



Helford River Sailing Club

Dinghy Regatta Race Report

Saturday 18th June 2016 W-NW3-4



Dinghy Regatta 2016



Ed Hosken (middle) races to the line with Mike Croft 2nd from left in the Youth 4.7 race.

If you could dream of a perfect day for a regatta – Saturday was it. Helford's fleet was swelled to near 40 sailors with the arrival from St Mawes SC of Mike Croft's and Benny Hallam's youth Laser 4.7 and Feva Fleets. Heather Ibbotson & Wendy Steggles catering team worked their magic to victual the flood of visitors before the first of 3 40-minute races. On the committee boat, Bold Lancer, Race Officer Tom Smith and Steve Kestin set a course from Gew to Durgan into a shifty 10-15mph of W-NW breeze up river on a flooding tide. Lawrence Calverley dominated the first two 4.7 races with Joe Pothecary taking the third for Gold and Silver. There was very tight racing behind Lawrence with only 3 points between Joe and late arrival Ollie Chamberlain. Helford's Beks Hosking steadily improved as the wind built, taking 2nd in the final race for Bronze & Lady Helm, pipping Kieran Andrews. A Plucky Ollie Croft delighted his dad with a 2nd in the first race, but needed two of himself thereafter.

Henry Hallam & Ashley Hill knew their Geology, zooming around in the Fevas taking the first two races from Silver & Lady Helm Amy Boyle & the Plucky Kit G-Brown. Amy didn't let Henry have it all his own way robbing him of a clean sweep in the third. Max Fisher & Tristan Young were nothing if not consistent with a third in every race to take Bronze.

Roger McDonald gave a very polished performance leading the first Handicap race at the PIN from start to finish and did the same again in the last to take Gold. Ollie Berryman & Ed Bolitho enjoyed their first outing in a RS400 for 2 years and the bigger wind to take the 2nd race and Bronze. Phil Samuel's Solo ignored the shifty conditions with a 3,2,2 to take Silver. Lady Helm Beccy Kestin was pipped to 4th by B&B. Andy Biggs was cruelly robbed of a medal by equipment failure in his final race. Great Grand Master Dave Philpott and Plucky Finley W-Newton finished within one point of each other despite their 65year age gap!

Have a look at our race calendar on line at HRSC and if you would like to pop out in your own boat to race or to view courses with Andy Biggs in a double hander on Tuesday evenings, call HRSC 01326 231006

Results

Youth Laser 4.7: 1st L Calverley, 2nd J Pothecary, 3rd R Hosking & Lady Helm, Plucky Youth: Ollie Croft

Youth Feva XL: 1st H Hallam & A Hill, 2nd A Boyle – Lady Helm & K G-Brown – Plucky Youth, 3rd M Fisher & T Young

PY Fleet: 1st R McDonald, 2nd P Samuel, 3rd R Berryman & E Bolitho, Lady Helm: R Kestin

Great Grand Master: D Philpott, Plucky Youth: Finley W-Newton

PICS: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/s9h2mwjw9cciu0/AADC42QQqa8O3s2PFsO2SAsDa?dl=0>

REP: <http://www.westbriton.co.uk/sailing-round-up-june-23/story-29430753-detail/story.html>

Captain Dinghies thanks all those in support of the fleet on the day,
Committee: ROD T Smith, with S Kestin, E Broad, A Walsh-Newton, on Bold Lancer - courtesy J Bolitho.
St Mawes: M Croft & Team 4.7, B Hallam & Team Feva, M Osborne & Team Safety
Safety & Marks: C&J Dudley, D Blanning & K Goy, G&K Sykes
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Closest: Young Finley Walsh-Newton leads Chris Hosken in Vareo







