

**Barry Yacht Club Holms Race**  
**25<sup>th</sup> June 2016: Start Time – 0830**  
**Brian Dotchon**

This race began in relatively light wind and the OOD decided that it would be sensible to use only Flat Holm as the rounding mark in the race which traditionally encompasses both of the “Holms”. The fear was that the strong tide and light weather would make rounding Steep Holm very difficult. This proved to be a wise decision since some boats had difficulty in rounding Flat Holm at the end of the run up channel in the north westerly breeze. The wind at this stage had gone very light and some boats were at the mercy of the tide. However, the wind strengthened significantly from the same direction and was gusting force 5 or 6 on the return to the finish. There were also heavy rain squalls and this resulted in a very strenuous beat back to Barry. The only redeeming feature was that since the wind was off the land there was only a moderate sea.

Once again the Bristol Channel had served up the complete gamut of sailing conditions for the very encouraging turnout of five boats. They all finished the course within a period of some 30 minutes. As the results table below shows, the difference between the first and last boat on corrected time was less than 12 minutes which again indicates some very close racing.

<b>Boat Name</b>	<b>PY H/cap</b>	<b>Finish time</b>	<b>Elapsed time</b>	<b>Corrected time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Achieved performance %</b>
SoCo	1060	11:40:10	3:10:10	2:59:24	<b>1</b>	1016 -4.1%
MiSue	1039	11:43:16	3:13:16	3:06:01	<b>2</b>	1033 -0.6%
Manana	1041	11:46:35	3:16:35	3:08:50	<b>3</b>	1051 0.9%
Highlight	1009	11:41:54	3:11:54	3:10:11	<b>4</b>	1026 1.6%
Crows An Wra	1156	12:11:00	3:41:00	3:11:11	<b>5</b>	1181 2.2%