

Barry Yacht Club - Points Race No.3.

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The weather for this race was overcast with a fresh breeze from the northwest. The wind direction resulted in a relatively flat sea but the strength at force 5 resulted in some boisterous sailing. It was very encouraging that seven cruisers came to the line and they were also joined by *Madcap* the Soling owned and helmed by Mark Fisher.

The course was around the North One Fathom, the Lavernock Spit and home. The first leg was a fast beam reach and the fleet stayed relatively close together. The leg to the next mark was a close reach and although the Soling romped clear, the cruisers again stayed in fairly close company.

Most boats had carried full main for these legs and some became a little overpowered for the hard beat back to the finish in a strengthening breeze. The brave ones tacked through the sound inside Sully Island but those that stayed out did not lose much due to the weakening flood near high water. Some of the older crews found the long beat very hard work but there was very close racing at the front of the fleet as can be seen from the results below. The first two finishers were only a minute apart.

Very creditably, all finished the course after a very exhilarating couple of hours afloat.

Boat Name	PY H/cap	Finish time	Elapsed time	Corrected time	Place	Achieved performance %
Sally Loper	1128	18:30:13	2:00:13	1:46:35	1	1086 -3.7%
Manana	1041	18:23:40	1:53:40	1:49:11	2	1027 -1.4%
SoCo	1060	18:30:00	2:00:00	1:53:12	3	1084 2.3%
Highlite	1009	18:24:50	1:54:50	1:53:49	4	1037 2.8%
MiSue	1039	18:33:32	2:03:32	1:58:54	5	1116 7.4%
Shoogaroo	1029	18:38:00	2:08:00	2:04:24	6	1156 12.4%
Siglo	1075	18:46:00	2:16:00	2:06:31	7	1229 14.3%