

## **LIVERPOOL YACHT CLUB**

### **RACE REPORT**

#### **RENARD SYSTEMS BRASS MONKEY 6**

Eleven yachts made the early start for the last race of the Renard Systems sponsored Brass Monkey Series. It was all to play for in both classes and there was serious tension in the air. The large tide saw a few yachts called OCS and forced to take a penalty turn as the 11knot northerly breeze would not allow them to return to the line. Both classes followed the same course until much later in the race, class 1 yachts stretched out an initial lead, the two primas of Mighty Max and Another Nods locked in battle for the series result with The F Word soaking down river behind them.

Another Nod's was out in front on the run to E4 but the tide washed them too far downstream and they had to use white sail's to round the mark, frustratingly letting Max edge in front. The next leg saw the yachts turn and reach down to G9 before a beat against the tide. This saw the class 2 yachts join the pack with Skukusa, Quattro and Musketeer capitalising on the leaders by sailing a tighter reach. It was all to play for up the beat with boats short tacking up the wall, some even having conversation with walkers on the bank!!

The Primas stuck out into the tide early and seemed to struggle making Middle mark. Most others snook up the wall before making the dart across. Quattro and The F Word were locked together doing no favours for the Class 2 trophy hunters!! Skukusa again laid the mark with a well judged dart out from the wall. Trilobite, Clairvoyant and Catch 32 were bringing up the rear with Tango and Magic Moments mid fleet.

The two classes separated at M with class 1 running back down to G9 and Class 2 to G7. The tide was still against as the leaders started the long beat to the finish leaving a clever inclusion of Dingle to starboard by OD Stan Edge. The Prima 38's put on an awesome display and from seemingly nowhere won the race on this uphill leg. Mighty Max was first past the post with Nods 28 secs behind, The F Word was just a joint crew hangover behind on corrected time by 15 seconds.

The battle of the day in class 2 was won by Musketeer with Quattro second and the ever present Clairvoyant grabbing 3<sup>rd</sup> by 23 seconds from Skukusa. Special mention to Angie Cross sailing on The F Word today, a flailing arm cut her nose and caused severe swelling, she hardly flinched!

A Fantastic prize giving by Renard Systems Director Dave Butterworth saw the top 3 yachts in each class presented with gift tokens for S Roberts Marine, wine and rather splendid bouquets of flowers!! Many thanks to Renard for another wonderful series.

Class 1: 1<sup>st</sup> Mighty Max 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Another Nods, 3<sup>rd</sup> The F Word

Class 2: 1<sup>st</sup> Quattro, 2<sup>nd</sup> Skukusa, 3<sup>rd</sup> Musketeer