

Highlight Race 2016.

Saturday 10th September.

Start 1030.

This was the 49th consecutive running of this event which began as the BBC TV Race and was later sponsored by HTV and then by Brains Brewery. It has been generously supported by Highlight Building and Property Maintenance since 2010.

The weather forecast for Saturday was very good and this appears to have encouraged both visitors and BYC members to take part. The very encouraging entry of 20 vessels included 9 visitors, from Porlock Weir Boating & Sailing Club and Cardiff Yacht Club. The actual weather was somewhat overcast but the wind was generally a moderate force 3 from the northwest and the sun did make a short appearance towards the end of the race. The wind remained steady for most of the time with only occasional increased gusts.

The course set by the OOD, Vice Commodore John Wilson, received general approval and involved a broad reaching first leg from the start off Jackson's Bay to the Holm Middle buoy which is located between Flat and Steep Holm. There followed a beam reach up to the Tail Patch buoy north east of Flat Holm before the beat home to Barry via the South Cardiff buoy off Lavernock Point. The fleet spread out quite quickly from the start with the faster boats, and those flying spinnakers, getting ahead. It was necessary to jibe at the first mark for the reach on port tack to Tail Patch. At this point competitors had to decide whether to remain on port tack, and cross the shallow water off Cardiff, or come about onto starboard tack towards Flat Holm. The majority decided to stay on port and seek the first of the ebb tide inside the Cardiff banks. Those that went onto starboard appear to have gained an advantage by entering the flood tidal shadow to the east of Flat Holm. The eventual winner, *Tomahawk*, followed this course whilst the second and third boats, *Sally Loper* and *Hidden Secret*, went in towards Cardiff. The wind freshened at times during the final beat home and there were some short seas to negotiate off Lavernock Point and Sully Island when the ebb began to run.

The leading boat, the Soling keelboat *Madcap*, finished the course in less than 3 hours and the leading cruiser, *Violet Flame*, was only some 15 minutes astern. The finishers were then spread out over a period of about 1½ hours. The full results are set out below and the prizegiving took place later that evening at the BYC Clubhouse before a well attended supper. Generous money prizes and replicas were awarded to the first three boats on corrected time and there was also a special trophy for *Madcap* the first boat home. Trophies were also awarded to the first boat from the north shore of the Bristol Channel, won by *Tomahawk* of Barry YC, and from the south shore, won by *Sophie* of Porlock Weir BSC. John Webb, Highlight Building, and John Wilson, Vice Commodore, thanked the competitors for attending and those involved in organising the event both afloat and ashore. The general consensus was that everyone had a very enjoyable day both afloat and in the convivial atmosphere of Barry YC.

Cruiser Class

Boat Name	Class	Skipper	Club	PY H/cap	Finish time	Elapsed time	Corrected time	Place
Tomahawk	Fox Terrier 22	M.Rudkin	Barry YC	1055	13:50:52	3:20:52	3:10:24	1
Sally Loper	Twister 28	B.Dotchon	Barry YC	1128	14:12:42	3:42:42	3:17:26	2
Hidden Secret	Sabre 27	C.Brooks	Cardiff YC	1141	14:16:39	3:46:39	3:18:38	3
Sophie	Westerly Griffon	M.Ley	Porlock BSC	1119	14:12:46	3:42:46	3:19:05	4
Ambler	Sea Wolf	G.Portsmouth	Porlock BSC	1106	14:12:23	3:42:23	3:21:04	5
MiSue	Sadler 290	L.Reeve	Barry YC	1039	14:05:10	3:35:10	3:27:05	6
Shearwater		S.Ayres	Porlock BSC	1138	14:25:41	3:55:41	3:27:06	7
Teal	Sadler 25	R.Harding	Porlock BSC	1130	14:26:00	3:56:00	3:28:51	8
Shadow	UFO 34	S.Sutton	Barry YC	957	13:49:58	3:19:58	3:28:57	9
Lesmar II	Kingfisher 30	M.Radford	Barry YC	1116	14:27:47	3:57:47	3:33:04	10
Maxime	Maxi 84	G.Brooks	Cardiff YC	1025	14:09:40	3:39:40	3:34:19	11
Violet Flame	Ben First 31.7	D.Wilkins	Cardiff YC	905	13:44:59	3:14:59	3:35:27	12
Kindred Spirit	Roberts 36	R.Brown	Barry YC	1093	14:27:05	3:57:05	3:36:55	13
Image	Mirage 26	D.Slade	Porlock BSC	1225	14:57:06	4:27:06	3:38:02	14
Preceptor	Sadler 29	J.Davis	Barry YC	1029	14:19:40	3:49:40	3:43:12	15
Ripple	Moody 31	B.Luen	Barry YC	1075	14:34:02	4:04:02	3:47:00	16
Morgan Le Fay	Cornish Shrimper	S.Jones	Barry YC	1228	15:11:44	4:41:44	3:49:25	17
Siglo	Westerly Seahawk	N.Koops	Barry YC	1000	14:46:32	4:16:32	4:16:32	18
Seaboats	Westerly Griffon	B.Pennington	Porlock BSC	1129	RTD			

Soling Class

Madcap	Soling	M.Fisher	Barry YC	914	13:29:32	2:59:32	3:16:26	1
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