

Wednesday Night Race 3.4

August 28, 2024

Report by Martin Herbert aboard the Kay D

A Northerly and a one mark course, Batt Rock to port. Five Flying Fifteens (F15) including some ringers new to the boat. At three minutes to go, I furled my jib and set my spinnaker pole, throwing down the gauntlet for a three-sail start. Timing is everything and I didn't have it. David Cardew won the start, right on time at the pin.

I was too busy to see the big boats start 5 minutes later, but I did note how large their spinnakers were...it should be illegal to have that much sail area. And they grew bigger as they hunted us down.

There was a small lull just by the Sisters that compressed the fleet and brought those big spinnakers down on our necks and man, they packed some bad air! Aboard the Kay D the crew almost passed out from lack of oxygen as Steller J passed us to windward and we had to head up and cross her stern to find some wind. The big boat rolled us one by one and then showed us what was happening current-wise as they got to Batt Rock.

The wind swung aft once we left the Sisters behind and it was a very tight reach to the mark by the time we got there. This gave us visions of a close reach to the finish. A perfect Flying Fifteen race, no beating to windward. Those dreams were shattered as we saw Ogoogo and Shingebiss knocked hard as they entered the harbour. Steller J had her own wind and was out pointing the fleet by 30 degrees. How does that happen? Evangeline ground down the Kay D on the beat to the finish and passed her on a starboard tack cross just off Second Sister, slowly extending her lead into the finish.

The Kay D was the first Flying Fifteen to cross the line and a dying wind made her lead seem greater than it was in reality. Her finish time was 18.46.02.

The previous week's F15 winner Jane Squier is pictured below creeping to the line in almost no wind but determined to finish.



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Even more determined was the fearless leader of the F15 team, Jill Oakes, who only accepted a tow from Harbour Master Russ after it got dark (below). What a beautiful evening for a sail and every one who turned out was a winner.



This was our last WNR but wait! Next Wednesday we are having a regatta to end all regattas, the championship of championships. Assemble at the dock for the usual skippers meeting time, bring appetizers to share and prepare to have more fun than you can stand. Old farts in small boats, stadium-style racing right off our docks, cheering crowds enjoying adult beverages, an Optimist regatta for adults and bragging rights to be won. Mark Wednesday, September 4th on your calendar.

Club Handicap Results

Club			Finish	Corrected		Rating for
Rating	Boat	Skipper	Time	Time	Place	Next Race
110	SHINGEBISS	Keating	18:29:50	01:32:41	1	101
123	STELLER J	Leitch	18:35:59	01:37:02	2	117
71	SORCERY X	Slakov	18:28:27	01:37:17	3	68
11	OGOPOGO	Faget	18:23:30	01:42:13	4	14
127	EVANGELINE	Sutton	18:41:50	01:42:18	5	133

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176	KAY D	Herbert	18:51:02	01:43:42	6	185
250	MINI FINI	Ms Terie	19:05:31	01:45:57	7	250
250	BLUEBIRD	Mr Ree	19:11:00	01:50:35	8	250
250	FIRE FOX	N. Cognito	19:36:00	02:11:41	9	250

PHRFBC Results

PHRFBC			Finish	Corrected	
Rating	Boat	Skipper	Time	Time	Place
99	OGOPOGO	Faget	18:23:30	01:27:41	1
144	STELLER J	Leitch	18:35:59	01:33:58	2
80	SORCERY X	Slakov	18:28:27	01:35:49	3
84	SHINGEBISS	Keating	18:29:50	01:36:40	4
205	KAY D	Herbert	18:51:02	01:39:33	5
102	EVANGELINE	Sutton	18:41:50	01:46:25	6
205	MINI FINI	Ms Terie	19:05:31	01:52:32	7
205	BLUEBIRD	Mr Ree	19:11:00	01:57:27	8
205	FIRE FOX	N. Cognito	19:36:00	02:19:52	9

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