

Kindly Light Race.

6th August 2016.

Start 1100.

This annual passage race to Porlock has been held for many years and the trophy awarded for this race was donated by Chris Ellis in about 1960. He was the then owner of *Theodora*, originally built as the Bristol Channel pilot cutter *Kindly Light* owned by the channel pilot Louis Alexander and based at Barry. He stipulated that the race should be for competition by vessels carrying at least one cadet member of BYC. The paucity of cadets over recent years has meant that this requirement has been suspended, hopefully only temporarily.

The weather on Saturday was ideal with more or less clear blue skies and a moderate SW wind. The strength was sufficient for several of the six entries to reef before the start and this was of some benefit for the first half of the passage. The reefs were shaken out by all vessels before the end. The wind direction was such that Porlock Bay could be laid on the starboard tack and it soon became apparent that the spring ebb would take the boats down tide of the finishing mark laid off the entrance to Porlock Weir. This enabled sheets to be eased and a very fast passage was achieved.

Unfortunately, the two leading boats, *Shadow* and *MiSue*, went too far to the west and had great difficulty in running back up channel in the weakening breeze under the high Somerset coast. This problem was also experienced by *Siglo* and she eventually retired. Meanwhile the remainder of the fleet, *Sally Loper*, *Lesmar II* and *Kiskadee*, had some very close racing in virtually ideal conditions. Although they were also taken down tide to a minor degree as the wind lightened, they all remained up tide of Gore Point and finished within three minutes of one another. Our thanks are due to Mike Ley, who laid the finishing mark, and to Howard Lavis who took the finishing times. The corrected results are set out below

Some competitors anchored off and then went into the harbour for the Porlock Weir SC barbecue that evening. Others sailed back to Barry on the flood. Everyone had enjoyed what was a great day afloat in near perfect sailing conditions.

Boat Name	PY H/cap	Finish time	Elapsed time	Corrected time	Place	Achieved performance %
Sally Loper	1128	13:29:30	2:29:30	2:12:32	1	1115 -1.2%
Lesmar II	1116	13:31:26	2:31:26	2:15:42	2	1129 1.2%
Kiskadee	1020	13:32:28	2:32:28	2:29:29	3	1137 11.5%
MiSue	1039	13:42:19	2:42:19	2:36:13	4	1210 16.5%
Shadow	957	13:34:07	2:34:07	2:41:02	5	1149 20.1%
Siglo		Rtd				