

Royal St George End of Season Race 2016

For this year's End of season Race, a course of 4.5 miles was selected, which started line off the Dublin Bay Sailing Club hut on the west pier, with a reach to South Bull, reach to Middle, a beat to Merrion, reach to Salthill and a run to the finish. The sun was shining, and the wind of about 9 knots was strong enough to keep all the boats moving well.

First boat to start was the oldest boat in the fleet, Paul Gillespie's historic *Calypso*, an International 12 footer designed in 1913, and a class which was used as the single handed boat in the 1920 and 1928 Olympic Games. He spent the longest time on the racecourse, and his progress around the long course was in contrast with Chris Power-Smith's J122, *Aurelia* which was the last boat to start, five minutes behind the fleet, he finished in third position. We were disappointed that the Moths didn't fly this year. Other remarkable competitors were the Wesail competitors Thomas in a Squibs who steered the whole race, and others such as Declan in *Perfection, and* who steered part of the race. These guys are now showing impressive levels of skill.

The best dressed boat was Robin Syke's Hanse, *Jama* on which all the crew won fancy dress, and close behind was ?????? *Escapade*, a Ron Holland Eyghtine where all the crew wore funny spectacles.

The Cour d'elegance award must go to our rear commodore, Frank O'Byrne's beautifully presented *Samphire*.

This race maintains the club tradition of a fun night for all the members, irrespective of sailing speed.

The handicaps failed as usual to produce a finish in which all the boats finishing within 3 minutes of each other. The finishing order was;

1, Brendan Foley's Impala, *Running Wild*,

2, Richard O'Connor's, *Glenluce*,

- 3, Chris Power Smith's J-122, *Aurelia*,
- 4, J. & J. Crawford's *Nauti-Gal*,
- 5, Sean Craig's *Aero7* was the first dinghy to finish.
- 6, Aongus O'hEocha's white sail cruiser, *LucyO*,
- 7, Eamon Doyle & Peter O'Toole's white sail cruiser, *More Mischief*.
- 8, Marco Sorgassi's Laser *192324*, second dinghy home.
- 9, Rose Mary Craig's *Glencoe*,
- 10, David Freeman's Shipman, *Twocan*,
- 11, Paul Conway's *Cervantes*.
- 12, David Dwyer's, SB20
- 13, Robin Syke's fancy dressed Hanse341, *Jama*,
- 14, Jean Cullen & Des Thorpe's Squib, *Kookaburra*,
- 15, Wesail's Declan with Conor O'Leary in *Squib Perfection*,
- 16, Richard O'Rahilly, Laser radial
- 17, David Houlton's *Glendun*,
- 18, James Sweeney's UFO31 *Menapia*,
- 19, Ian Bowring's Sigma 33 *Springer*,
- 20, Tim O'Sullivan and Terence Moran's *Glenroan*,
- 21, Wendy Goodbody and Nicky O'Connell singing in Squib *Aja*,
- 22, *Laser 204762*,
- 23, Sheila Power with Gillian Fletcher in Squib *Little Demon*,
- 24, Alan Claffey's *RS400 1111*,
- 25, Adrian Lee's, *Glenariff*,
- 26, Peter Nash's Sunfast 32, *Kamikazi*,

- 27, David Bolger's Cruiser 2, *Lady Rowena*,
- 28, Dunne, Fahy, Grace Fitzsimon's and McGuinness' white sail, *KatieNua*,
- 29, Well travelled Pete Hogan's *Glenshane*,
- 30, Colm O'Brien's white sail *Spirit*.
- 31, Wesail helmsman, Thomas with Noel Colclough in Squib *KMJ Karma*
- 32, The commodore's *Birmayne*,
- 33, Peter Richardson's *Beneteau 28*.
- 34, Frank Elmes' Beneteau 21.7, *Marissa XIV*.
- 35, Michael Moran & Michael Shiel's Squib, *Fox*.
- 36, Frank O'Beirne's, beautifully presented classic, *Samphire*.
- 37, Una O'Dwyer's quarter tonner, *Escapade*.
- 38, RS 200, 752.
- 39, Bruce Carswell's, *Sweet Martini*.
- 40, Francis Brandon's classic 8 meter, *Fionnuala*
- 41, Paul Gillespie's International 12 Foot dinghy, *Calypso*.

Following the race, entertainments were held in the clubhouse until a late hour.