



# Helford River Sailing Club

Dinghy Race Report: Autumn Series  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 10:30 Linestart NW 4-6



## End of 2017 Racing



**Dinghy News** Another good year for Dinghy racing and there are two dry meets left.

**Dinghy Wash-up Wednesday 15th November 19:00** – a change to the calendar in keeping with club hours. This is for racers and everyone helping out – Safety & RO's to review the past year and make suggestions for the year ahead. Book a meal with Benjamin.

**Prize Giving Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 18:30** Usually great fun join us for a meal after.

It's been great to see many new faces and friends returning to support the fleet and indeed race. Amongst the many, Tom Smith and Steve Kestin aboard the Bolitho family's Bold Lancer awash with sausage rolls for the regatta, Ginie & Katie Sykes for the May Family Cup. We have had everything from the St Mawes youth to a Thames Moth, Adam Mason in a Europe, Cornwall's oldest Laser, and a Royall couple in a Cherub Ollie & Ed for a last outing in a RS400 and not forgetting HRSC's Wayfarer fleet.

**Laser Donation** We are particularly indebted to Simon Filmer for donating a Laser - and Andrew Hosking for getting it onto the water. Simon intends to join us on the water on a newer version in 2018.

**By way of thank you** to all concerned our last day out racing was typical of the Autumn either full on or hardly any wind at all.

### **Race Report**

On the last Sunday in October, RO Keith Goy with Si Drakeley made sure the seasons racing would finish on a high note. Culdrose recorded a 4-6 nor'westerly some of which whistled through the narrows, north down the valleys; nothing if not consistent 45 degree wind shifts providing the entertainment. Ready to capture the fun was Dan Flunder on camera – wickedly egged on by his director Dave "Zodiac" Church. Settling for a triangle from Bosahan to Durgan and Trebah there was everything from a reach to beat across river, a precarious wobble up and the opportunity of a pirouette back down – elegantly performed by Biggsey who shall remain nameless and came third.

In a saintly Solo, Dave Philpott sailed four laps to perfection brazenly sporting a shortie wetsuit – the man has antifreeze in his veins. Forgoing his Halo, Phil Philpott showed the necessary Tarzan like strength & agility required to leap about the vast deck and scaffolding of the Blaze. Just behind Phil, but near enough, Laser scholar Keith Wilkins was warming up for a double first, the 2<sup>nd</sup> being in the afternoon at Restronguet. Most improved Laser racer of the year, young Andrew Hosking established dominance over his arch rival Brooks and came fourth.

### **Results:**

1<sup>st</sup> K Wilkins 2<sup>nd</sup> P Philpott 3<sup>rd</sup> A Biggs, 4<sup>th</sup> A Hosking, 5<sup>th</sup> S Brooks, 6<sup>th</sup> D Philpott



HRSC's Keith Wilkins takes first





