



# Helford River Sailing Club: Dinghy Race Report



Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April SW2 Helford, Culdrose WSW(6pm) W(7) & WNW(8) 4-2 RYA PY SW Line start

## Spotlight on Solo

Under the former site of WWII Toll Point searchlight battery the fleet assembled line astern for inspection by HRSC's new Commodore – Julian Samuel. 18.30 sharp, Phil Samuel – a committee of one with battery of watches - started an orderly line for the beat to Central. From that point on Lasers, Solos and RS400's paired for close racing in moderate, softening to light airs & showers.

The RS400's swapped positions at least a half dozen times, with only a slight pause by Ollie and Ed for a handbrake turn to harvest seaweed. McD and Beccy were seen teasingly practising dry fly casting with the spinnaker lightly dapping the water. Brooks as rear gunner in Laser followed the fleet & a congenial Nick Maidwell on his first outing on the long run from Trebah to sea. Crawling under a Laser's boom is not without risk as Nick was amply reminded when grabbed by the collar for an early bath.

Phil Philpott took early advantage from a moderate breeze to set himself ahead of Adam Mason's Solo. Running with minimal ballast, Adam progressively eroded the gap during fading winds only to miss his prey by the time it took Phil Samuel to simultaneously twice press hooter and stopwatch. Honours accrued after 8 matches likely place Phil Philpott at or near head of the fleet. As keeper of records it is for Phil to gainsay.

Helm	Crew	Class	Name-No.	PY	Race	Elapsed	Correct
Phil Philpott		Solo	4785	1150	1	56.36	2953
Adam Mason		Solo	4099	1150	2	56.38	2955
Roger McDonald	Beccy Kestin	RS400	958	948	3	47.10	2985
Ollie Berryman	Ed Bolitho	RS400	588	948	4	48.01	3039
Stephen Brooks		Laser	179651	1085	5	59.26	3869
Nick Maidwell		Laser	170605	1085	6	61.20	4765

**Captain Dinghies** Beccy Kestin thanks all those supporting the fleet on the day

**Marshall:** Phil Samuel by himself.

**Safety cover:** Julian Samuel & Nick Glossop

**Photography:** Nick Glossop

PY Handicap race accounting means the fastest boats get to the bar first without necessarily winning the race A great credit to all those behind the action for selflessly putting themselves forward for duty



Softly Softly Ollie & Ed catchy McD



Adam Mason enjoying a repartee at the committee boat.



Phil's Spot lit Solo



Nick Maidwell's first sortie of the year, and we trust a few more for 2012?



McD & Becca prepare to bear away



RS400 sunset



Ollie & Ed catch a breeze, give the RS400 an ear wash and bare white below the plimsoll line