

## Brass Monkey 6 Race report

The sixth and final race of the renard-systems.co.uk Brass Monkey series was held on Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup>. Race Officers Jim Connolly and Bobby Nightingale faced the prospect of a very light Westerly and a strong spring tide but the sun was shining! Fortunately by the race start the wind had increased and continued to do so for the duration of the race. From the reporter's perspective planning speeds on the final spinnaker run from Dukes to the finish exceeded even those obtained in the previous race and when not preoccupied observed some noteworthy broaches on other yachts.

From the shelter of the Lock the course looked as if it might be very difficult to complete with several beats against the tide. At the start several boats went wide and only just managed to get past Pluckington which had an impressive bow wave! After the initial run upstream both fleets beat downriver against the tide before the Class 1 fleet, sailing an 11.7 nM course made five crossings of the river between E2 and G9 before going down to Dukes via Dingle and the final run home. Unusually two of the seven Class 1 fleet decided to retire. Richard Booth's Another Nods took both line and class honours ahead of Neil Thomas in Mighty Max with Andy Farrell's "the f word" taking third 30 seconds ahead of Jim Cartwright's Daydream Believer.

Classes 2 & 3 sailed a 9.9 nM course with a second beat against the tide and only two cross channel crossing before completing the Dingle / Dukes legs. In Class 2 Michael Inman's Musketeer enjoyed the conditions and dominated the race ahead of Stuart Lofthouse's Skukusa who managed to take second place 26 seconds ahead of Paul Hampson's Magic Moments. Warwick Telfer in Clairvoyant managed to cement a series win with a further class 3 victory followed by Annie Ward and Andy Napper's Di-Rich with Richard Baldwin's Tango third.

A very good days racing was enjoyed by everyone and was topped off by a generous series prize giving from the sponsor Dave Butterfield.

Richard Baldwin

### **Brass Monkey Series Results**

Series Position	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
1 <sup>st</sup> .	Dinamite Tee	Musketeer	Clairvoyant
2 <sup>nd</sup> .	Another Nods	Skukusa	Tango
3 <sup>rd</sup> .	The F Word	Magic Moments	Di-Rich
4 <sup>th</sup> .	Daydream Believer	Mistofffeles	Legless
5 <sup>th</sup> .	Mighty Max II	Impact	She Fever
6 <sup>th</sup> .	Rebel	JLS	Night Flyer
7 <sup>th</sup> .	Ulula	Quattro	