

Barry Yacht Club

RNLI Pennant Race (Points Race No.5)

30th July 2016

Start Time 1430.

This race was originally scheduled as Points Race No.5 but it was decided to award the RNLI Pennant to the winner since the scheduled Pennant Race had to be cancelled. There is a £5 entry fee for the race which is passed on to the Institution.

The weather on Saturday was overcast but dry and there was a moderate westerly breeze. The course was around the North One Fathom and the Lavernock Spit and there was an encouraging entry of five boats. A number of new or prospective members were taken afloat.

The first leg to the N1F was a fairly close reach and all boats romped along in the flat sea conditions. The fleet stayed fairly closely bunched with only 10 minutes separating the first boat, *Shadow*, from the last, *Ripple*. A beam reach followed to Lavernock Spit and this was again a very exhilarating fast leg with the fleet spreading out a little but remaining in the same order.

The final leg was a beat against the westerly which, although quite fluky at times, was mostly steady. This affected some boats more than others and ultimately kept the fleet fairly close together with some very close tacking duels. Those that went too far into Sully Bay to cheat the last of the flood fared somewhat worse than those that kept a bit further offshore. This was probably due to the wind shadow from the tree lined shore. *Shadow* opened out a lead of almost 10 minutes by the finish but the next three boats, *SoCo*, *Sally Loper* and *MiSue* all finished within 5 minutes of each other.

The results are set out below and everyone enjoyed the splendid sailing conditions. This was a welcome change from the very windy conditions we have generally experienced this year on race days.

Boat Name	PY H/cap	Finish time	Elapsed time	Corrected time	Place	Achieved performance	%
Sally Loper	1128	16:25:32	1:55:32	1:42:25	1	1078	-4.4%
SoCo	1049	16:24:20	1:54:20	1:49:00	2	1067	1.7%
Shadow	957	16:15:15	1:45:15	1:49:59	3	982	2.7%
MiSue	1039	16:29:04	1:59:04	1:54:36	4	1111	7.0%
Ripple	1075	16:43:20	2:13:20	2:04:02	5	1245	15.8%