

FORTY SAILORS SUNDAY SAILING AT LEYC – 6 Sept 2015 – more invited each Sunday to 18 October.

Two dozen sailors in nine keelboats had great sport on Sunday afternoon 6 September, weather mild & dull, wind steady F2/3 from the north. On the first autumn Sunday of seven planned, all six of LEYC's active J/24 club fleet with 19 sailors, including 11 (55%) women, enjoyed lively sport, four races in four hours, from a line start at Gublusk mark upwind to Divan mark, two rounds, the final race finishing round Bay (P) to the Club Line. All were ashore by 5.00 pm for BBQ, bar and chat.

Mid-afternoon, three Yeoman keelboats had three races using Free and Fovar marks. Raymond & Warren in Lady Rose emerged first overall (points 1, 1, 2, tot 4). Richard & Bertie in Growler won the final race (2.2. 1. Tot 5) and third was Donald alone in Mirage (3.3. 3. Tot 9). The Yeoman National Championship is due next weekend on these historic waters – used for racing under sail since 1820.

Stephen's photos shows Sophie and Cecile, crew on John B's Jota, and Tim's Jigalo, the day's overall J/24 winner, crew Bridget and Emma. Jigalo's scores were 1, 2, 1, 1, total 5. Jota won Race Two and emerged second overall (2, 1, 3, 4, tot 10) one point clear of Jeriatrix, third (and start line boat)

Michael's Jeriatrix, temporary moored at the line buoy did race start signals, slipped soon after start signal and away on port tack. Great crew work by Clare, June and Elise (first time ever afloat), smart smooth tacks, spinnaker hoists and gybes, saw Jeriatrix chase up the fleet to finish third overall (4, 3, 2, 2, tot 11). John M's Jasper, with Stephen (who took the photos) and Darina, did well (3, 4, 4, 3 tot 14). Two boats without spinnaker contested to be not last: Barry Humphreys in TJ with Brenna and Phil (5, 5, 6, 5, tot 21) and try J/24 visitor Rory with Elaine and Declan in Jet (6, 6, 5, 7 DNF, tot 24).



Over a dozen young sailors and supporters in club RIBs were out on Sunday morning – say forty sailors enjoying excellent sport at LEYC on the first Sunday of Autumn 2015. Weekend LEYC plans ahead include four J/24 races from noon each Sunday 13 September to 18 October; Yeoman and Fairy keelboat racing; Yeoman championship 12 & 13 September; and an Autumn Regatta.

Those odd letters ISV on Jigalo's sails: ISV is the code for the US Virgin Islands. In 2005 Jigalo was borrowed by a helm from the US Virgin Islands. With Tim in her crew she won the World J/24 Championship on Weymouth Bay, England. Tim towed her home by ferry to a welcome breakfast at LEYC. The only LEYC sailor ever in a World champion crew, his crew trophy was a J/24 half model, his keepsake the suit of sails. Jigalo was chartered again by the USA team that won the J/24 World event hosted by Howth YC in Ireland in 2013. Jigalo is a top class boat in the World's most widespread and numerous keelboat racing fleet.

Like to sail in one of the J/24s? Novice or experts, all welcome.

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