

Barry Yacht Club Points Race No.1
14th May 2016.
Race Report – Brian Dotchon

The first race of 2016 was blessed with near perfect weather conditions at the start. The wind was force 2 to 3 from the east and the sun was shining. An encouraging entry of four vessels included two owners with boats new to them. *Highlite* (John Atkins), previously owned by Peter James and a Barry boat for a very long time, has not raced in the last few years and *SoCo* (Owain Thomas and Mark Fisher), is a new boat to Barry. These two were joined by stalwarts *MiSue* (Lyn Reeve) and *Ripple* (Bev Luen).

The course was out to the Mid Holm buoy and then around the South Cardiff buoy. The fleet started briskly but unfortunately the wind lightened and became variable in direction resulting in a slow beat out to the Holms. This slowed the fleet so much that it took them about 2½ hours to reach the first mark. By this time the tide was turning and none of the competitors were able to make the South Cardiff against the ebb in the near calm conditions.

A frustrating end to a race that promised to be very pleasant. However, the sun shone and the crews were very happy to be sailing again.