

HELFDORD TO L'ABER WRAC'H RACE REPORT 2023

The 62nd Helford to L'Aber Wrac'h race was held on 23rd June 2023. This year we had thirteen yachts, 6 French and 7 English, taking on the challenge of the Channel crossing, with 11 boats crossing the finish line.

RACE RESULTS – The Winners

1st Calypso Jean Francoise Caraes



2nd & Sundancer Trophy for 1st Helford Yacht - Xenia Paddy Royall



3rd Atahualpa David Guillam



Marie Jo Trophy was awarded to James Christie on Xenia, as the youngest competitor in the race.



The Bobby Martin Trophy for the 1st Yacht under 30" was awarded to Chris Clark on Grand Cru



The wind was changeable, starting with a good breeze on the nose, which then went Westerly and variable near the French coast in the morning, the ultimate boat taking 3 hours to go six miles.

The 1st five yachts finished within within 32 minutes of each other, a credit to the handicap committee. Only two boats retired, one motoring on to L'Aber Wrac'h, seeing seven pods of dolphins and two whales on the way and the other returning to Helford.

The prizegiving was held at the Yacht Club des Abers with a speech by David Kerlan, Mayor of Landeda & L'Aber Wrac'h and Rob Hewett, representing HRSC. Rob and Sue Hewett presented the prizes.



The race was preceded by an excellent Champagne recovery party, at HRSC, with great music by The Stowes and a tasty bar-b-que by Club caterers, The Cornish Food Hub.

FULL RACE RESULTS

Position	Yacht Name	Owner/skipper	Make
1	Calypso	Jean Francois Caraes	Contessa 35
2	Xenia	Paddy Royall	X362 Sport
3	Atahualpa	David Guillem	First 42
4	Diaoul'x	Jean Francois Cadiou	X Yachts
5	Inn Spirit	Simon Copperwait	HOD 36
6	Agnes	Paul Clark	Elan 333
7	Carpe Diem	Gilles Menut	Bongo 9,60
8	Jimlee	Patrick Pierrard	Dufour 310GL
9	Hepsea	Gilbert Abiliou	Jeaneau Sun Odysea
10	Rosie	Tom Green	Cornish Crabber
11	Grand Cru	Chris Clark	Westerly
*RTD	Shebeca	Simon Fayers	Victoria
*RTD	Explorer	Matt Jennings	Westerly Merlin 28
* Retired			

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