

Kinghorn Woodies Race Report

Report by Nick Slane

Saturday 6th July 2019 saw thirteen competitors travelling from Aberdeen, Greenock, Tayside and Levenhall clubs to take part in the Kinghorn Open Event for wooden hulled IOM's. This annual event sees Kinghorn sailors racing for the Pinnacle Trophy and visitors racing for The Visitors Trophy. It is a great opportunity for those who enjoy building and racing these beautiful wooden hulled yachts to compete against like-minded folk. The spirit of the event was embodied in the Notice of Race asking competitors to race in a true "Corinthian Spirit".

Weather on the day was excellent for casual visitors to Kinghorn Loch with a warm, dry and mostly sunny day enjoyed by all. The wind forecast was 8mph westerly in the morning and 6mph easterly in the afternoon. However, the actual wind conditions for yacht racing were not so good which made the role of the Race Officer (Nick Slane) a real headache. The wind direction changed frequently which saw competitors facing breezes from N, S, E, W and all points of the compass in between – and occasionally seeing all those wind directions on the same leg of the course with the front and back of the fleet on a beat and those in the middle on a dead run.

The morning session saw six races completed in what was mostly a good W/NW breeze and undoubtedly was the best of the racing for the day. After a long lunch break to see if the promised easterly would settle in, the afternoon saw a further frustrating 6 races in fitful and failing breeze. The RO called time after 12 races at about 3pm as there was no prospect of improvement.

Once the results were calculated (on pencil and paper as the power had failed earlier in the day so no laptops!) those sailors who had adapted best to the conditions proved to be:

- 1st Tich Summers – Winner of the Visitors Trophy
- 2nd Steve Taylor
- 3rd Richard Ennos

In 6th place overall and winner of the Kinghorn Pinnacle Trophy – Stuart Teasdale

The Kinghorn Club would like to thank all the competitors for their support in honouring the Corinthian Spirit and enjoying a very fairly sailed and very enjoyable event.

The Corinthian Spirit

"As I understand the breed, he is one who has not merely braced his muscles and developed his endurance by the exercise of some great sport, but has, in the pursuit of that exercise, learnt to control his anger, to be considerate to his fellow men, to take no mean advantage, to resent as dishonour the very suspicion of trickery, to bear aloft a cheerful countenance under disappointment, and never to own himself defeated until the last breath is out of his body"