

# ROUND PREVOST CHALLENGE

Thurs. Oct. 29, 2020

*by Tony Brogan*

I got down to the boat about 0900 and again had difficulty getting the engine to fire up, but cleaned the bottom and prepped the sails and after 4 tries the engine fired up.

Damian arrived and we looked at the wind. The forecast stated South wind to afternoon and then to SE thereafter. Wind force was supposed to be 8-12 with gusts to 16.

We looked again and the club flagpole was draped with damp immobile coloured cloth.

Maybe we did not need the jib? and so we opted for the 135% genoa that is good to 20 knots.

We tried starting and the wind was so light we barely moved but a wind line was possibly moving closer from around the 5 knot speed buoy. After 5 minutes we gave up and returned to the start line to sit out the wind approach. A modest wind arrived going from left to right east to south and once to NW. We started again this time with an ESE wind

By the time we passed 2nd sisters the wind was over 20 knots apparent and we were regretting leaving the jib on the dock. The southerly tendency of the wind allowed a close hauled tack close to Welbury spar and then lifted us out across Captains Passage to Prevost. On this tack we reefed the main.

Tacking to Port we were with the last of the ebb current and made good progress up to 7.2 knots over ground. We passed U62 and were lifted a little as we followed the stream to shy of Channel Islands before tacking back to starboard clearing Point Liddell. White caps were everywhere and on a beam reach as we bore off up Swanson Channel it was over 20 knots . We dropped the Genoa, a ferry passed us by and we continued under reefed main past Portlock Point.

We were now deep reached to dead down wind and making a steady 6 knots As we approached Captains Passage the wind lightened and we unreefed the main and hauled up the 135 genoa. I was nervous that we would have a blast of wind in the channel but it was steady and we close reached past long harbour over welbury Reef and broad reached down to Sisters

The run down the harbour was mostly wing on wing at 5-6 knots and we crossed the line at speed at 2HRs 47 min 13 secs. elapsed time under NFS handicap rating of 156.

We enjoyed the sail. There was a little nervous apprehension, a little frustration at the wind direction, a little appreciation for the company and chit chat with Damian as we made not a record but a respectable time . It did not rain, was a moderate 16 C temperature and we were home for a late lunch!!

We will do it again with, hopefully, a Westerly wind.

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Boat	Date	Corrected Time
Battle Axe	05-Apr	2:52:15
Deryn Mor	05-Apr	2:46:37
Evangeline	05-Apr	2:46:41
Imp	05-Apr	2:22:19
Kay D	29-Mar	2:19:32
Kay D	29-Aug	2:39:34
Kay D	21-Oct	1:52:53
Minke	29-Mar	2:42:12
Oasis	05-Apr	2:27:36
Ogopogo	05-Apr	1:59:29
Pturbodactyl	09-Oct	2:11:57
Pturbodactyl	12-Oct	2:06:21
Radiant Heat	29-Mar	2:15:31
Radiant Heat	05-Apr	2:28:55
Radiant Heat	22-May	2:50:53
Radiant Heat	29-Oct	<b>2:13:09</b>
Second Wind	05-Apr	2:55:22
Skeena Cloud	05-Apr	2:59:23
Sorcery X	05-Apr	2:15:57
Sylph	22-Mar	2:17:28