



QLYC.... Lady Skippers Race - Sat January 19, 2013

**Go Girls.....and they did!!
Well done to all 12 Lady Skippers . . . WOW . . . but sadly
no Barb (Defiance) defending the Title !!**

Ok...now it was the ladies turn to take the helm...where females and bananas have previously been forbidden!!

At briefing there was lots of noise and excitement as male skippers were displaced from their thrones...

Commodore Jill gave a big plug to the ladies plus an announcement of a BBQ at the Club House later.



(We were to later find out that the better half of the OOD team had jumped ship to take the helm of Chinon!)

The course for the day was eventually signalled by the OOD from Swan as No 6 in the series given the Southerly and moderate wind for the afternoon.



Briefing was short and sweet with Captain Ian Curtis wishing the skippers and crews a good and clean race!!

With fourteen (14) yachts taking to the challenge and fifty three (53) sailors in total there was certainly to be a fearsome battle.

On the water, all appeared well organised and yachts were well geared to the lighter conditions although the promise of a few bullets / gusts later had some yachts with a number 3 headsail instead of their usual No 2!! With three divisions a sprightly Div 1 took off right on 1330 heading up to Swan Spit from Grass Beds...the course being from there to Wedge back to Grass Beds



and three laps to be completed....there were a few seeking a quality start ahead of their competitors....Jadda (Jade) saw the opening and sprinted to the buoy end of the line, whilst Indulgence (Kath's hand) sought comfort and Pequita (Jane helming) and Drizabone with Janet controlling looking to advance early against Rosie (with boys at the helm!).



By Div 2 others with Zen threatening under Alisons control alongside Christabelle, Fancy (Margy steadying), Maud (boys in control), Tiercel (Marg) and Lionheart getting her act together under Lindy's hand! An unorthodox spinnaker start for Chinon of course with Bev in charge ...nothing ever changes!



And of course there was our Div 3 with Sundance (Jodi looking fearsome) and Margot taking a hand to Imagine whilst the boys gave plenty of advice!!

And yet again a spinnaker start by these to although Sundance had to have a couple of goes at getting it right...again!



Around the course it was a flyer with Zen running down the field, and Chinon taking her fair share of windeven Lionheart had her skirt flying....At the back of the field the two big boys were trading punches and tacking against each other before Imagine took the upper hand toward the end of the second leg and led against Sundance and Zen into the third leg.



The Coutas were flying again and Rosie taking it

to them against a quick Pequita and Drizabone looking a menace...Indulgence did not take the treat seriously and limped behind...but Jadda flew through the first two legs before being crippled by the bigger boys...er girls!

In the end it was Imagine taking line honours over Sundance by a minute with Zen quickly following ahead of Chinon for fourth.

On handicap the result was a good win to Zen ahead of Chinon by 6 seconds corrected time and third with Imagine just under a minute behind.

The others followed with Christabelle, Pequita, Drizabone, Fancy, Lionheart, Indulgence and lastly Tiercel.





Unfortunately a couple of scratching's followed with Jadda not completing crew sheets or wearing life jackets (bugger)!!! And Maud and Rosie for incorrect gender at the helm...without even attempting with lipstick or frilly gear!!

But, hearty congratulations to Alison and crew of Zen on a good and fair win.

Sundance shone back in the field with not less than two legitimate skirts on board for the day, which should have earned at least a better handicap!!



Next Club Event –

**will be Saturday next 26/1/2013, for the
CHANNELS RACE.**

...Please note BRIEFING 11-30 AM, FIRST START 1-00 PM.