

Channel Islands Race Report

Sunday, March 24, 2024

by Martin Herbert aboard the Kay D

The fleet motored out to the Sisters in search of wind with Vern towing the Kay D. As we went into glassy conditions the wind filled into the harbour behind us. The Kay D's idea of racing back into the wind was thankfully ignored and the optimistic fleet set off in a faint flicker of wind. The start was a gentlemanly effort with boats generously making room for each other, even those in blatant disregard for the rules (me) and we were off in search of wind. We found it and had a most beautiful day of sailing.

Greg took the lead and didn't have to look back while the rest of us chased gusts and wind shifts. All the sensible boats rounded the Channel Islands to port, while the dreamers and believers in divine intervention (me) rounded to starboard and were spat out in the back of the fleet. The wind was steadily improving and by the second lap was a perfect breeze with a lovely spinnaker run to the finish. At one point we cleated all the sheets and just looked aft at the waves and the scene, sailing in Paradise. What a lovely day of sailing it turned out to be.

PHRFC results:

PHRF Rating	Boat	Skipper	Finish Time	Corrected Time	Place	Rating for Next Race	club points
144	STELLER J	Leitch	14:42:18	03:37:37	1	144	100
208	KAY D	Herbert	15:10:11	03:43:23	2	208	80
114	INVICTUS	Lhotzky	14:42:17	03:47:54	3	114	60
102	EVANGELI NF	Sutton	14:43:19	03:53:22	4	102	40
77	SORCERY X	Slakov	14:35:08	03:54:14	5	77	20

Club Handicap results:

Club Rating	Boat	Skipper	Finish Time	Corrected Time	Place	Rating for Next Race
142	EVANGELIN F	Sutton	14:43:19	03:39:16	1	136
126	STELLER J	Leitch	14:42:18	03:43:41	2	123
105	INVICTUS	Lhotzky	14:42:17	03:51:10	3	105
80	SORCERY X	Slakov	14:35:08	03:53:04	4	83
161	KAY D	Herbert	15:10:11	03:58:48	5	167

Next Up: Walker Rock Race on April 7