

## **LIVERPOOL YACHT CLUB**

### **RACE REPORT**

#### **Summer 5**

The helm and crew of Musketeer came up with something a little different for this race... An Olympic triangle style course was planned. A 12ft inflatable marker, that was found for the windward buoy, was rapidly pumped up by hand. To the delight of the red faced race officer team, Jim Connolly turned up and calmly enquired if we had found the electric pump. At this point all gazes turned to me, Oops!

The weather was over cast and the wind about 10 knots at the start, picking up to 15-18 knots. The start line was between Gulmaren and, the temporary laid, M buoy. The course was then upwind to an inflatable yellow pyramid mark, a tight spinnaker reach to E2 then a gybe off to G9 before a long beat back through the start line to complete a lap. The race fleet were looking forward to the planned 8 laps (yes I did get carried away when creating the lap times spreadsheet!!!), but after two and a half hours we shortened to just 3 laps to the delight of the sweating crews!

Six boats crossed the start line with a close upwind start. There was a fierce battle between Ragtime and Skukusa with lots of cross tacking making for interesting viewing. A short-handed Ragtime put up a great fight to be first round the windward mark, closely followed by Skukusa. Next to round the windward mark was Saphoenix with Pania snapping at her heels. Ragtime took line honours with Skukusa only 24 seconds behind. The battle for 3<sup>rd</sup> place over the line was eventually taken by Pania. A fantastic time was had on the water and all crews enjoyed the different style of course.

#### **Overall results**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Skukusa
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Saphoenix
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ragtime IV
- 4<sup>th</sup> Pania
- 5<sup>th</sup> Clairvoyant
- 6<sup>th</sup> Mistoffelees

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