



The 2021 Saturn Sails Mudhook Regatta Report

It was champagne sailing for the yachts taking part in the Regatta on 12-13 June. The Club was delighted with the large turnout of 40 boats from across the Clyde, Firth of Forth and other remoter parts of Eastern and Northern Scotland.

In a welcome return to racing on the Clyde with COVID pandemic restrictions eased, the yachts sailing off Helensburgh competed in five races across the two days, with three races on the Saturday and two on the Sunday. Saturday saw mainly cloudy conditions in the morning before brightening in the afternoon with westerly winds of 8 kts gusting to 17 kts. Sunday brought near perfect conditions, with blue skies, warm sunshine. The south-westerly wind was light to begin with 7 to 16 kts but filled in later to 9 to 20 kts for a brisk second race.

There was close racing across the seven classes.

In the IRC class it was tight competition for the top three boats with Charlie Frize's "Banshee" taking first overall and winner of the Inglis Trophy.



Picture courtesy of Neill Ross Photography

Robin Young "Jings" came second with Kevin and Debbie Aitken "Animal" third.

The CYCA class saw Mark Bradshaw in his Sigma 33 "Busy Beaver" take first overall and the Wylie Trophy.



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Just one point behind was Donald McLaren's Sigma 33, "Sigmatic" finished a close second with 6 Points. In third place was Erica and Garth Wilson's Moody 336 "Shearwater" on 14 points.

Mark Bradshaw's Busy Beaver also topped the Sigma 33 OD Class with Donald McLaren in second and Rory Chalmer's "Encore" in third place.

Alan Macleod in the J92 "Samurai J" topped the leader board in the two-handed spinnaker class which comprised of three J92 yachts.



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Ally Paton in "Jammin" retired in the fourth race leaving them in second and Nick Marshall's "Satisfaction" in third.

In the Etchells OD Class there was not much between the first three boats, but Duncan Munro sailing Bullet 7 was first with two firsts and two thirds (one discard) and winner of the Vice Admiral's Trophy.



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Andy Holmes and Peter Judd on "Lock and Load", was a close second with two firsts and two fourths (one discard) and Allan Manuel's "Bounce Back" one point behind in third place.

There was very little between the first three boats and fierce competition for the Hunter 707 OD Class, the largest in the fleet with thirteen boats. Dan Chalis' "Mad Dog" was first winning the Mudhook Salver.



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Dara O Malley on "Seaword" came second with Ross McNish on "Old School" third.

Several boats in this class came from out with the Clyde area including Findhorn, Inverurie, Loch Tummel, the Tay and Firth of Forth Clubs

Five Gareloch OD yachts entered to race for one day only and enjoyed the sailing conditions for their three races on Saturday. The winner overall was Iain MacGillivray's "Teal" with "Dione" one point behind on 6 points.

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IRC Class winner C Frize receiving his Saturn Sails prize – Picture courtesy of Freda Forbes

The headline sponsor of the event was well known Clyde sailmaker Saturn Sails of Largs who provided excellent prizes for all classes.

In line with COVID restrictions there were no organised social events or prize giving ashore.

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