



Helford River Sailing Club

Dinghy Regatta Race Report

Sunday 2nd July 2017 ESE-WNW 1-4



Dinghy Regatta & Laser Open 2017



Under the Eagle Eyes of Tom Smith & Steve Kestin, Amy Boyle & Matthew Hill take first overall

Aeolus gave HRSC a sun blessed Mediterranean day for its dinghy Regatta, but nothing comes from the gods free, and so it was with a wind that blew ESE to WNW and from 1-12kts. Helford's fleet was swelled to near 30 sailors with the arrival from St Mawes SC of Mike Croft's and Benny Hallam's youth Laser 4.7 and Feva Fleets for 3 good races. On the committee boat, Bold Lancer, Race Officer Tom Smith and Steve Kestin set a southerly course 180 degrees opposite the WNW forecast. Amy Boyle & her Crew Matthew Hill dominated Feva XL and Laser 4.7 fleets with an orderly 3,2,1 to take Gold Overall and Gold in her Class. Henry Hallam & Ashley Hill completed a similar task with a 1,5,2 to take 2,2 overall and in the Feva's. Ollie Croft with a 2,3,3 took 1st in the 4.7's and with 8 good points equalled the Hallam Feva's tally - and so came 3rd overall - by sailings unique accounting. Joe Potheary - the oldest man in the St Mawes fleet at 16 took 2nd in the 4.7's with an erratic 6,1,9 - a whisker ahead of Ben Harvey. In the 17-18 section Beks Hosking was the First HRSC 4.7 boat home followed by a chipper Ed Hosken. Jack Lawrence and Fin Walsh-Newton gave a plucky performance in their Feva.

In the PY fleet & Laser Open, Roger McDonald had his own race from Restronguet to the mouth of the Helford and back - 5 hours of toil which deserved a medal for effort. Chris Hosken's chivalrous & handsome performance gave way to Great Grand Master Dave Philpott's Solo - racing in his 81st year. Becky Kestin was consoled with Lady Helm prize and 3rd in the Laser Open; equipment failure in the third race robbed her of 1st. Stephen Brooks performed the only capsizes of the day but was delighted to beat his arch rival Andrew Hosking taking 2nd in the Laser Open. From La Rochelle - Hugo Helene, delighted in taking third overall and 1st in the Laser Open. Ollie Berryman & Ed Bolitho on their last race ever in their RS400 zoomed around in fine style but were defeated by an elegant dry bathtub - the N12 driven with panache by Andy Biggs and Karen Hemsley-Biggs for first.

A huge thank you to all the catering team at the Club House, for preparing our St Mawes visitors meals bang on time - greatly appreciated, and to everyone from the club who made this all happen

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 O Croft, 2nd J Potheary, 3rd B Harvey 4th M Fisher

Youth Feva XL 1st A Boyle & M Hill, 2nd H Hallam & A Hill, 3rd D Brigg & S Cox 4th D Brigg & S Cox

PY Fleet: 1st A Biggs & K Hemsley-Biggs, 2nd O Berryman & E Bolitho, 3rd H Helene 4th Stephen Brooks

Laser Open: 1st H Helene Fr 2nd Stephen Brooks GBR 3rd R Kestin GBR 4th A Hosking GBR

Captain Dinghies thanks all those in support of the fleet on the day,

Committee: **ROD** T Smith, with S Kestin, A Walsh-Newton, K Sykes on Bold Lancer - courtesy J Bolitho.

St Mawes: M Croft & Team 4.7, B Hallam & Team Feva, M Osborne & Team Safety

Safety & Marks: N Glossop & J Dudley, K Goy & T Marsland D Walsh-Newton & Family,

Photography K Sykes, D W-N, A W-N.



HRSC Beks Hosking shows her downwind skills in Laser 4.7



Youth laser 4.7 and Feva XL fleets racing on the Helford





Ollie Berryman & Ed Bolitho Flying their last kite, take 2nd in the PY Fleet



Andy Biggs N12 goes on to take first overall from Hugo Helene leaving Stephen Brooks to enjoy the view



1st Amy Boyle 14 & Matthew Hill 11 in the Youth 4.7 & Feva XL section & 1st among Feva's



Above Beks Hosking - first home from HRSC in the Youth section. Below Ollie Croft eventually gets 1st 4.7



Teenage Cool Jack Lawrence, Fin W-N, Ed Hosken



Great Grand Master Dave Philpott



RS400 Racers 2nd PY Fleet Ed Bolitho & Ollie Berryman



Laser Open 1st, PY 3rd Hugo Helene Below, Andy Biggs & Karen Hemsley-Biggs on a slow start to win





Mmmmmmmmmmmmh – smell those Hot Dogs



And they're off



Joe Pothecary and Ed Hosken take an alternative route.



Ollie Croft heads the fleet above - Jack Lawrence & Fin Walsh-Newton keeping up with pack below

