

BYC Highlight Race, Saturday 30 September – Start time 13:30

This year was the 50th consecutive running of this race which started out in 1968 as the BBC TV Race.

It was very encouraging to see that almost exactly half of the fleet of 23 entries were visitors from other clubs. These 11 boats came from Porlock Weir, Cardiff, Weston Bay and Portishead.

The weather at the start was overcast with a southerly breeze of about 10 to 12 knots and the photograph below illustrates these conditions. This direction ensured that the sea conditions were relatively good. The course was from the extended start line off Jackson's Bay to the Holm Middle buoy, then to the Weston buoy, then to the South Cardiff buoy before returning to the finish. The fleet of boats was a grand sight from the shore and they were quite closely bunched.

The wind soon started to lighten but progress was good on the first leg to the buoy which is situated between Flat and Steep Holm. The wind strengthened again to about 10 knots and the direction backed towards the southwest allowing a broad reach to the next mark which is placed to the south of Flat Holm. The new direction of the wind gave a broad reach on the other jibe to the South Cardiff and there was an increase in wind speed to 15 to 20 knots. Fortunately the direction was such that the final leg of the course was a close reach so no hard windward work was involved.

The handicap scratch boat in fleet was *Rollercoaster*, a J109 with a handicap number very much lower than the bulk of competitors. She finished the race in just under 2 hours and the next boat, *Madcap*, was some 20 minutes astern. The third boat to finish was the eventual winner on handicap, *MiSue*, which finished some 3 minutes later. The bulk of the fleet finished quite close together taking between 2½ and 3 hours to complete the course. A complete table of the results are as follows:

Boat Name	Class	Sail No.	PY H/cap	Finish time	Elapsed time	Corrected time	Place	Achieved performance %
MiSue	Sadler 290	007	1039	15:49:44	2:19:44	2:14:29	1	973 -6.4%
Coquette	Atlanta 22	2087L	1140	16:06:11	2:36:11	2:17:00	2	1087 -4.6%
Sophie	Westerly Griffon	267	1119	16:04:06	2:34:06	2:17:43	3	1073 -4.1%
SoCo	Moody 29	80	1060	15:56:15	2:26:15	2:17:58	4	1018 -4.0%
Pepper	Westerly Griffon	280	1119	16:05:06	2:35:06	2:18:36	5	1079 -3.5%
Teal	Sadler 25	7074Y	1130	16:10:20	2:40:20	2:21:53	6	1116 -1.2%
Shearwater			1139	16:14:00	2:44:00	2:23:59	7	1141 0.2%
Swiftly	Westerly Centaur		1201	16:23:25	2:53:25	2:24:24	8	1207 0.5%
Magic	Mirage 37	24	1094	16:09:13	2:39:13	2:25:32	9	1108 1.3%
Rollercoaster	J109	9109L	805	15:27:32	1:57:32	2:26:00	10	818 1.6%
Seaboats	Westerly Griffon	5800Y	1129	16:16:07	2:46:07	2:27:08	11	1156 2.4%
Image		3317T	1225	16:30:37	3:00:37	2:27:27	12	1257 2.6%
Lesmar II	Kingfisher 30	22	1116	16:15:24	2:45:24	2:28:12	13	1151 3.1%
Madcap	Soling	GBR152	914	15:46:18	2:16:18	2:29:07	14	949 3.8%
Porthceri	Westerly Fulmar	270	1046	16:06:10	2:36:10	2:29:18	15	1087 3.9%
Ripple	Moody 31		1075	16:11:21	2:41:21	2:30:06	16	1123 4.5%
Moontide	Hunter Horizon 30	10	1018	16:07:18	2:37:18	2:34:31	17	1095 7.5%
Kindred Spirit	Roberts 36	170	1093	16:21:21	2:51:21	2:36:46	18	1193 9.1%
Pandora	Salty Dog	SG41	1170	16:35:13	3:05:13	2:38:18	19	1289 10.2%
Preceptor	Sadler 29	6434Y	1029	16:19:58	2:49:58	2:45:11	20	1183 15.0%
Shoogaroo	Sadler 29	K81T	1029	16:20:56	2:50:56	2:46:07	21	1190 15.6%
Crows an Wra	Westerly Berwick	117	1156	16:47:08	3:17:08	2:50:32	22	1372 18.7%
Dobbin	Atlanta 25		1151	16:50:08	3:20:08	2:53:53	23	1393 21.0%

The prizes were presented by John Webb, who is the owner of the race sponsors, Highlight Building and Property Maintenance. He thanked those responsible for organising and running the race before presenting substantial cash prizes and trophies. The overall winner was *MiSue* sailed by her owner Lyn Reeve from Barry. The second and third prizes went to boats from Porlock Weir SC, namely *Coquette* sailed by her owner Chris Langdon and *Sophie* sailed by owner Mike Ley. Trophies were also awarded to the leading boats on handicap from the north and south sides respectively of the Bristol Channel. These went of course to *MiSue* and *Coquette*. Within this event there is run a team race between Barry YC and Porlock Weir SC. The conclusive winner this year is Porlock Weir SC.

