

# Brass Monkey 5 Race report

Liverpool Yacht Club's fifth race of the renard-systems.co.uk Brass Monkey series was held on Sunday February 15<sup>th</sup>. Race Officers Annie Ward and Andy Napper had a F4/5 Westerly in which to design interesting courses. Initially all classes sailed up river with the first leg to Dingle enabling the braver yachts to fly a spinnaker on a fine reach, but with some broaches. The second leg to G5 saw more spinnakers appearing and they remained until G7. Until the end of the third leg there were some close encounters with class 1 2 & 3 boats racing side by side, within 10 feet of each other. After G7 the class 1 fleet crossed the river several times whilst the class 2 & 3 course remained on the Garston channel with Gullmaren acting as "M". Unusually the last legs of the class 2&3 course took the yachts downriver as far as Dukes before returning against the ebb. However by then the wind had increased and veered such that in the gusts those yachts flying spinnakers experienced planning speeds.

Class 1 was dominated by the three Prima 38s who took all the podium places. Glyn Sheffield's Dina Mite Tee took line and class honours ahead of Neil Thomas's "heavy" Mighty Max II with Richard Booth's Another Nods third, Richard did however win this weeks Prima 38 skippers sartorial competition!!

Class 2 was similarly dominated by three Sigma 33's with Steve Harrison's Quattro taking line and class honours. Paul Hampson having made a brilliant crew substitution came in second well ahead of Michael Inman's Musketeer who was just 10 seconds ahead of Stuart Lofthouse Impala Skukusa.

Richard Baldwin's Superseal Tango won class 3 ahead of Dave Hughes's UFO27 Legless.

With wind conditions at the limit for full sails and spinnakers everyone enjoyed a good days racing.

## **Time corrected results**

### Class 1

- 1<sup>st</sup>. Glyn Sheffield's Prima 38 Dinamite-Tee 5499
- 2<sup>nd</sup>. Neil Thomas's Prima 38 Mighty Max II 5566
- 3<sup>rd</sup>. Richard Booth's Prima 38 Another Nods 5661

### Class 2:

- 1<sup>st</sup>. Steve Harrison's Sigma 33 Quattro 4551
- 2<sup>nd</sup>. Paul Hampson's Sigma 33 Magic Moments 4644
- 3<sup>rd</sup>. Michael Inman's Sigma 33 Musketeer 4751

### Class 3:

- 1<sup>st</sup>. Richard Baldwin's Superseal Tango 5023
- 2<sup>nd</sup>. Dave Hughes's UFO 27 Legless 5763

Richard Baldwin