

Brass Monkey 4 Race report

Liverpool Yacht Club's fourth race of the renard-systems.co.uk Brass Monkey series was held on Sunday February 8th. The day dawned with virtually no wind and the marina looking like a mirror. Race Officer Michael Inman set ambitious courses for class 1 and classes 2&3 that would take both fleets up and down the river and across several times. An early start in sub zero temperatures saw ten yachts make the start line to be greeted by a reasonably consistent F2 Southerly and a bright sky. A clean start took both fleets up to the Garston channel before crossing over to the Eastham side and a return under spinnakers to Garston. Both fleets then did sausages and this produced an interesting scenario at G9 as the lead boats in the class 2 & 3 fleets approached on a beat from the North and class 1 under spinnakers from the South! The courses tested skipper's tactics as to where the best wind and currents were for their particular boats with positions changing as a result of these tactical decisions.

After two hours of racing the final results were very close both on the water and after handicap adjustment. In class 1 Andy Farrell's The "f" Word came from fourth on the water to take class honours by 93 seconds. Line honours went to Glyn Sheffield's Dynamite Tee but they were beaten by 16 secs to second place by Jim Cartwright's Day Dream Believer.

On the class 2 & 3 course the class 3 fleet not only managed to beat the whole of the class 2 fleet on handicap but also to take second and third places on the water behind Stuart Lofthouse's Skukusa. Skukusa won class 2 ahead of Paul Boycott's Impact although they had been beaten to the line by Andy Freeney's Mistoffelees. Warwick Telfer came from the rear of the combined fleet to take class 3 followed by Richard Baldwin's Tango and Annie Ward / Andy Napper's Di-Rich these two boats having traded places several times during the day. Everyone agreed it had been an excellent sail.

Time corrected results

Class 1

- 1st. Andy Farrell's Projection 762 The "f" Word 6986
- 2nd. Jim Cartwright's Beneteau First 34.7 Daydream 7079
- 3rd. Glyn Sheffield's Prima 38 Dinamite-Tee 7095

Class 2:

- 1st. Stuart Lofthouse's Impala Skukusa 5843
- 2nd. Paul Boycott's Impala Impact 6333
- 3rd. Andy Freeney's Hunter HB31 Mistoffelees 6484

Class 3:

- 1st. Warwick Telfer's Achilles 24 Clarevouyant 5656
- 2nd. Richard Baldwin's Superseal Tango 5690
- 3rd. Annie Ward's GK24 DiRich 5757

Richard Baldwin