

## BRITANNIA TROPHY 2009

The 15<sup>th</sup> running for a trophy awarded annually to the winner of a pursuit race on the Mersey adjacent to the Britannia Hotel was held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2009. The management of the Britannia hosts the event, providing refreshments after the race before making the presentation of the Trophy.

Ever a popular fun event for LYC yachtsmen; this year was no exception as eight yachts took part.

Did you really believe a 'fun' event? At LYC ?

The Race started off innocuously enough as the skipper of Legless, lowest handicap in the fleet, appeared on the line 10 minutes after his appointed time, and effectively kyboshed whatever chance he had. Dave later claimed a heavy Friday night responsible. Laid back or what ?

Into the front went our old friend John Nuttall, that shrinking violet, in his nice new *cruising* boat, Pania (did you really fall for that one, Jane ?) Short of a Spinnaker, John drove his boat and crew to the limit only to be overtaken in the last few minutes by those seasoned fun racers, Neil, 'they shall not pass' Thomas, and Annie Ward and Andy Napper's occasional racer Di-Rich.

Richard Baldwin's pleasant exhortations to his crew could be heard in the back bar of the Britannia as Tango tried in vain to hold off Mighty Max, while Jeanette and Dave Hardy sailing their new Impala and John Myerscough on Catch 32 exchanged their usual pleasantries as they enjoyed a gentle sail in friendly rivalry.

Mick Ryan on JLS sailed his usual aggressive race, as their tactician composed next month's quiz from the back of the cockpit.

The results ?

1. Mighty Max
2. Di-Rich
3. Pania
4. Tango
5. Black Magic
6. Catch 32
7. JLS
8. Legless

Many thanks to Jenny, Manageress of the Britannia for the use of their facilities and the post race refreshments.

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