

## Barry Yacht Club Points Race No.2.

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The course set for this race was the same as for the first point's race two weeks ago. Fortunately the brisk easterly wind at the 0930 start did not die on this occasion and all boats were able to finish in very good time. Indeed, they were back at the harbour only shortly after high water.

The wind was a good force 3 at the start with an overcast sky and limited visibility. The wind remained constant in direction and strength for the first leg out to the Holm Middle buoy which was a close fetch on port tack. All boats tacked to round the mark and the fleet was fairly closely bunched with only 10 minutes between the first and last. There was then a close reach to clear Flat Holm to the south before easing sheets for a beam reach to the South Cardiff buoy. The fleet was even more closely bunched at this stage.

By this time the young ebb had begun to run inshore and all boats headed in towards Lavernock Point to gain this tidal benefit. This involved a very broad reach on one or other jibe and most of the fleet took the route inside Sully Island. By this time it was approaching high water so the inside passage could be safely used. The wind had lightened to some degree and the slackening tide also affected the apparent wind speed. There remained a good breeze and the sun came out to give perfect sailing conditions in a flat sea. All boats finished within a period of less than 8 minutes.

The results are as set out below.

Boat Name	PY H/cap	Finish time	Elapsed time	Corrected time	Place	Achieved performance %
Sally Loper	1128	11:49:19	2:19:19	2:03:30	1	1087 -3.7%
SoCo	1060	11:45:06	2:15:06	2:07:27	2	1054 -0.6%
MiSue	1039	11:43:12	2:13:12	2:08:12	3	1039 0.0%
Manana	1041	11:46:04	2:16:04	2:10:42	4	1061 1.9%
Ripple	1075	11:51:05	2:21:05	2:11:14	5	1100 2.4%