

Hot Rum Race 2019

Tony Brogan Wins the Rum!



BOAT Column1	Skipper Column2	Ratings			FINISH T	ELAPSED	CORRECTED, TIME ON TIME				Place
		PHRF BC	NFS	AS SAILED	H:M:S	Total sec.	TOT	Hours	Minutes	Seconds	Column3
RADIANT HEAT	Tony Brogan	138	18	156	11:30:46	3,646	3,506	0	58	26	1
FIREFLY	Douglas	138	18	156	11:31:06	3,666	3,525	0	58	45	2
SOCERY X	Greg	87	18	105	11:29:46	3,586	3,729	1	2	9	3
SHINGEBISS	Gyle Keating	84	18	102	11:32:00	3,720	3,887	1	4	47	4
DERYN MOR	Kevin	228	18	246	11:50:30	4,830	4,099	1	8	19	5
SKEENA CLOUD	Greg Taylor	189	21	210	11:54:40	5,080	4,523	1	15	23	6
SECOND WIND	Eric van Soeren	117	18	135	11:57:30	5,250	5,210	1	26	50	7

Seven skippers and crews, looking eager, ready to celebrate the New Year on their boats, discussed options for the Hot Rum Race at the Skippers' Meeting. Lack of wind did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm for their first race of a promising 2019 season. Kevin Vine was warmly welcomed back after missing much of last season. As Kevin noted, we are becoming two fleets within a fleet: a cohort of relatively fast boats, and one comprised of slower cruising boats; providing everyone with fun competition.

It was decided to do two short laps from the start line into the first taxi buoy alongside Grace Point, and return. If the leading boat did not complete the first lap by 11:15, we would take our times after completing the first lap, determine the winner, and head to the Clubhouse for brunch.

The start was a drift—usually, but not always, in the right direction. Those boats close to the Club suffered. Skeena Cloud decided it was so much fun that she repeated the start after drifting into the starting buoy. Those who wisely set themselves adjacent to the outside mark benefitted from a few early zephyrs that put some shape in their sails

and set them on their way. From here on in the breeze slowly grew to about 5 knots.

One by one, each boat was lifted by the freshening breeze. Sorcery X was the first to round the mark and was halfway back to the Club, nearly completing her first lap, when she passed Second Wind and Skeena Cloud. The short course allowed for two downwind and two upwind legs, testing our trimming, tacking, and gybing skills, while allowing everyone to pass and call out to one another.

The top four boats completed the race within 2 minutes and 10 seconds of each other. There were 7 minutes separating the last 3 boats, and almost 20 minutes between the two groups. Sorcery X took line honours and Radiant Heat, won the coveted bottle of rum.

It turned out to be a spectacular January day on the water, and a wonderful way to begin the new season. Next Sunday is the Ben Mohr Race (an interesting race that pokes into Trincomali and back. See you there.

All results are preliminary.