

MUDHOOK REGATTA RC35 CROWN GOES EAST AS PORT EDGAR'S

JACOB VII STORMS TO VICTORY

With a clean sweep of four firsts after discard, the Edinburgh-based team on Corby 33 Jacob VII clinched victory in the MAKAR MASH RC35 fleet at Mudhook Regatta.



"Jacob VII" in winning form - Photo courtesy of Neill Ross

Day two of the Mudhook Yacht Club event dawned with light to moderate south westerly breeze for the Clyde-based event. Unlike day one, which suffered a lengthy postponement in the morning, the last two races of the five-race series, were run without a hitch off Helensburgh on the East Patch.

As well as taking the event victory, John Stamp's crew aboard Jacob VII, also added a useful first place to the overall 2019 RC35 championship series, with five events still to go.

It wasn't all plain sailing for Stamp and his seven-strong team from Port Edgar Yacht Club though – the first race of the event brought them home in last place from the fleet of six yachts. That, though, was the only time they struggled, notching up victories in all remaining races to discard the troublesome sixth.

"The first race was a disaster," said Stamp. "We had a bad start and the racing's so close in the RC35s, that if you don't get away cleanly everything is then an uphill struggle.

"From there on, though, it was a straightforward event for us – we've built a stable team in the last three years and everyone did well."

Chased hard by the ultra-tight fleet, Stamp's only missed first place went to Kevin and Debbie Aitken's First 36.7 Animal, but that crew's mojo seemed to drift a little on day two, with two fourths putting them out of victory contention. Still, they did do enough to hold on to an overall second place, which also stands them in good stead in the championship series.



John Stamp receiving the trophy for the MAKARS MASH RC35 Class from Fiona Watson - Photo courtesy of Neill Ross



1RC35 Fleet - Photo courtesy of Neill Ross



Sonata Class winner and 2019 Scottish Champion "Old School" - Photo courtesy of Neill Ross

Elsewhere, the Macnish/Galbraith/Chassels owned Sonata Old School from Royal Gourock Yacht Club, didn't put a foot wrong throughout the entire competition and picked up five firsts, as well as the Sonata Scottish Championship crown – they will hope this bodes well for the UK Sonata National Championships at Helensburgh Sailing Club later this month.

Attendance in the Etchells class fell from five to three on day two, changing the rankings considerably. With both Lock N Load and Hero absent, it opened the way for the Rod Stuart's Ataraxia, helmed by Josh Kerr to add to a successful first day for the series win on seven points, with the Young/Turner owned Excalibur snapping at their heels for second on eight points.

The CYCA fleet was topped by Dan Chassels' Hunter 707 Mad Dog of Royal Western Yacht Club ahead of Sigma 33 Sigmatic with Donald McLaren and crew for Helensburgh Sailing Club.



A 95 year old "Gareloch" competing on Saturday - Photo courtesy of Neill Ross

Neither the Sonar nor Gareloch fleets mustered for day two, with their three-race series remaining unchanged from Saturday's results.

Overall results after five races (one discard)

MAKAR MASH RC35 IRC Class– 1 Jacob VII (J Stamp, Port Edgar YC) 4, 2 Animal (K&D Aitken, Royal Northern and Clyde Yacht Club/Mudhook Yacht Club) 9, 3 Jings (R Young, Clyde Cruising Club) 14

Etchells – 1 Ataraxia (R Stuart, Royal Gourock Yacht Club) 7, 2 Excalibur (Young/Turner, Fairlie YC) 8, 3 Hammer of Ashton (D&M Todd, RGYC) 12;

Sonata Scottish Championship – 1 Old School (Macnish/Galbraith/Chassels, RGYC) 4, 2 Fiddlesticks (T Flatman, Helensburgh Sailing Club) 9, 3 Jazz (N Rosie, HSC) 10;

Sonar (three races) – 1 Siglette (C MacDonald, RNCYC) 4, 2 Charlotte (A Yendell, RNCYC) 6, 3 Arrow (S Gibb, RNCYC) 8;

Gareloch (three races) – 1 Dione (B Choules, RNCYC) 7, 2 Hermes (C Rowe, RNCYC) 8, 3 Catriona (C Darley, RNCYC) 9; Athene (J Blackie, RNCYC) 9

Combined CYCA fleet – 1 Mad Dog (D Challis, Royal Western Yacht Club) 6, 2 Sigmatic (D McLaren, HSC) 7, 3 Rajah (R Summers, MYC/RNCYC) 11.