

LIVERPOOL YACHT CLUB

RACE REPORT

SBYC SPRING 2 & SPORT RELIEF “Sail a Mile”

Ready! Steady! Go! And so they did as the twelve yachts in the Liverpool Yacht Club Fleet shot across the start line making a spectacular site for the crowd watching in the Britannia Pub on the shore. Members of the public had been invited to back a yacht for the charity mile as the fleet sailed a one mile triangular course in front of the masses. Murray Walker has retired so whom better to provide the commentary than our own Richard Booth.

Flash 2 was first round G5 with F word and Rebel close behind. So close in fact they collided and span off in the tide, delaying the pack behind. As always LYC skippers showed their sporting side and picked their way through the carnage to continue without any protests. Ragtime, welcomed back after lengthy absence showed they hadn't lost it and together with Daydream believer and Musketeer began to charge ahead. Clarevouyant was revelling in the conditions and sailed a good few legs as did Quattro, Magic Moments and Di Rich. The westerly wind was tricky and there were many position changes throughout the fleet. It was Flash though with a breathtaking race that crossed the sport relief mile line first on corrected time, with Musketeer second and Ragtime third. The OD ran the races from the shore and flagship Gulmaren “pin ended” out on the river

They didn't stop there though! The fleet continued around an excellent course that really tested crews. Daydream Believer was flying and a slight navigational mistake saw them come back upwind to round the missed out G5. That's what happens when you're all alone out front!! Ragtime and Musketeer locked Horns with the usually ever present Quattro down on her luck being pinned in by a commercial vessel at E2 and wisely keeping clear costing precious seconds. Mistoffolees was also suffering and chose to retire before the end, whilst Rebel pulled through Quattro and started to stretch out a lead.

Daydream was first over the line after that costly error. It was Flash though who ran out top dogs in the overall fleet, Musketeer Second and Ragtime Third.

In Class 1 Ragtime were first, Daydream second and F Word third. Class 2 saw Flash first, Musketeer second and Di Rich grinding out another good result in third.

A Fantastic days sailing in the public gaze! Lets hope its sparked some interest in Yachting amongst the spectators. Special Thanks to the Race Control Team, Another Nods crew and Gulmareners!

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