

## Long Harbour Race Report Pictures by Bob Jones and Jan Macpherson

Before you start reading, check out this great video of Evangeline from Oasis:

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I apologize for the delay in getting this report out for what was an outstanding race. Maybe one of the best this year. There was wind, waves, tide, and beers on Oasis afterwards. What's not to love? One of my crew got so excited with the whole thing, he decided to decorate the side of my boat!

After last week's start, Heather, Michael, and I had our red protest flags at hand. In this case, a red dish towel and I think Michael had his red boxers. At least he said he did. But there was no need for them as we stayed astern of the big boats charging around near the line. It was great to see Vern and Invictus back, but being a newcomer earned him no quarter from his colleagues, who pushed him up and outside the flag, forcing him to go around and start again.

But I think they got ahead of themselves. Invictus's performance the balance of the race indicates he will be a formidable opponent, and now he owes them one. Vern wrote me later, "*We finished at app 12:25 by my watch, after a bad start things got worse, we lost a genoa sheet and then the genoa halyard clutch jammed so we sailed slack for the entire race, we did manage to get one reef in the main for the uphill portions and shook it out downwind. Lots of fun, see you next race*" So, heads-up guys.

The rest of us spent much of the race under reefed main, and often, foresail. Winds on the deck were a steady 12-14 true much of the race, with gusts to 20+. Oasis, helmed by Ray, was outstanding yet again, winning line honours.

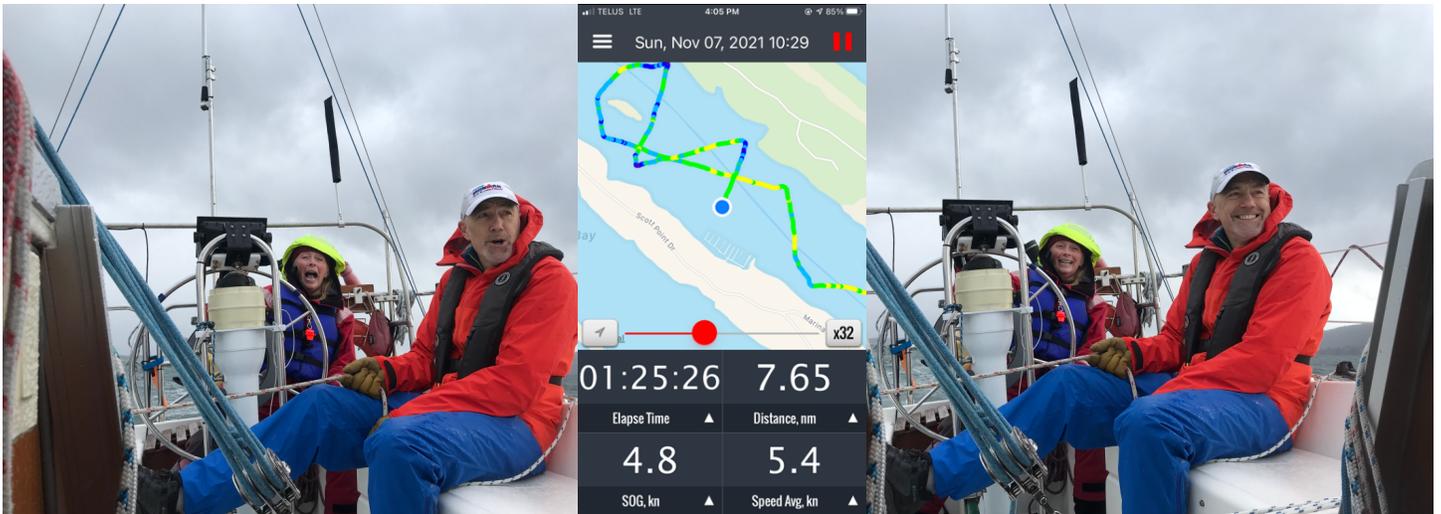
I have never owned a Go-Pro, but after this race I might have to invest in one. As we were surfing into Long Harbour, the rest of the fleet were short tacking out. It was like threading a wavering needle. Radiant Heat was the worst, because he was getting buffeted more than the larger boats by the waves and we weren't really sure of his course. We were relieved when he tacked. Until he tacked right back. It was great, if challenging, fun as we gybed past the careening boats.



We made some good choices heading back. Who am I kidding. Our tactician Heather made the right decisions at the correct times to allow us to round Horda on two tacks on the way back.



For Skeena Cloud, it was probably her best day out on a tactical race course as we averaged 5.4 knots over the 13 miles, and with Heather's coaching, we tacked and gybed very well, losing little speed on maneuvers.



Although with Michael having a bad right wrist and Heather's right wrist being worse, it was like watching a ballet in a bathtub as they danced from winch to winch, Heather releasing, Michael grinding, pirouetting to the mainsheet, glisser to the traveller, and back.

Well done everyone, gotta go. Work calls as do my FCR duties. I will see you Sunday and hopefully at the Awards evening next Thursday.





<b>Club</b>			<b>Finish</b>	<b>Corrected</b>		<b>Rating for</b>	<b>club</b>
<b>Rating</b>	<b>Boat</b>	<b>Skipper</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Next Race</b>	<b>points</b>
150	OASIS	Jones	12:19:29	01:46:13	1	141	100
125	SHINGEBISS	Keating	12:21:47	01:52:39	2	119	83
129	RADIANT HEAT	Brogan	12:23:36	01:53:47	3	126	67
135	INVICTUS	Lhotzky	12:25:00	01:54:07	4	138	50
271	SKEENA CLOUD	Taylor	12:57:19	02:01:03	5	277	33
163	EVANGELINE	Sutton	12:43:04	02:06:38	6	172	17