

## RSYC Summer Series

### Race 4, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019

#### RACE REPORT

At last! An evening with a steady breeze, both in direction and strength! A good 10 knots of wind on average from 290° facilitated a sausage/triangle course configuration for the evening's pursuit race from a start line offshore from the Netley Dome.

Five boats came out to enjoy the evening's pleasant fine sunny conditions and set off at their pre-determined start times between 19:05 and 19:22 hrs. *AMICA*, sailing in from the direction of the Hamble River, timed their arrival in the starting area precisely and just in time to harden up and cross the line at their scheduled start time of 19:11 hrs.

The fleet had a beat to Royal Southampton, a run to After Barn and a second beat back to Royal Southampton, then they went out on a reach to Deans Lake and on to a run back to After Barn, sailing this triangle twice before a final beat back to Royal Southampton, if the wind stayed up and time allowed.



Approaching After Barn at the end of the first run, *R&W* suddenly came to a grinding halt, as they dropped their chute in the water and spun round on their unexpected "sea anchor"! They eventually managed to pull the sail back aboard and were soon quickly on their way again.

There were also a few ships to watch out for during the evening, with the small cruise ship *SILVER WIND* departing and the very much larger *ORIANA* arriving during the course of the race.

As the clock approached the target finish time of 20:25 hrs, the decision was made to shorten the course at After Barn. *AMICA* was the first to finish at 20:23:31 hrs, *GLASS ONION* was second at 20:24:13 hrs and *MAGEC* third at 20:25:07 hrs. *ENIGMA* finished at 20:28:59 and *R&W* brought up the rear at 20:29:10 hrs.

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

We look forward to seeing everyone again next week for Race 5's average lap race.

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