

RSYC Summer Series

Race 3, Thursday 11th July 2019

RACE REPORT

The evening's forecast was for a north-westerly, and indeed, it was, coming from 305° quite consistently all the time during the hour and a half before the start. That is, up to a few minutes before the attention signal. The wind then backed to 275°, so the start sequence was postponed with the display of Flag AP at 18:55 hrs.

A really good course using very carefully laid marks, probably the best ever course, had to be abandoned, and The Hound relocated to a new position for a new course axis using fixed marks instead. A new start line was quickly laid, AP was removed and the sequence started again.

The wind continued to back and by a minute and a half before the start, it had backed to 250°. In the interests of everyone having a race (of sorts) that evening, the thought of a further postponement was discounted and the fleet set off at their new start time of 19:17 hrs on, what was by then, a close reach to the first mark.



With the wind backed by 30° after the start, the original windward/leeward course configuration resulted in a fetch to the first mark and a broad reach back for each lap for the average lap race. The wind continued to back during the race to 225°, so that, unfortunately, there were no true beats or runs, but the five boats that came out to race covered the course cheerfully and at top speed to clock in some quick lap rounding times.

After the fleet had completed 3 laps, the race committee announced their intention to display Flag Foxtrot at 20:25hrs. The results showed that *AMICA* averaged the quickest laps, followed in second place by *MAGEC*, with *GLASS ONION* in third.

Thank you to Julia and Sandra on the RIB and to Peter and Sue on The Hound.

We look forward to seeing everyone again for next week's pursuit race.

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