



## Race Report – Twilight Race 5

The post jubilee race yielded more boats this week thankfully, no more surprise pop up visits of the Royal family in the soaps to keep competitors at home glued to the TV!

Meteorologically we saw rather autumnal conditions, dull, chilly overcast and clouds wishing to sprinkle on our gardens. Winds were variable, changing in harmony with the colours of those omnipresent clouds. The wind was from SW and blew at 10-18 kts, Force 4 in old money.

Those of you not on the water would have noticed the lifting of dust, leaves & loose paper and movement of small branches, whilst the sailors saw small waves 1-4ft becoming longer with numerous whitecaps!!

An incoming tide set the scene for the round the cans style of racing, this is much preferred by the author and many others it is believed!

The fleet of 6 boats got off to a prompt start with much tactical excitement at the pin-end resulting in one boat having to go the long route to the start line. A good course set by RO gave the crews a healthy workout and the foredeck teams played a large part too.

A couple of large container vessels gave a change of scenery for crews on the rail, but saw the Patrol boat make a dash down the channel to check that our fleet were not misbehaving by hindering the passage of the commercial ships.

And now those all important race results, for the philomath matical numerophiles amongst us the line honors 1-6 were on corrected time complete and exactly reversed to 6-1 after TCF applied (see race results it is very interesting). A mention to Juno & Amica who were apart by only one second on the water, a very exciting finish to witness, but alas, switched places on paper.

Glass Onion took the gold, Now or Never Silver & Amica the bronze.

Thanks go to Neil the RO, and his assistant Julia for generating an enjoyable course, Brian for piloting the Hound, Jan for controlling time, Peter and Brendon on the rib( not so busy this week) the author is in training.

Stay tuned for next week's exciting, exhilarating and enthralling episode of The Twilight Series

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