



NAVIGATION RALLY NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2014

DUX SERIES – proudly supported by **Wymark Sirius Insurance Brokers**

Since the euphoria of winning back the Goodwill Cup for Southport Yacht Club at the beginning of November, there have been the final two rounds of the Dux Series sponsored by Wymark-Sirius Insurance Brokers.

TREASURER'S TROPHY

The Dux Series is a sub series of the SYC Powerboat Club Championship. Round two of the series is the Treasurers Trophy which was run on November 15. The course of around 11 nautical miles was a repeat of the Round one course commencing near Land's End and finishing just north of Dux.

Current Outright Club Champion, Ray Gilbert aboard, Samadhi, had missed the first event, but was the winner in Treasurer's Trophy, beating the other eleven boats home with an excellent score of 12 points. Only three points behind was Graham Webb "Van Man" and Bob Kahl "Snooks Too" on equal points, with Graham taking second place on count back.

The Handicap section of the Treasurer's Trophy was won by Alan Mercer "Alley Cat" from Commodore Phil Short "Little Gem" and Rob Deshon "Rare Pleasure".

There were 16 "smileys" (exactly on time at a checkpoint) scored in this event- one each to Finky Dink Too, Waterhouse, Alley Cat, Lady Caroline and Sagitaur. Two smileys were scored by Snooks Too and Samadhi, three by Rare Pleasure and four by Van Man, but no one scored three "smileys" in a row so the Hat Trick prize of \$50 jackpots to the next event. Rob Deshon "Rare Pleasure" came very close finishing the event with a 0, 1, 0, 0



SYC Inflatable Crew- Gary Edwards and Richard Von Uht



Ray Gilbert receiving the Treasurer's Trophy from Vice

Commodore Graham Webb and SYC Treasurer Gary Edwards

The Vice Commodore's Trophy, the final round of the Dux Series was held on December 6, the conditions weren't pleasant at the start of the event with heavy rain, but the day improved until a late storm in the afternoon when most crews were heading home. The course for this event was different to the previous two, starting at Land's End and finishing in Tippler's Passage with a little detour down to the Seaway and back. Twelve boats faced the starter with a few regulars such as Mahogany, Restless II, Suzanne and De Javu not able to compete this time.

It was good to see Peter Brown with "Bipty Bipty" back, after a major repair job due to the dreaded fibreglass "rot", more correctly termed osmosis. Bipty Bipty was of course our best performing boat at the club's celebrated triumph in the Goodwill Cup.

The battle for outright placings in the Vice Commodore's Trophy was extremely close with the top three boats separated by just three points. Mal Wood and his experienced crew on "Finky Dink Too" recorded their second win of the season with a great score of 11, on 12 points was "Bipty Bipty" and in third on 13 points was Ray Gilbert "Samadhi". Taking out the handicap honours was Bill Clayton aboard "Sagittaur", his first placing for the season.



Bert Sherring (2nd from left) presenting VC Trophy to Finky Dink Too – crew Mal Wood, Chris Oxenford, Rob Mundle and Bob Bailey

HAT TRICK JACKPOT

There were 12 "smileys" for this event two each to Alley Cat, Sagittaur, Little Gem, Bipty Bipty and Fink Dink Too, and one smiley to Samadhi and Snooks Too. But no one scored a Hat Trick, however Alan Mercer "Alley Cat" was only one point away finishing the event with a 1, 0, 0, 1!

The Hat Trick Jackpot is \$50 per event, it didn't go off for the last two events, so for the next event the Chairman's Trophy sponsored by O'Keefe Financial Planning it will jackpot to \$150!

DUX SERIES WINNERS

The Dux Series is now complete, boats must compete in the three events for the points to count for the series. Points in each of the three events in Outright and Handicap are added to determine the places.

DUX SERIES Outright (Raw score) placings

1 st Mal Wood "Finky Dink"	41 pts
2 nd Bob Kahl "Snooks Too"	58 pts
3 rd Bert Sherring "Waterhouse"	71 pts

DUX SERIES Handicap placings

1 st Phil Short "Little Gem"	-72 pts
2 nd Alan Mercer "Alley Cat"	-65 pts
3 rd Bob Kahl "Snooks Too"	-3 pts

SYC CHAMPIONSHIP

Mal Wood is currently leading the Club Championship (Outright) by two points from defending Champion Ray Gilbert, with Peter Brown one point behind in third. In the handicap division Alan Mercer leads by two points to Commodore Phil Short with Mal Wood 3 points back in third.

SYC WEBSITE

On the SYC website under POWERBOATS, Navigation Events, you will find result details of every event this year with current standings, Rule book, Photos of boats who have competed this year, copies of past Nav. Rally Newsletters, Pisces course downloads and instructions, plus lots more.

COMING EVENTS 2015 (Full season Calendar on website)

February 7 Chairman's Trophy sponsored by O'Keefe Financial Planning

March 7 Crab Island Classic sponsored by XXXX (TRADITIONAL EVENT)

NEW COURSES

Please remember that all the courses used this year are completely new, so please ensure you either download the courses from Pisces on the SYC website or use the listing sent out prior to each event.



Bill Clayton and Ken Tregeagle, hard at work on the barbecue

XXXX Crab Island Classic – this will be a "Traditional Event" only, meaning no electronic devices can be used during the event that can provide information about your location or speed across the ground. Therefore GPS, Chartplotters, Smartphones, ipads, tablets, computers that have GPS capability cannot be used during the event. So it is back to plotting a course on a chart with pencils and rulers, using land marks, channel markers etc., should be a challenge and lots of fun!

TO ALL NAV. RALLY SKIPPERS, CREWS, SPONSORS and SUPPORTERS WE WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY AND SAFE 2015

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