ROYAL ST GEORGE END OF SEASON EVENT

After postponing the event from 1st September, due to lack of wind, it would have been nice to have favourable weather on 8th September. The weather gods were not on our side. Throughout the day, very heavy rain cells passed over Dublin Bay, while there was a small craft warning in place, and a gale warning for Irish coastal waters. Many potential competitors who had entered for the 1st. Sept, rang their crews at the last minute to cancel, due to heavy rain and strong winds on the course.

As it turned out, the last rain squall passed over the Harbour at about 17.00 hrs and thereafter the weather was fine, with a little sun. Twenty-three boats (of the fourty entries) came to the start line, located between Pier mark and the East Pier. The triangular course, of about four miles, consisted of a beam reach to New Ross mark, broad reach to Poldy mark, a beat to Pier mark and a short close-reaching leg to the finish.

First boats to start the pursuit were the elegant Glens, who revelled in the 12-14 knot wind. This wind also suited some of the heavier cruising boats, but the Laser being the only boat with planning ability, took off to sail consistently quicker than his handicap.

The finishing order was:

Laser*, Buster 3*- Gary O’Hare.

*Glendun* - Dr. Brian Denham.

Cruiser 2, *Lady Rowena –* David Bolger.

Dragon, *Phantom*- David Williams & Peter Bowring.

Dragon, *DCision-* Declan Hayes, Greg Purcell & Joey Masson.

Dragon, *Whisper* - Claire Hogan

Dragon, *Zu* – Matt Minch, Conor Grimley & Tim Pearson.

Shipman, *Twocan* - David Freeman.

Squib, *Little Demon* – Sheila Power & Gillian Fletcher.

Squib, *Sidewinder,* Rupert Westrup & Rupert Bowen.

*Glenshane* - Pete Hogan.

Ruffian-*Ruff Nuff* - Derek & Carol Mitchell.

Squib, *Perfection*- Jill & Kirsty Fleming.

Cruiser 5, *Cervantes,* Paul Conway.

Cruisesr 2, *Red Rhum* - Jonathan Nicholson & crew beautifully dressed in matching yellow teeshirts and facial emoji masks.

Cruiser 2, *Witsend II*- Peter J. Conlon & David Coates.

*Glencoe* – Rose Mary Craig & others.

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Shipman, *The Den* – Ashling Costello & George Millar who motored across the start line.

Halberg Rassay, *Esperanza* – Alan McMahon.

Ruffian, Badger – David Madden.

*Spirit* retired.

After returning to the Clubhouse, with indoor barbecue and dinner, Rear Commodore Peter Bowring presented appropriate prizes to most of the competitors- including the two USail 1720s who made a dogs dinner of the race- they were presented with a camping spoon and fork!

A collection was made for the Lifeboat.

Thanks to Robert Fowler, Noel Colclough, Trevor Bryan and all who helped to make a success of the event.