



Race reports from the 2019 season

3rd May

Thursday Race Report from Geoff Dixon of Z54, Zelia

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An unpromising forecast for both wind and rain may have contributed to only 5 boats making seemingly reluctant progress out to a start line in the vicinity of KB on Thursday. Awaiting them on Rosina was the team from Z75, with a start mark laid and raring to go, all be it with the committee boat at the unfashionable left hand end of the line.

With the westerly breeze coming straight off the Hasler wall, a short beat to PSC was planned followed by runs and beats between VW and the laid mark. Marks to starboard, just to keep us awake.

There was only one place to start, at the right hand end, and Z69 duly did so on the buoy on the gun, followed closely by Z74 and slightly less closely by 54, 68 and 70. Opinion immediately differed, with the lead pair pushing out to the SW to the layline while the trailing 3 went right. At PSC little had changed!

Down the run to VW the separation started to appear, with 74 extending a small lead over 69, 54 68 and 70 following with the gaps between all the boats increasing. Over Portsmouth an ominous black cloud was forming, but the sun broke through over Spithead and all was right with the world.

74 and 69 rounded close enough to be worrying each other, and largely went right up the beat to find the flood in the main channel, battling up the edge of the tide. On 54, no amount of shouting and pulling seemed to be effective in getting the jib to stop flapping, and a brief pause was called to reconnect the sail to the sheets. 68 gleefully sailed past and the lead boats got smaller, all be it delightfully lit against the still darkening sky.

No change at the front by the end of the beat, 74 followed by 69. The embarrassed 54 went right to get inside the lift into the laid mark and squeaked around ahead of 68 to regain 3rd. Net..nothing had changed.

Nothing changed on the run to VW either. On the final beat 74 was covering 69, 54 was keeping a careful eye on 68 and 70 had the best view of all of us at the back.

The black cloud was bigger and more ominous. Two thirds up the beat 69 tacked right, 74 immediately covered, and simultaneously the front arrived. The wind promptly shifted 45 degrees right (to be fair exactly as forecast to NW, all be it an hour late). 74 and 69 charged on into the header, seeming oblivious to the reach that the leg had become, until sanity returned and the tacks came. Frantic bearing away across the fleet followed, with much wailing and nashing of teeth as 68 drove through 54s lee before the line

Results are - 74, 69, 68, 54, 70. A cracking evenings racing - the rest of you should come try it!

Thanks to Geoff Dixon for a fantastic race report.

Photo: Ian Perryman.



7th May

A strange wind direction.... north easterly led officer of the day Ron Fidler (Z53) to set course 16... i think everyone needed to check their course cards as its a rarely (ever?) used course! So to remind you-

Wall start

PSC p

VW s

KB s

PSC s

SS (suffolk sails) s

VW s

PSC s

Finish at SS

Boats on the startline were 57, 70, 71, 74, 75, 76, 78, 80, unfortunately Z68 broke their tiller and didn't start the race. The first leg was a reach to PSC, the majority of the fleet started at the Suffolk Sails end of the line with their spinnakers up.

The fleet split at PSC with Z75 leading the pack towards the Isle of Wight, whilst Z57 took a gaggle of Victorys to the edge of the channel. The wind was gusty with a sea state reminiscent of Cowes week, if only it was a little warmer!

Z75 led around the first windward mark (VW) down the gybe mark (KB) followed swiftly by Z71 and Z76. Kites had to be dropped at PSC for the very tight reach/near beat to PSC.

Z75 continued their lead at Suffolk Sails and up to Vail Williams for a second time, whilst the rest of the pack fought for the other places.

Downwind from VW to PSC there were a few gybe battles to try and gain places, however coming into PSC Z76 pipped Z71 followed by Z57 sneaking in before the finish.

Take home from the race- when in doubt definitely put you jacket on, the waves are wetter than they look ...

The results-

Z75, 76, 57, 71, 70, 80, 78, 74. Congrats to Z75 on their win!

Thank you to OOD Ron Fidler.

The next race is tonight, Thursday 9th May and then Saturday 11th May. See you on the water!

Zoe, Z71

9th May

Race officer Geoff Dixon was fighting off man flu and called in his deputy David Price from Z54 with assistant race officers James Jopling and Zoe Whittaker.

With a plan to start off the wall abandoned when QHM recieved the call from Wightlink that start buoy Suffolk Sails was adrift with a course set for Ryde sands. Rosina headed off to KB to set the course whilst the wind shifted and died, all the changes led to a chaotic last minute start after a short postponement.

Eventually we got racing off with a downwind start, the course was as follows -

start at kb

vw s

ra s

vw s

kb s

finish at psc

The starters were Z38, Z57, Z70 and Z74

All boats were shy of the line whilst struggling to get spinnakers up, due to the short time frame from the course being announced to the start. Once all four boats had spinnakers up they shot off to VW spreading out from left to right.

At VW the fleet split with two boats heading to ryde and two to southsea.

“The race officer was relieved to see the fleet split at VW and exhaled with a large sigh”

Whilst the fleet battled upwind to RA, Rosina watched (and listened) to QHM and tug Independent recover Suffolk Sails from the impending shore of ryde sands, with the help of Gareth Penn remotely from home.

Coming into RA 38 was in the lead with 57 close behind, followed by 74 with 70 hot on their heels. Downwind to VW for the second time, 38 pulls away from 57 with a fair spread between the fleet.

VW to KB the gap between 38 and 57 closes and the wind eases to measly 5 kts.

Z38 finished first followed by Z57, Z74 and Z70. Congrats Minx on your first race and win of the season!

See you on the water for the next race

Zoe, Z71







14th May

The first up harbour race of the season was greeted by glorious sunshine and a(nother) NE breeze that seemed to be easing as the helms and crews arrived in Gosport to rig their Victories.

Race officer duty tonight was provided by Z57- Janet, Stretch and baby Stretch (Ben). The course was set starting at

V1-

Z1 p

C1 p

Gate (V1 - committee boat)

Z2 p

19 p

Finish (between B1 and pile 13)

Now i mentioned an easing breeze... well, bang on the 1 minute gun the breeze decided to appear but this time with more northerly in it. All boats got away quickly on the start and

fought up to Z1, Z76 (Kim) rounded the windward first, followed swiftly by Z71 and then Z80 and the rest of the fleet all closely together.

Due to the shifting wind with sneaky gusts the downwind leg to C1 was more of a broad reach and then a tight reach. So whilst attempting to fly the spinnaker between Z1 and C1 our next task was to actually find C1, which i now know is nearly at Fareham (see chartlet...)

I'm not sure about the rest of the fleet but Z71 - who is usually three up - did struggle to hold the kite and also struggled to get it down again! The Welsh Dragon eventually made it back into Z71 with a fresh rinse from the sea.

There are many challenges of the racing up the harbour, that's probably why we don't visit frequently, they include- moored boats, parked warships, a lot more buoys and posts to hit, mud- if the tide is out, navigation to the next mark- often up another creek, making sure you stay the correct side of the posts, and last night there were dinghies and yachts also racing around the same area. That is a lot to contend with !!

Once C1 had been spotted and the spinnaker was safely back inside Z71, we decided it was best to concentrate on overtaking Z76 which we tried very hard to do but didn't quite manage before rounding the 'leeward' mark.

The tight reach between C1, through the gate, and Z2 was gusty. Z71 was hot on the heels of Z76 but with Z80 breathing down on both of them. Rounding Z2 a spinnaker hoist was debated but the wind gusts seemed to hold and the angle was too tight. The fleet were still really close together, there was no way through them for a nearby racing yacht!

Red post 19 was spotted to the left of a moored warship, the aim of the game was to get into the strong tide, overtake Z76 and shake off Z80 - easy right?

Rounding 19 and heading to the finish, positions had stayed fairly the same but it was all to play for in the last leg. Yet again another spinnaker hoist was debated, kite on the wrong side meant trimming the jib AND spinning the gear at the same time, the wind held and a hoist looked less likely.

Coming into the B buoys, Z76 just crept away from Z71 and Z80 decided to go low through the mooring to try and gain on Z71, it was neck and neck until the finish!

The results-

1st Z76 Kim and Ian

2nd Z71 Gareth and Zoe

3rd Z80 Russel and Munch

4th Z75 Nick and Clive

5th Z74 Tom and Duncan

6th Z70 Liz, Joppers and Salty

7th Z53 Ron and Chris

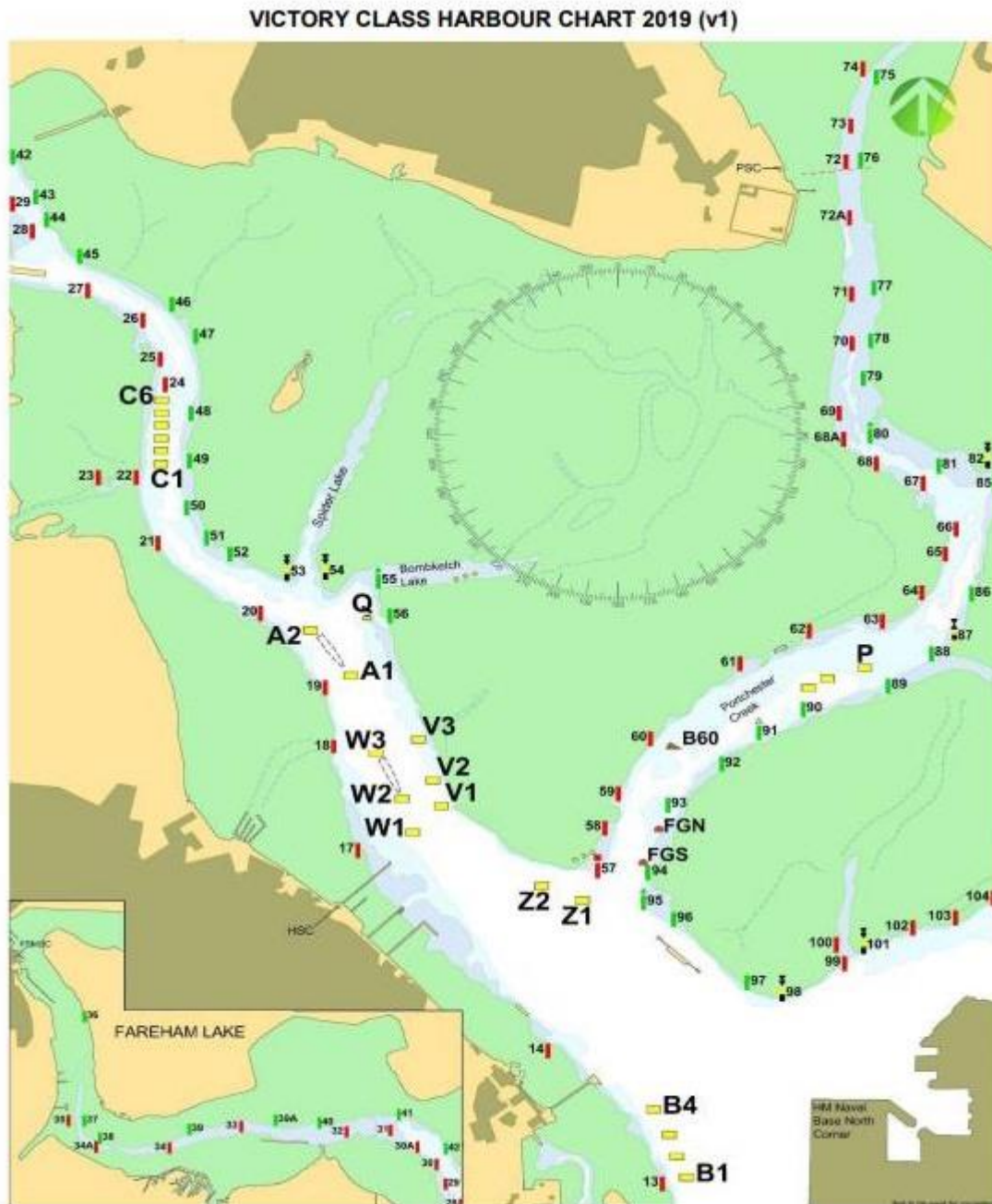
Congrats Z76 on your win!

Thank you to Z57 for your RO duties.

Despite our grumblings sailing up harbour is quite nice actually!!

See you on the water tomorrow (Thursday 16th) for the fifth race in the 1st Thursday series.

Zoe, Z71



18th May

Hold tight, it is a double race report from the Saturday multi-series...

On what turned out to be an absolutely splendid day, five Victorys emerged from the harbour entrance to a flukey 3-5kt breeze from the SE. The plan was to complete two races in the 1st Saturday series for the final points in the Helmsman Cup. Due to too much wind at the start of the season only one other race had been sailed in this series, meaning there was everything to play for today!

Z77, Z71, Z70, Z68 and Z53 gathered in the sunshine to workout what the course was going to be and who was going to be gate boat. Class Captain, Liz, on Z70 set the course from Suffolk Sails to - Gleeds (p), Vail Williams (p) finishing at Suffolk Sails.

After a speedy start(!) the fleet split with Z70 and Z77 heading off to the channel, Z71, Z53 and Z68 banged right but then Z68 decided to head off to the channel with the promise of more tide. The wind was shifty, the tide was confused and places were changing all the way up to Gleeds.

Z68 rounded first followed by Z71, Z77, Z70 and Z53. A reach to VW had everything to play for, 71 and 77 caught up with 68 as we all gybe around the mark. A slow leg from VW to SS meant that 68, 77 and 71 spread out looking for the breeze. Closing into SS, 71 felt the need to change it up- you don't win a race by following the boat in front- deciding to test 77 and 68 with a couple of gybes which snuck them ahead and into the lead.

The results from the first race-

1st Z71

2nd Z77

3rd Z68

4th Z70

5th Z53

After the first race the wind seemed to ease and shift to the south, a new course was set starting at Suffolk Sails, RNC&RAYC (p), KB (p), Portsmouth Sailing Club (p), RNC&RAYC (p), finishing at Suffolk Sails.

Once we got away the wind decided to return to what it originally was and the first leg to RA was nearly a reach. Z70, being gate boat again, got a tactical advantage as the wind shifted, they were heading perfectly for RA. Z71 and Z77 tacked once clear of the start and chased Z70 down, Z77 went low along the wall with Z53, Z68 and Z71 stayed high on Z70's stern. Rounding RA, Z71 and Z77 had just snuck ahead but it was still very close between the fleet as Z70 and Z68 tacked around the windward mark together.

It was now a reach to KB and a gybe to head for PSC, the wind shifted once again and Z71 attempted to hold the kite once they had rounded PSC (heading back for RA). The kite was swiftly dropped, during the drop the fleet closed in on them. Now fighting to round RA for the last time, Z77 tried everything they could to overtake Z71.

Coming into RA, Z71 rounded first and got their kite set for the reach to the finish (the wind had shifted once again!) close behind them Z77 followed and then Z68, Z70 and Z53. It was now a drag race to the finish, albeit fairly slowly considering the wind speed...

1st Z71 Tim, Joppers and Zoe

2nd Z77 Hugh and Kim

3rd Z68 John and Bill

4th Z70 Liz, MC and Chris

5th Z53 Ron, Chris and Rosie

Once again the sun shone on the Victory Class for a great afternoon of racing!

Thank you again to Class Captain Liz for driving Rosina and being gate boat, i think you can hang your buoy up for the season now.

I must say Z71 had a secret weapon, owner Gareth Penn was busy with childcare duties so our friend Tim Carter stepped in to helm with Z70s usual crew James Jopling (Joppers). Thanks boys for getting Z71 racing and winning the Helmsman Cup.

Next race is Tuesday 21st May for the fifth race in the Tuesday Shield (1st Tuesday)

See you on the water !

Zoe, Z71







Solstice Regatta

The Solstice Regatta combines racing on Thursday and Saturday with an extra multi race on Friday to make a series, this year the Saturday race was also the 85th Anniversary race.

Thursdays race was also extra special as it was Delphines Last Race.

Firstly - thank you to everyone for their help over the weekend, without all the hard work the regatta would not have been a success!

Ten Victorys took part in the regatta with windy decreasing from a windy/stormy Thursday to nearly nothing on Saturday with bright sunshine, a typical English summer!

On Friday night we headed out the harbour entrance for two short races along the wall, OOD was Sid Dollery with his fantastic radio voice!

A course was set from KB to PSC, through the gate, down to Suffolk Sails and through the gate. The first race was three laps and the second was two due to the dying wind.

There was close racing across both races but Z69 pipped both wins!

After racing on Friday we all gathered in Victory Village for some rum punch and pasties, it was a lovely way to see out the Summer Solstice and to reminisce on the evenings race.

On Saturday the sun was shining with a gentle breeze, Sid once again was OOD and set a (long!) course from KB, Mary Rose, Browndown, Mary Rose, KB, VW, finishing at Suffolk Sails.

Unfortunately the wind didn't hold and we finished at KB, however the fleet enjoyed a long downwind leg to Browndown with tactical tidal decisions to be made. Z69 chased down Z48, Z75 and Z68 tousled with eachother off Gillkicker. Upwind to MR Z69 caught up Z48, Z75 closed in on them and Z54 overtook Z68, to then be overtaken by Z70.

The last leg from MR to KB was a slow slog- the wind barely filling the kite and there was constant wake from boats and ferries in the busy Solent.

The final results are below. **Congratulations** to Scam and Max on Z69, they retain their Solstice Regatta winners title!!

The next race of the season will be tonight, Tuesday 25th June... if there is any wind!

SOLSTICE REGATTA

Results are final as of 17:05 on June 22, 2019 Overall

Sailed: 4, Discards: 1, To count: 3, Entries: 10, Scoring system: Appendix A

POS	FLEET	BOAT	SAILNO	R1 20/06	R2 21/06	R3 21/06	R4 ANNIVERSARY RACE 22/06	TOTAL	NETT
1st	Hamilton	ZINNIA	Z69	(4)	1	1	1	7	3
2nd	Hamilton	ZILCH	Z75	(3)	2	2	3	10	7
3rd	Hamilton	VARIETY	Z57	2	3	4	(11 DNC)	20	9
4th	Bramble	ZELIA	Z54	(8)	4	3	5	20	12
5th	Winner	ISABEL	Z48	(11 DNC)	7	6	2	26	15
6th	Bramble	UNITY	Z70	5	6	(7)	4	22	15
7th	Bramble	ZARENA	Z68	(7)	5	5	6	23	16
8th	Bramble	MINX	Z38	1	(11 DNC)	11 DNC	11 DNC	34	23
9th	Bramble	PELICAN	Z77	6	(11 DNC)	11 DNC	11 DNC	39	28
10th	Winner	SEAGULL	Z73	10 OOD	(11 DNC)	11 DNC	7	39	28

Congratulations to Max and Scam for winning the 85th Anniversary Race and the Solstice Regatta





9th July

With Dicks visit postponed until todays race, we all gathered in the Camber 'as usual' until we realised that the harbour was about to close due to the imminent arrival of the great aircraft carrier HMS Queen Elizabeth. Rosina, with Z67 in tow, made it across to ballast which allowed all the Victories to rig and wait for the grey elephant to park in her berth.

Bill and John from Z68 were our OODs in Rosina, once we made it out onto the swashway they made a quick getaway to KB to set the line. The course was-

Darling Associates P Vail Williams P KB S Finish at Suffolk Sails/Line

The wind slowly died and the tide confused the sea but the race got off to a clean start for Z74 with Dick Batt onboard. The fleet split with some going into the wall for clear air and the others heading southwest for the strong west going tide, carrying them up to the windward mark. The first leg was full of close crossings and ducks, places were changing all the way up to DA. Z54, Z57 and Z70 went tight into Gilkicker corner but stalled in a tidal eddy. Z74 and Z80 made it round DA followed by Z71. Once again the ten boat fleet split- Z80, Z78 led the fleet right, Z71, Z75 and Z70 went left into the beach. The tide propelled Z71 and Z75 around Gilkicker beach and into the lead, the tide (and good kite trimming) helped keep Z71 in the lead on the long downwind to VW. Unfortunately the boats that went right got stuck out by the tide. On our way down to VW, Z71 spotted Rosina gunning it from KB to VW- we

were expecting a shortened course due to the dying wind. Turns out that Rosina just wanted to watch us round VW!

With a short(ish) fetch from VW to KB, Z71 held out in front but mid fleet there were places changing, it was all down to the final drag.

Rounding KB and hoisting the kite, Z71 decelerated and was nearly caught by Z75 and then Z57 when they rounded. Z75 and Z71 now had a game of cat and mouse to the finish- cover and go into the wall, or stay out with more breeze? Z71 kept their lead after gybing near the wall and pulling away from Z75. The final results- 1st Z71

2nd Z75

3rd Z57

4th Z78

5th Z74

6th Z80

7th Z70

8th Z77

9th Z54



10th Z53 Thank you to Bill and John for running the race. Thank you to Dick for the winners bottle. Congratulations to Z71- Gareth, Hiram and Zoe - i'm sure Z71 won the same race last year, definitely deja vu !! See you tonight, Thursday 11th July, for a special one off race. Don't forget to book your Cowes week social tickets through Matt and your new class tie!

Z71

Zoe

Cowes Week 2019- Day One- Saturday 10th August

With racing abandoned for both white and black group due to strong winds the first day of Cowes Week was set aside for a lazy morning followed by collecting registration packages and then wandering along to Gurnard to double check that it was windy- we can confirm that it was rather breezy....

Thankfully the shops were open for last minute kit purchases and the bars were thronging with hungover sailors topping up on the booze.

The serious sailors used the day to complete last minute checks and repairs on their boats, Cowes Yacht Haven pontoons were awash with professional crews busying themselves in the sunshine.

Tomorrows racing for white group has already been postponed by two hours which allows for copious beering tonight (and tomorrow morning for the committed)

If you want to find us the Victory Class social contingent, the youth section will be in the Duke of York, follow the loud music and bad singing, come join us!

I promise we will have some sailing news tomorrow....hopefully! We don't just drink...

Happy Cowes Week!!

Zoe & Munch xx

Cowes Week 2019- Day two- Sunday 11th August

Evidently, we do just drink.....

We promised some sailing... we were wrong... 0830 hours Munch woke up Cross Street with a "For f**ks sake" after reading the text from Russell which pretty much summed up the opinion on the days racing, we were to be shore bound for another day due to 18-24 kts gusting up to 28 kts from the south west.

The committees decision allowed for us to take a leisurely breakfast for us to then amble to the Island Sailing Club to welcome the late coming Victories. Upon arrival the contingents from Z70, Z71 and Z73 were already halfway through their first pint of the day, it was 1126....

After discussing the decision not to race in much detail the crew of Z71, plus Munch, decided to venture out and watch the Sail GP racing which was set up along the green at Egypt Point. Whilst milling around in quite sizeable (and wet!) chop we watched a class 4 J- something broaching with their spinnaker up, initially thinking that they were bonkers to have it up unnecessarily after finishing their race due to the strong breeze funnelling down the solent, we quickly realised that they were in trouble as the spinnaker was out of control with a blown tack line, pinning them down at a horrific angle.

Stretch, in his orange helmet - being a pro windsurf rescuer - instructed them to blow the spinnaker and we collected it from the water, as they blew the sheets a poor crew had a

bight of sheet wrapped around her leg nearly pulling her overboard, thankfully only her shoe was pulled off (without her foot in it may i add!). The boat dropped the main and got under control, five shocked faces thanked us for helping them, hopefully they headed back to their mooring and had a stiff drink to calm the nerves.

We pootled off around the Sail GP exclusion zone, nearly ending up in Lymington! After seeing how breezy it was we were convinced that the less durable F50s wouldn't be racing. Through the skepticism of the seasoned racers onboard the rib and after a lot of waiting around due to mark repositioning, race 1 got underway - it was quite exhilarating ! The Yanks capsized before the second mark (in slo mo), the Aussies stormed ahead and the Brits had a good tussle with the Japanese team before burying the nose after a big bear away and catapulting one of their crew forwards. No damage to the crew member but the boat did not fare well...

After the first race domestic duties called and the four damp Victory sailors returned to Cowes the long way via 3R, NE Gurnard. The north islanders (Stretch and Gareth) returned home whilst the excitement proved too much for the south islanders and they returned to the dry land for a nap.

If you want to find the youth social contingent tonight they will be in the The Anchor from 2130 hrs, come join us and take part in some dancing to bring on the winds tomorrow.

We promise to have some actual sailing news tomorrow... we don't just drink...

hmmm deja vu?

Happy Cowes Week!!

Zoe & Munch xx



Cowes Week 2019- Day Three -Monday 12th August

Cross Street was quiet at 0830 this morning as the lack of Victory Class WhatsApp messages meant Munch did not have to utter profanities to wake up the sleeping sailors. After a delightful breakfast the sailors assembled at their usual time in the ISC to quickly find that the Island had arranged a two hour postponement with Cowes Week Limited to bump their beer and bbq profits before sailing. The ISC desperately handed out free rum samples to ease the boardem.

After many rain squalls we finally headed to the moorings in a little rush once AP had been removed, only to sit in the rain on the Victories going nowhere. The rain cleared and our course was announced, off to the strange unchartered west we went.

The course was -

Start at RYS Line 1

Cowes Yacht Haven (s)

Sevenstar Yacht Transport (p)

Yacht DataBank (p)

Gurnard Ledge (p)

RYS Line 1 to finish

A square-ish course crossing the Solent twice beating each side of the crossings.

Differing tactics at the start- Z69 on the pin end but late, Z73 in the middle but bang on time, Z80 v v late in the moorings, Z48 on the RYS rocks.

After a tricky beat with little breeze and lots of tide up the green past Egypt Point the fleet positions were changing regularly. At the windward mark Z69 emerged in the lead with Z71 following but nearly Z73 who couldn't round CYH due to Z71 being on starboard holding them off. After deciding that the leg to the north shore would warrant a kite the fleet hoisted their colourful spinnakers and had a drag race to the entrance of the Beaulieu river. Congrats Z73 for a tough fight to the windward. Good navigation and excellent kite trimming were key on this leg!

Z69 pulled ahead but Z71 were hot on their heels. The Victories chasing the front two were split across east and west with Z77, Z74, Z48, Z54 fighting hard. Z69 and Z71 dropped spinnakers before completing their crossing of the Solent due to being further east, Z77 navigated superbly and closed up on the top two. At Sevenstar Yacht Transport the wind had shifted and it was nearly a drag race to Yacht DataBank, but the tide changes bought the advantages for Z69 who pulled away from Z71. After tacking up the north shore and going to lay Yacht DataBank, Z69 slightly misjudged the layline due to the tide strength and had to double tack to make the mark, this allowed Z71 to hold on a bit further and catch up with the lead boat, once they rounded and headed for the big green buoy on the island shore Zinnia catapulted themselves on a tight reach, no spinni required. On the second beat Z77 closed the gap on Z74 and Z54 did even better and managed to cross in front of Z74 whilst making for Yacht DataBank, Z48 were also hot on the heels of the second group. At YachtDataPoint Z77 rounded ahead of Z74, followed by Z54 & Z48.

Z71 didn't managed to make any in-roads into Z69s lead. Most boats stayed in their positions but Z77 and Z74 had to deal with a couple of pesky Xs!!! The run down from Gunard Ledge to the Squadron finish was rapid due to the tide pushing the boats home. Z54 did cause a couple of early gybes by going for the inside line, Z74 squeezed past Z77 and headed the canons of the squadron line.

The final results were-

Z69

Z71

Z74 (Carols first Cowes gun- congrats!)

Z77

Z54

Z48

Z67

Z70

Z80

Z73

Congrats Team Scammell! Lets hope there is more breeze tomorrow.

We do do sailing... but time for a beer!

Zoe & Munch with guest editor Geoff Dixon xx

20th August

OOD was from Z71- Gareth, Jimmy, plus guest crew Tinker the border terrier.

For a change we decided to start the racing off the wall, course 1 was set with a light breeze down the wall, SW 12kts ish

RA p

SS p

PSC p

SS p

PSC p

SS p

PSC p

Finish at SS

All the Victorys were line shy and spread across the middle of the line

Close tacking up first leg especially just past PSC with lots of crossings

Coming into RA all boats on starboard, procession but close together, except Z78 who went far left on the course nearly to St Helens Fort...

Slow to put up spinnakers, Port pole, 80, 54, 76, 77, 75, 70, 53 and Z78 positions round the windward.

Coming into Suffolk Sails Z53 had an early spinnaker drop and everyone rounded with strong tide pushing them into the harbour

Places to SS- 30 min first lap

75

54

80

76

77

70

53

78

Spinnakers at PSC

54 (tacked into wall, this is what Gareth would have done....)

76

80

75

70

77

53

78

Places at SS, quick spinnaker leg of 12mins, second lap

80

76

54

75

70

77

53

78 (RET)

Places at PSC

80

76

54

75

70

77

53

Spread out left to right across the downwind with the shortened course flag/wind sock displayed.

Finishing at 2001 within 30 seconds-

80

76

54

75

Then

70 2002:31

78 2003:53

53 2006:05

78 RET

Congrats to Z80 with Russel and Munch

What a contrast to last weeks racing in the central Solent.... calm, light winds and sunshine!

See you tomorrow, Thursday 22nd August, for the crews race

Zoe

Z71











24th August

A hot and hazy afternoon on the water with the thudding tones of Victorious Festival being heard across the Solent. Seven Victorys pootled out of the harbour with copious amounts of suncream and water.

Not sure what the record for a Saturday race at home is but i'm sure seven boats might be the most AND on a bank holiday!

Z48 were gate boat and tried their hardest in the little breeze and rolly waves to start a race (twice) before abandoning and sailing to KB for more breeze, which did eventually come.

This Saturday was also quite unusual, apart from the (record) number of Victorys, record temperatures, we also had possibly one of the youngest Victory crews onboard Z71- 4 year old Archie Penn.

Now i'm sure some of you already know the story... but poor Archie had been treated to a chocolate ice cream before coming aboard, he was ready to race asking how long until we went fast and when would the dragon spinnaker could be hoisted. Two abandoned starts and a lot of bobbing about took their toll on junior Penn and before long he was not feeling too good, this mornings ice cream resurfaced across the poor old Christina.

The start was nearly in sequence but Z71 knew we wouldn't be racing, Gareth announced over the radio that we were off home due to a case of mal de mar. Poor Archie slept the whole way back to the mooring whilst Gareth cleaned up the boat.

If anyone has any sailing anecdotes from the race then that would be appreciated!

I know that the positions were-

Z76

Z48

Z68

Z73

Z53

Z70

Z71 (DNS)

There is just one race left in the Saturday Trophy- this weekend 31st August, start time at 1400.

See you on the water!

Zoe

Z71

27th August

OOD from Kim on Z76 who had already won the series with two 1sts, the 'not up harbour series' had one race left to sort out second and third places...

The last race with a 7pm start due to the nights quickly drawing in.

Short nights and a dying breeze meant that the course was short, set from KB, RA p, KB p, RA p and finishing at SS.

Eight boats made it to the start including Z57 who were joint second in series with Z71, but tonight Janet had given the reigns to Stretch and Zoe.. two crews and no helm, anything could happen...!

Z54 also had a different helm, Chris Smith, crewed by Catherine and Vicki- could they keep up Geoff's winning streak from Cowes Week??

The line was busy but everyone started on starboard with Z70 and Z74 taking off early into the wall. Z80 and Z75 led the way to RA. Z57 hit the line at full speed and height, but we misjudged and were 10 seconds late.

A short upwind followed by a busy rounding, Z80 and Z75 were still in the lead with the rest of the pack chasing them down. At KB the fleet split, go into the wall and try something different or stay out for preferential wind?

Some close tacking back up to RA but with Z80 and Z75 still in the lead, closely followed by Z57 and Z74. The reach to the line/Suffolk Sails was hotly contested between Z80 and Z75 but also Z57 and Z74. Variety struggled to get settled and Peregrine overtook for part of the leg before the crew of Z57 worked out how to fly the spinnaker...

The places at the finish were-

Z75

Z80

Z57

Z74

Z68

Z70

Z78

Z54

Congrats to Z75 on another win

Congrats to Z76 on winning the Harbour Series for the Bishop Painting

Tonight (Thursday 29th August) is race 5 of 6 in the second Thursday series for the Puffin Trophy. Earlier start time of 18:45

See you on the water

Zoe

Z71 (or Z57 tonight)

5th September

The last Thursday race of the season!!!!

After the unfortunate accident between a large red fishing boat and Rosina, our trusty committee vessel was out of action. Stretch (from Z57) was thankfully able to bring his RIB over. With lots of gaffer tape to form flagstaffs our committee boat was ready and subsequently anchored off Vail Williams with an orange laid mark as the pin end of the line.

Crewed by Ben (mini Stretch) and Martin (also Z57 crew).

Five Victorys took to the water to soak up some of the end of the summer sunshine (Z77, Z76, Z74, Z71 and Z54). An optimistic course was set

KB p

laid mark p

x5.....

The start was at 1835 with a strong tide pushed us away from the line and 10-8kts which was slowly dying. The whole race was a game of snake and ladders with lots of wind shifts (up to 50 degrees!) but Z74 led with everyone else fighting for second place.

Two laps were completed but the race was shortened on the next upwind at KB.

The positions were-

Z74

Z76

Z77

Z71

Z54

Congrats to Z74 on winning the last Thursday race !

Thank you to Stretch, Martin and Ben for your dynamic OOD duties.

The next race is tomorrow for the Poona followed by the last race on a Tuesday, the 10th September, start time is 1815.

See you on the water!

Zoe

Z71



