

Scottish District IOM Championship and Travellers event at Kinghorn RSC, 10th June 2017

Race report by Sandy Mackay

Seventeen skippers from eight Scottish radio sailing clubs gathered with their IOM yachts to race for the Scottish Championship and Travellers 2 combined event at Kinghorn Loch. Although the wind was no more than a light air at starting time, the Race Officer chose to sail with two fleets. With overcast weather conditions and hint of moisture in a nominally 2 mph wind from the South East, a course of port rounding windward and spreader marks followed by a leeward gate. Two rotations of which were intended to give a race time of approximate 10 to 12 minutes. With the intensity of the close racing, no doubt the skippers felt as if they races lasted longer!

The wind increased as the morning progressed with racing dominated by Ian Dundas and Brian Summer. However, Robert Rooney sailed a fine Race # 3 showing just how fast he was without pond weed on his keel. Following lunch the wind continued to increase but had shifted nearly 180° setting skippers a new challenge of beating to the west of the loch on a similarly configured course to that of the morning. The wind continued to increase, at times top end of number one sail rigs and now Gordon Allison was showing great pace with two first places in a greatly improved second half of the day.

Throughout the day the competitiveness in the fleet and the challenges of the conditions was shown by there being five different race winners. In addition, seven other skippers scored a 2nd or 3rd place and almost every skipper experienced racing in both A and B Fleets – the snakes and ladders of racing! However, as with the nature of such events, consistency was to prove all important.

Scorer Cathy Reid (Buchanness Radio Yacht Club) consummate as ever, produced the score sheet with Ian Dundas first, Brian Summers second and John Owens claiming the third podium place. Diana Neil, owner of Craigencaft Farm and the pier facilities KRSC use throughout the year, finished the day in style by presenting the cup and prizes to the winners. Sincere thanks to the skippers, the race team, and Buchanness Radio Yacht Club for their part in making this a successful event.

#	Skipper	Sail No.	Boat Design	Club	Corrected
1	Ian Dundas	38	Britpop	Aberdeen	11.0
2	Brian Summers	7	Buzz 2	Tayside	21.0
3	John Owens	33	Corbie	Aberdeen	27.0
4	Gordon Allison	162	Britpop	Ayr Bay	29.0
5	Chris Nichols	83	Widget	Levenhall	43.0
6	Robert Rooney	71	Topiko	Paisley	47.0
7	Gordon Rae	36	Cedicci	Greenock	50.0
8	Tom Milne	65	Britpop	Levenhall	52.0
9	Carl Burrows	91	Britpop	Buchanness	56.0
10	David Stewart	30	Britpop	Tayside	62.0
11	Bill Odger	37	Fraktal	Buchanness	64.0
12	Richard Ennos	184	Equas	Levenhall	75.0
13	Mel Percival	180	Italiko	Kinghorn	91.0
14	Nick Cowern	35	Kantun S	Levenhall	93.0
15	Jeremy Nichols	16	Stealth	Levenhall	95.0
16	David Smith	89	Zig Zag	Paisley	99.0
17	Ian Thompson	76	Britpop	Buchanness	119.0