

## Barry Yacht Club Midweek Evening Race No.1

22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016: Start 1930 – 2000

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The first of the midweek series of races took place in very light conditions and a flat sea. The fluky westerly wind resulted in the OOD, Lyn Reeve, setting an inshore course with two laps up to Sully Mark and back. This series of races allows the skippers to choose when to start in a 30 minute window after the scheduled start time. This will allow skippers to make a judgement as to the most advantageous time to start in order to gain some advantage over competitors. On this occasion the very light conditions made it more difficult to make this judgement, especially since the course involved two laps.

Although the wind was variable there was almost always enough to keep steerage way and at times it was blowing a good force 2. The strong flood tide meant that it was essential to sail outside the inshore ebb when proceeding up channel, especially on the first lap. It was also necessary to make short tacks inshore when returning to Jacksons Bay in order to obtain the benefit of the inshore ebb. This was very reminiscent of the days when dinghy fleets would regularly sail short courses up to Sully Bay and back. The tide was still flooding at the start of the second lap and the boats that kept offshore again had some advantage when sailing up channel. By the time they began the final beat there was little flood left and boats could sail longer tacks offshore without disadvantage. The very fluky wind in Jacksons Bay caused some problems at the finish.

The results are set out below and the inshore course set somewhat different and interesting problems from those usually encountered in the longer weekend races. Everyone enjoyed the experience and the light conditions were welcomed after the very heavy and boisterous winds recently experienced by the racing fleet.

Boat	H'cap	Start Time	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time	Pos'n	Performance
Sally Loper	1128	19:30:27	21:24:37	1:54:10	1:41:13	1	1095 / -2.9%
Highlite	1009	19:35:10	21:20:39	1:45:29	1:44:33	2	1012 / 0.3%
MiSue	1039	19:32:06	21:23:20	1:51:14	1:47:03	3	1067 / 2.7%
Manana	1041	19:33:10	21:28:27	1:55:17	1:50:45	4	1106 / 6.2%
Ripple	1-75	19:31:05	21:40:21	2:09:16	2:00:15	5	1240 / 15.3%