

SUPERB SAILING SPORT FOR 35 SAILORS AT LEYC

More excellent autumn sailing sport at Lough Erne Yacht Club on the weekend 12 & 13 September 2015: 10 races with 35 sailors in 13 keelboats and on three championship support boats. Raymond & Warren in Lady Rose emerged Irish Yeoman Champions 2015. Youth training was cancelled to release LEYC support RIBs for the Championship.

Irish National Yeoman Championship 2015

Hard gusty west winds forced four boats to retire from Saturday's three Yeoman races, including Alex & Andrew in Thief of Time: also unable to sail, in Sunday's moderate South East wind. Lady Rose took a first and second place then retired from Saturday's third race - John McCrea won it with Rory Gill (youth) in Blue Diamond. Six races in two days all were superb close sport, as shows in the results below (retired = 9 points). Race wins were scored by four boats. Every boat, of the seven that sailed at least three races, each scored at least one first or second or third race place.

1st Raymond & Warren, Lady Rose, 1, 2 (9) 1, 2, 1 net 7
2nd John & Rory Blue Diamond, 2, 3, 1, (6), 3, 4, net 13.
3rd Donald & Garnet, Y183, 3, 1, 2, (7), 4, 7, net 17
4th Brendan & David, Nelly Kelly, 4, 4, 3, 2, (5) 5, net 18
5th Bertie & Ian, Christa, (9), 9, 9, 4, 1, 3, net 26
6th Richard & Finbar, Growler, (9), 9, 9, 5, 7, 2, net 32
7th Declan & Greg, Honeybee, (9) 9, 9, 3, 6, 6, net 33
8th Alex & Andrew, Thief of Time, (9) 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, net 45

International J/24 Autumn Sunday Club Racing

As agreed, J/24 club races moved to Rossfad Bay leaving Manor House Bay for Yeoman Race Officer, a Fairy sailor, Mick Whaley to lay championship courses to suit the weekend's various winds. The J/24s set good club races, start and finish lines at Bay, upwind to Rossfad into a Force 2/3 SE wind and downwind, gybing spinnakers to suit wind-shifts. Great Sport! One J/24 - Jota this Sunday - moored at the start line mark to make shape race signals at 5, 4, 1 minute and Start, then hauled and dropped away racing on port as the other J/24s crossed the line on starboard.



A Race Officer needs to be a sailor. Sailors want to race. This Erne J/24 race start system allows both. The start-duty J/24 is hampered little if well handled – in fact, John with Declan & Mark won one race and the three overall in LEYC's latest J/24 Jota.



Visitor, Louis in Running Tide, with Kevin and Philomena, settled nicely into Erne racing to win the third race. On tow by road from 06.30 up from Mayo SC, she was launched, rigged and race-ready at noon to make five J/24s racing. This very welcome J/24 stays here for the rest of LEYC's Sunday J/24 racing. Tim in Jigalo with Bridget and Caitriona won the second race, but retired after an error in the third. The penalty (6) set her back to third overall, one point after second overall Michael in Jeriatrix with Clare, Robyn & Natalie – she took the J/24 photos in this report. Race 4 was abandoned in drizzle as wind backed, spoiling the course, and faded.

1st Jota, John Buckley, 1, 2, 2, net 5
2nd Jeriatrix, Michael Clarke, 2, 3, 3, net 8
3rd Jigalo, Tim Rippey, 3, 1, DNF (6) net 10
4th Running Tide Louis Mulloy, (Mayo SC) 5, 4, 1, net 10
5th TJ, Barry Humphries, 4, 5, 4, net 13

John Buckley wrote on Monday – *Another great day's*



enjoyable sailing at LEYC yesterday - thanks to everyone for taking part: any of you who missed it, do make sure to be on the water next Sunday. The racing was the best I have ever experienced in a J/24 with 3 very hotly contested races, 3 different race winners and constant place

changing upwind and down. Let's do what it takes to get all 7 boats fully crewed for next Sunday! Resounding thanks and congratulations to Michael for enthusiasm, persistence and creativity in race management!

Next Sunday, 20 September, we gather for noon briefing and four J/24 races, expecting 6 boats, perhaps 7 if a competent helm be found for TJ (Barry is away). Holiday makers, John C and John M are due back to skipper Jet and Jasper. A J/24 can keep five crew busy - total 30 to 35 sailors on a Sunday afternoon in 6 or 7 boats and lots of berths in all J/24s. Expert or novice, all welcome. Do please contact me to get on board for J/24 real club racing fun sport next and every Sunday until 18 October. Michael Clarke, Tel 028-6862-1436, Mob 079-2241-1443, Email admiral@leyc.net

