



QLYC  
WINTER SERIES RACE FOUR.  
Sun August 17 2014.

“KINSALE TRIUMPHS”



The fourth race of the Winter Series.

Entrants assembled near Grassbeds about 11 AM, to sign on by radio and to receive the course from Swan.

Four competitors appeared, Kinsale, Wave Dancer, Tiercel and Indulgence. Jennifer Gilbert was enjoying the tropical fleshpots of Alice Springs, so John Barry took the controls of Swan.



Sundance was unable to compete being still in yacht hospital at RGYC.

Not all that unusually, Indulgence was late for the Division One start. This time, attempting a 360 to avoid crossing the line early, she found herself caught in irons and started several minutes late, towards Swan Spit Pile, the first mark on Course Nine.

The breeze was south east up to twelve knots. Low tide had already come at eight past ten and there was not a great deal of power in the ebb.

Division Two, Wave Dancer and Tiercel, started before Indulgence had reached Swan Spit Pile, and gradually gained on Indulgence who had left the Pile to starboard and was well on the way to Number 3 West Channel. Imagine the delight on Indulgence when the division Two leader left Swan Spit to port and appeared to be preparing to return for a starboard rounding.

Alas! the Division Two vessels had read the course correctly and were returning to Grassbeds.



This left Indulgence at the tail of the fleet with her crew indulging (snigger) the almost certainly vain hope that disaster would strike each of their competitors.



Perhaps not that serious.

But it looked as if prayers were to be answered for as Indulgence trailed towards Grassbeds and Kinsale and Tiercel headed off in the direction of the Wedge what had happened to Wave Dancer? With a madly flapping jib she seemed headed for the beach.

Davey Hatton explained that he rounded Swan instead of the buoy, and as he sought to return to correct the mistake, the wind rose suddenly from twelve to fifteen knots: this was too much for the big jib and seizing its chance a snap shackle parted. The jib wrapped itself round the forestay and had to be lowered to allow the tangle to be sorted out. But even that relative disaster didn't put Indulgence in front. Wave Dancer slowly drew away.

First over the line by 23 minutes from Tiercel was Kinsale.



Then came Wave Dancer, eleven minutes later.

Indulgence came in a bit later, again.

The handicap result was in order Kinsale (still miles in front), Tiercel, Wave Dancer (only a minute and a half behind on handicap), and Indulgence

Thanks to John Barry for being the committee boat on Swan.

**Next race 31 August 2014. Meet at Grassbeds for an 11-30 AM start. This will be the last race of the series.**



On one of the best sailing days of the year -  
novel course (too novel for some),  
steady breeze 12 to 15 knots,  
some sunshine,  
Tiercel looked good all the way round the course.



Frank looks happy because so far he is the only qualifier for the crew trophy.

