a different tidal atlas. Once clear of the forts Z38 also stuck a long one into the east, again going against our logic of up the middle. Unfortunately our logic wasn't great as Z78 came rocketing in and passed just behind Z38 and in front of the rest of the fleet. The outbound Cross channel ferry caused some concern but the fleet were clear.

It was halfway up the beat that I realised that Z54 and Z70 were the odd ones out as every other boat ended in a 8. 38, 48, 68, 78 (with only Brian, Z58, missing we nearly had the whole set.

Crews retired to the lightship and enjoyed a few pints in the sun before heading there separate ways.

A cracking Saturday afternoon (apart from my boats bottom)

Next race is in Tuesday for the second race in the Bishop Painting series and with guest sailmaker Dick Batt onboard Z77.

See you all on the water!

Written by Munch/Mark Briggs

22nd May

Ten boats took to the water last night for brilliantly close racing courtesy of OODs Bill and Sid.

Another start from Rosina, this time anchored at KB, the wind was from the north east but shifty and gusty averaging about 10kts.

Due to the wind direction course 2 was set but with the first mark to be Alfie to port and then -

RA p

Line p

RA p

Line p

PSC p

Line (shortened)

Pre-start, Z71 crew Jimmy had lost his jacket, fearing the worst (Pompey youths swiping it from the Camber Lido) we took a short trip back over the harbour to look for it, to no avail, thankfully a kind Hugh Pringle on Z77 had picked it up (Thanks Hugh!!). After a short postponement to square up the line and to wait for a couple of boats, the racing sequence was started. With strong tide out the harbour entrance and going down the wall we thought everyone would be late for the start but how we were wrong! The fleet seemed to be a little early for the line with everyone hunting for a gap, the start line was a little cramped.

Z54 came out on top with the best start, Z71 ended up tacking off on port early and ducking some of the fleet. The decision on which way to go up to Alfie was mixed, Z78 and Z74 went out towards the forts - perhaps for clearer air but risking the stronger tide? Z70 stayed in tacking up the middle with Z75 and Z77. Most boat were hunting for clearer air and lifts!

At the top mark (Alfie) Z71 was clear ahead, settling in for a fast downwind leg to RNC & RAYC. Z71 stayed in the lead for the rest of the race, on the last leg up to the line (Alfie) Z70, nearly caught up Z71 as we slowed down completing two tacks to finish. Z71 was no more than half a bow in front of Z70 - the closest finish i have seen Victory racing!

Tight racing between the rest of the fleet, including some luffing battles with kites and near misses coming into buoys meant 2nd and 3rd places kept changing so much i couldn't keep up!

The final results-

Z71- Gareth, Jimmy and Zoe

Z70- Liz and James

Z78- Mark and Jim

Z57- Janet and Stretch

Z80- Russell, Jules and Darren

Z75- Ian, Nick and Jess

Z54- Geoff, Catherine and Munch

Z77- Hugh, Philippa and Ben

Z74- Tom, Duncan and Carol

Z53- Ron and Richard (RET)

Tonight's race was due to have a guest appearance from class sailmaker Dick Batt but unfortunately he couldn't make it, however he did promise a bottle of wine to the winner !

Congratulations Z71 on the first win this season and thanks again to Bill and Sid for some great racing.

We hope to see you on the water tomorrow for the 2nd race in the Puffin Trophy.



24th May

Delayed race report from Thursday evening, OOD Gareth Penn and Zoe Whittaker. Light winds from the north (ish) caused some trouble with what course to set, Gareth ended up using Rosina parked off KB for a short leg up to PSC and back to KB (four times!) followed by hooking PSC to starboard and then finishing at Alfie.

Nine boats took to the water for the second race in the second Thursday series. Z71 and Z70 were OCS at the start but the rest of the fleet had a slow but clear start. The aim of the game was to keep the momentum going in the light breeze! Up to the first windward Z78 and Z74 went right but Z77 went left and was round PSC first. Followed by Z57, Z78, Z68, Z71, Z54 and Z48.

Hugh on Z77 kept extending his lead to KB with Z74 chasing them down. At the next rounding at KB Z77 was still in the lead with Z57 swapping places with Z74. Geoff Dixon on Z71 has jumped places to 6th going deep to KB with lots of gybes. Z78 and Z74 kept with their previous tactics and went right up to PSC but could never quite catch Z77 up. Tight racing for all the rounds between PSC and KB, during the last rounding of PSC before reaching to Alfie the front four boats were very close with Z77 and Z74 fighting for first and Z57 and Z78 also in touching distance of each other.

The leg from PSC to Alfie ended up being quite exciting! Z77 pulled away and was 40 seconds in front of Z74, Z57 was then nearly a minute behind followed by Z68 and Z78 almost level at the

line at the wall. We weren't sure who would pull 4th out the bag until outsider Z71 came storming up to the line on the Alfie end, Geoff had realised there was less tide and perhaps freer air out towards Alfie. Z71 just pipped both Z68 and Z78 at the finish- see how close in the pictures!

The final race results were-

Z77

Z74

Z57

Z71

Z68

Z78

Z70

Z54

Z48

Congrats to Z77!! Thank you Gareth for a good evenings race despite the light conditions!

The next Victory Class race will be on Tuesday 29th May for the third race in the Bishop Painting series. See you on the water!









29th May

Tuesdays Tricky Tide.

With the normal reporter watching some old tumbling rocks in Southampton, last night's report is brought to you by me (Munch), who also replaced Zoe on Z71, (bringing my boat's sailed on this year count to 6), any whilst talking about sailing on new boats, we also had 3 new Victory sailors out last night, welcome John, Claire and Malachi

Once again the breeze was not of "normal" direction but from the NE with maybe a touch more N in it, blowing about 8-10 knots with some lively gusts at times. Race officer Jim Downing, assisted by Billy and Frank headed out towards KB and after assessing the direction of the breeze, deployed our trusty orange inflatable as a leeward mark, about 200-meters further SW of KB. The course was set, starting at KB, down to Alfie, back to the leeward and then through the gate. 4 laps of this course were indicated. The flags were prepped and the sequence started. Z71 assessed all the options, even looking at a port flyer, but even with the west going tide it wasn't on.

When the Z dropped, all boats started at the committee boat end of the line, apart from Z53 who started half way down the line, in clear breeze and the closest to the line. Z74 had a little bear away around Z68, which meant that Z71 didn't quite get the start we wanted. Rumours from the bar after the race is the Z75 tried to sail over Z70 at the start, but Liz observed their plan and managed to avoid the crunch, Z75 tacked and gybed to avoid to the protest room.

Up the first beat it was a game of trying to play the tide correctly and find the best tide. Z53 did exceptionally well as did Z57, Z71 struggled on the right of the course. It was the consensus from the crew on 71 that everyone wasn't going to make Alfie on their current lines, however with strange tide along the bank, everyone was ok. Damn! Rounding Alfie for the first time the order was Z53 (a sight I don't see often, and looking forward to seeing again) followed by 57, 74, 71, 75, 70, 54, 68 in that order ish. The first run Z74 and 71 gybed early to sail the shorter distance, with 53 and 57 up the middle ish and 70 and 57 going harder right nearer the wall. Some good gusts came up the wall and all boats compressed, with both 75 and 70 overhaling 71. At the bottom Z53 lead the pack around, with 75 and 70 both now ahead of 71.

The second beat started again the tide was hard to judge, with the hard right in the deeper water not really playing. Through the gate Z71 over stood the lay and had to crack off around the CB, and the order at the end of the first lap was 53, 74, 75, 57, 70, 71, 54, 68. With more awareness of the tide the fleet stayed in the shallower water up the middle of the track with 74 going furthest right. Again there was strange tide at Alfie. The second run, Z74 went left, Z53 and Z57 up the middle and Z75 further to the right. Learning from the gains of the first run, Z71 and Z70 also stayed right, properly to fair right. Z75 Gybed perfectly and were right up with 53 and 57 by the time we got to the top. Z70 managed to get round 71 with 54 and 68 completing the fleet.

A quick tack from Z71 at the bottom paid well over Z70 and the 3rd beat started, with boats again hunting the sweet spot in the middle of the course. The second time through the gate it was 75, 57, 53, 74, 71, 70, 54, 68. Although the fleet was hunting the good tide, there was a general movement to the right with the breeze lifting all of the boats into Alfie, although not by enough to do it in one.

Boats rounded Alfie for what would be the final time, and sailed once again downwind. The first 4 boats were very close together but with a little more room further back I noticed that all boats had white in their kites apart from 68 and three boats had dual colour kites, an insight into my mind...

Z74 managed to sneak past Z53 at some point and by the time the boats reached Rosina, who was now flying "Sierra" the order over the line was 75, 57, 74, 53, 71, 70, 54, 68 with the top 4 only separated by 1.5 mins over a very enjoyable 75 min race. (about 2%)

Boats headed back towards the harbour in a building breeze and quickly failing light, but all content after another cracking evening on the water. Boats were packed away, pints were

drunk, rules were discussed, and I even heard one sailing claiming "this is the best start to a season ever"

Final results were:

Z75 Nick, Jess & Clive

Z57 Janet, Stretch & Dee Daughter

Z74 Tom, Duncan & Carol

Z53 John, Ron & Richard

Z71 Gareth, Scott & Munch

Z70 Liz, Matt & Jules

Z54 David & Claire

Z68 John & Malachi

Thursdays race is the 3rd race in the Puffin Trophy Series.

See you on the water

P.S Sorry for the lack of photos, I'm sure normal service will resume on Thursday from Zoe

5th June

With racing cancelled last Thursday (31st) due to no wind, we were praying to the wind gods and they did deliver, albeit a little lighter and shiftier than one would hope! 6-8kts off the shore from the north(ish).

Guest sailing coach Jim Saltonstall was out on the water filming the racing on the rib with Phil and Max. OOD this week was Sid with help from Billy, Jar and Claire.

Eleven boats took to the water for the first two races in the Multi-series for the Zarena Trophy. Due to the light winds a shorter line was set off Rosina with a laid mark, for the first race Alfie was the windward mark followed by rounding the laid mark and back to Alfie, to finish at the laid mark. During the first downwind the breeze went soft and fluky so only one round was completed.

Z71 helm Gareth was convinced we were in second coming into the finish, before seeing the other 4 boats behind the sail!! Close racing across the fleet with many gybes downwind to catch the shifting breeze.

The results of the first race-

Z57

Z75

Z77

Z74

Z68

Z71

Z78

Z76

Z54

Z70

Z53

A short postponement followed whilst Rosina was moved as the wind shifted round towards the east. A laid mark was the windward with KB being the bottom mark, twice around. The wind was still light and challenging !

The second race was a game of cat and mouse. On the second lap Z71 overhauled some boats and then seemed to drop right back on the next tack, with some luck on the shifts we came into the top mark on port (danger zone!) but in the lead, the boats coming into the mark on starboard were a little further behind so we could sneak a tack in around the windward and hoist the dragon.

With the rest of the fleet still coming into the mark we did have to avoid heavily when some Victories hadn't seen us (in a battle of their own), settling down and finding the clear breeze the rest of the fleet were in pairs or threes and joshing with each other to the finish.

The boats with clearer breeze (Z71, Z54, Z70) did very well down the last leg. Halfway down the leg the breeze filled in and shifted onto a reach. Z71 thought they were rounding the leeward and going back up for another round so we were midway through dropping the kite when the finish hooter went off... !

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Z54

Z70

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Z76

Z74

Z53

The evening concluded in PSC with some beers and a presentation from Jim Saltonstall who talked us through certain points of each race with recordings from on the water.

Brilliant start to the Multi-race series!

Thank you once again to the OODs and to Phil and Max on the rib for laying the marks.

See you on Thursday for the fourth race in the Puffin Trophy.

Ps- don't forget this weekend is the Portsmouth Regatta, beer and top quality racing- what more could you want?!



7th June

Thursdays Not Much Sailing

The wind was light, and after a bit of grumbling on the camber about how much a stupid sport sailing is, crews headed to their boats. I was on Z77 tonight with Hugh and Max therefore I didn't increase my boat count for this year. (I might on Tuesday though).

With conditions unknown we decided not to hoist our sails and motor out onto Spithead, and for a moment wondered if it was a harbour race, there were no other boats, Rosina or anyone on the signal station, luckily others arrived before we started backtracking and cruised up the harbour. Still with light breeze, we moored to Alfie.

Rosina radioed the fleet, whilst performing a mad dash across the harbour to get an inflatable mark, stating that they intended to start at PSC and the fleet motored/sailing/both in that general direction. Again, my lassoing technique was honed as we attached to PSC. Highlight of the evening was watching loads of jellyfish, mainly of the Moon type drift westwards with the tide.

Rosina arrived at full throttle and set a course of "KB, leeward, gate, around as many times till we stop you" although the leeward was to be laid after the start. The horn went and the crew of Z77 jumping into action getting the sailing up. The first 7ft of the main went up, until again the halyard jumped the sheaf, and main wasn't going up any more. This has only happened with me on the boat this year, so I will let you draw your own conclusion as to what the problem might be.

Z77 motored back into the harbour and tried successfully at high tide to unjam the halyard from Haslar Bridge. (I Need to grow an extra 6 foot...). As we did re-enter the harbour, a glance over the shoulder did confirm that everyone has started as was moving in the light breeze, although only one lap was completed I'm lead to believe.

If anyone would like to comment on the racing, rather than the wildlife and how I managed to thwart our sailing then please chip in.

See lots of you out on the water for this weekend's Portsmouth regatta, on a Victory or in another class of boat.

Munch

Saturday 16th June - President's Shield 4 of 5

Probably the breeziest race of the year so far - South West 20 odd knots, gusting 29 or more.

Racing got away promptly with Z78 acting as Gate Boat and three other starters, Z70, Z54 and Z69.

Course chosen was starting from Alfie, Kemps Quay to port, Alfie to Starboard, Royal Albert & RNC to Port, Alfie to Starboard to finish.

Z69 was the only two up boat, Z78 welcoming newcomer Owain Little to his first Victory Race and his second ever sailing weekend, a bit of a baptism of fire !

Gate closed after 39 seconds as all boats had started however as we reached KB, Z70 decided that discretion was the better part of valor and made an early retreat back to the harbour. The three remaining boats had a close fought moist battle up the beat towards the Isle of Wight with there being scarcely 5 boat lengths between them all as they crossed tacks. With all three searching for the elusive Kemps Quay, it was Z78 that got lucky and found it right on the nose as the other two overstood. This allowed Z78 to steal the lead at the windward mark after about 40

minutes of race time. The downhill journey back was interesting with the ebb tide now flowing hard against the wind off of Gilkicker. I think all three kites were dropped as gybing took place in the surfing conditions. The places remained unchanged but close to the end of the second round. Race complete in around one hour forty tiring minutes.

Finishing positions

Z78

Z69

Z54

Z70 Ret

26th June

After a delayed start due to QHM requiring the WightLink ferry to have the same traffic clearance as QM2 we sailed up to Z2 for the start. An optimistic course of B4 (p), C6 (p), B4 (p), V3 (p) to finish at B1 was set. Now you may ask yourself, as all the competitors did, where is C6? Well if one were to travel towards Fareham, further North than any Victory has ever dared to travel before, then you'd find C6. Had we known we were going so far from home then those looking for crew could have used the words of Sir Ernest Shackleton: "Men wanted for hazardous journey. Low wages, bitter cold, long hours of complete darkness. Safe return doubtful."

In fact this quote largely sums up the race other than to add that the rudder stocks on every competitor now need re greasing due to excessive tacking and that several boats need to be pressure washed to remove the very sticky Gosport mud that clung to crew and helms feet and legs as they manfully shoved their trusty stead away from the clinging mud. The crew of 77 were very diplomatic regarding their helms striptease. He claimed he was to avoid getting his clothes wet however this is likely to have been just an excuse!

I'm unable to give any details of how the race was sailed as most of my evening was spent dodging rusting battleships, moored yachts, fishing boats, red and green posts and standing in the mud.

At the end, after shortening the course to avoid returning to PSC after closing time the result was: 68, 75, 70.

At the end all agreed that racing up the harbour was something best left to other people.

19th July

For the last two races in the multi-series we must've all forgotten to do a wind dance as we were graced with less than 5 knots of breeze.

Whilst OOD Ian Perryman (Z75) set the windward mark, the optimistic crew of Z71 decided PSC would make a great mooring buoy and parked up before the rest of the fleet joined us in a 5 boat tether (see photos..)

Unfortunately the OOD decided to spoil all the fun and assured us that they would be commencing racing at 1900hrs, sails went up very quickly!!

The optimistic course was set-

Laid mark P

PSC P

KB P

Finish at PSC

With strong tide and light wind the start was tricky, Z71 was slightly late for the start and Gareth decided that a spinnaker hoist was needed to get us to the line... but we were going upwind.... ! This tactic worked and the line was crossed by all Victories in a tight group. Now for the rest of the leg i had my head below the combing so i'm not too sure on what happened, i can report that there was still not much breeze but the tide was taking us up (and past) the laid mark, with Jimmy exclaiming to Gareth on several occasions "you do know its round to port?"

We made it in first position and hoisted the spinnaker, but alas there was very little breeze and we slowly drifted back towards the line whilst some of the rest of the fleet struggled to get around the windward, there was a pile up and everyone stalled.

Thankfully the OOD decided to shorten the course and we were finishing at PSC, there were a few puffs of breeze and spinnakers were filling allowing the fleet to spread out and find some air!

Holding our breaths, Z71 crossed the line after a 35 minute drift.

The results of the first race-

1st Z71

2nd Z78

3rd Z77

4th Z57

5th Z54

6th Z74

7th Z68

8th Z70

For the second race of the evening the breeze had built to a steady 5-6kts and Ian set the same course again. Everyone was a little early to the start, Z57 was over but went back, quickly making up the loss on the first beat.

Heading up to the windward mark Z78 and Z74 lead most of the way. The fleet were very close around the laid mark, Z71 made it round with Z57 who just touched the mark. After doing their turns Janet and Stretch gybed off to the Island and tried something different to make it up again.

Coming into KB Z74 rounded first with Z78 forcing Z71 around them. The tide had eased and there was a (relatively) quick beat up to KB and then to the finish. Z74 and Z78 were well ahead but the rest of the fleet had condensed with Z57 made up the distance and nearly caught up Z71, Z70 and Z68 with us all spread out trying to finish before eachother!

The results from the second race-

1st Z78

2nd Z74

3rd Z68

4th Z71

5th Z70

6th Z57

7th Z77

RET Z54

Thank you to OOD Ian!

The results from the multi series for the Zarena trophy-

1st Z78

2nd Z71

3rd Z57

4th Z75

5th Z70

6th Z54

7th Z77

8th Z74

9th Z68

10th Z76

11th Z69

12th Z58

13th Z53

14th Z48

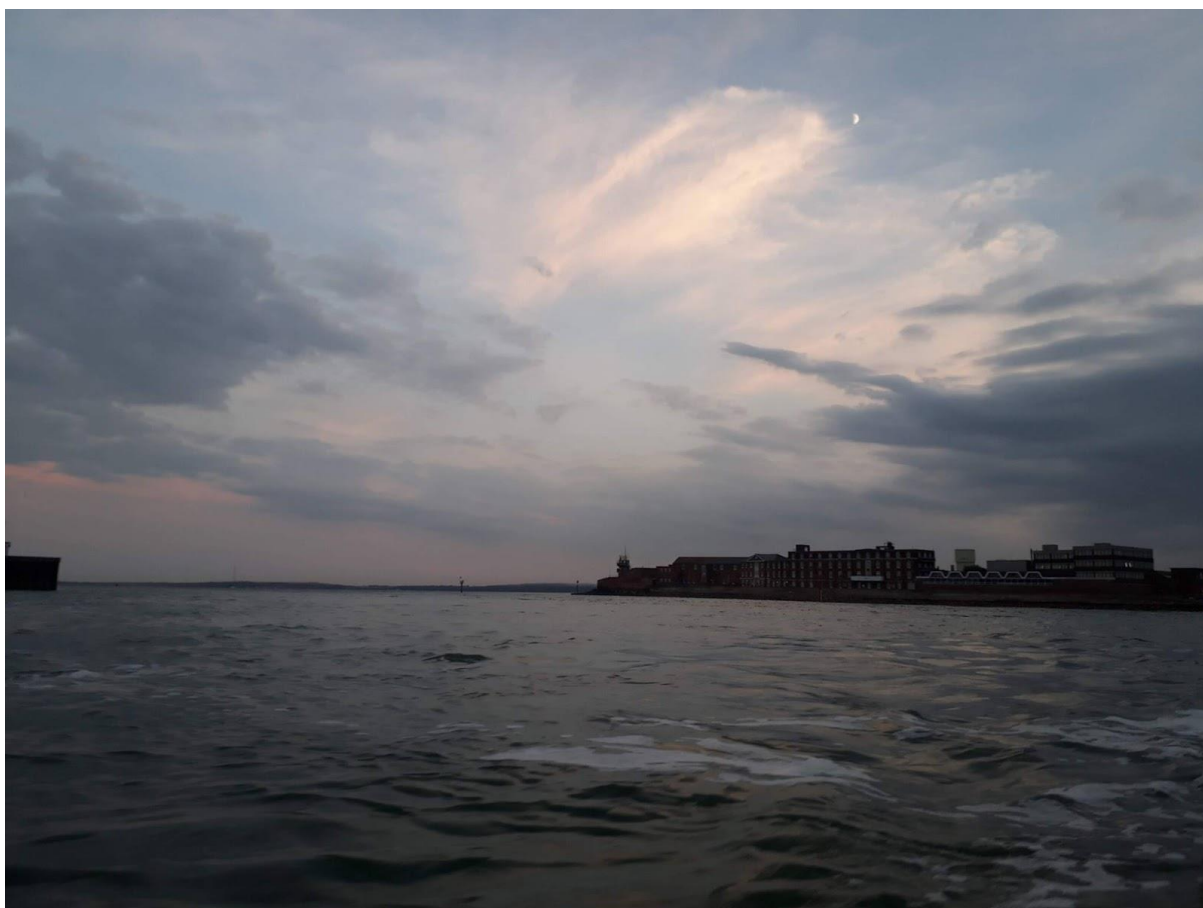
Congratulations to Jim and Sid for winning the multi series!!!

Our next race will be tomorrow (Saturday 21st) for the Feltham Trophy. Rosina leaving at 12.45

See you on the water!







Double race report from Thursday and Saturday.... Ta-Dah!!

Thursday nights race - a very square line and a port hand flyer.

OOD was from Tom and Duncan, they set a superb line off Alfie. The course was set-

Gleeds p

KB p

Gleeds P

Line - Finish

At the committee boat end of the line there was a pile up and lots of boats were early and had to come back again, Kim Taylor went for the port hand flyer on Z76 and nailed it!

The fleet set off for Gleeds with boats spread across the race area. Z76, Z70, Z71 and Z57 were in the front pack heading along the wall. Z71 came out of the pack in the lead as Z76 tacked off followed by Z57 and Z70.

Z71 nearly overstood Gleeds (we even set the spinnaker pole briefly) but right to left tide taking us onto the windward mark meant we just made it round in first position followed by Z57 and then the rest of the fleet.

The committee boat decided to shorten the course due to the lightening breeze, the race was to finish at Alfie. It was then a sprint to the finish!!

Final results from the first 3rd Thursday race-

1st Z71

2nd Z57

3rd Z78

4th Z76

5th Z70

6th Z68

7th Z54

8th Z48

9th Z58

Thanks to Tom and Duncan on Z74 for some great racing!

Onto Saturdays report-

Z71 wouldn't normally be out twice in a week but we had some Cowes Week training planned.

Gareth, Stretch and myself were dutifully volunteered to be gate boat, setting a course which required actual navigation!!

Start at Alfie

Spit Elbow s

KB p

Mary Rose p

Gleeds p

Mary Rose p

KP s

Line- Finish

Z69 went for the far end of the gate with Z70, Z78 crossing closer to Alfie. Z71 tacked back once the gate had closed and the fleet headed up the edge of the channel until 2 Bar, where we are allowed to race in the channel, the strongest tide was in the deep water of the channel and the whole fleet headed up past the nav aids to Spit Elbow. Close racing with lots of gains and losses up the first beat, but Z71 just pipped the rest of the fleet and rounded the windward mark in the lead.

The downwind leg to KB was fairly uneventful, Z69 and Z78 enjoyed a little tussle. Rounding KB the fleet stood on for a little before tacking off, except Z78 who wanted to try something different and nearly ended up going to Ryde!

Up to Mary Rose the fleet still stayed close together, with Z78 looking like they might've made gains. Rounding Mary Rose Z71 was in the lead with Z70, Z78 and Z69 following. With a short loop to Gleeds and then back up to Mary Rose, the standing didn't change. It was now downwind to KB and reaching to Alfie.

Z71 finished exactly 1 minute ahead of Z78 who fought hard to overtake Z70 and then Z69.

The final race was to the bar, flying our spinnakers into the harbour in the back eddy- because why not, the fleet gathered at the Mary Mouse for a cool beer in the sunshine.

Thanks to all four boats for some great racing and perfect racing conditions, what a way to spend a Saturday!!!

The next Victory Class race is tomorrow night and it is the Pursuit race, please see the sailing instructions online for your start time.

