



## Race Report - Spring Solent Double - 9th April 2022

Saturday morning started crisp and bright, with the need for rock salt on the icy decks of the committee boat. Knowing that numerous fleets were going to be active in the Solent we made for the Lee-on-Solent area in search of the forecast NW breeze. This duly obliged with a fairly steady 10 knots allowing us to start Race 1 on time for 18 boats. This was a windward/leeward format of two laps which gave rise to some dexterous spinnaker work which was captured by Sue's camera. Graham Deegan's "Akarana 4" took line honours and 1<sup>st</sup> place on corrected time for Class 1 from "Mostly Harmless" and "Brenda's J". Class 2 was won by "Mandarin" followed by "Moondog" and "Spirit of Kudu" whilst Oliver Hawkins' "Sailfish" won Class 3 followed by "Fizz" and "Magec". For Race 2 the backing windshift kept the RIB busy re-positioning the windward mark and a round the cans course of a longer duration was set. A beat tight to the North shore to avoid the flooding tide saw several position changes and resulted in Class 1 being won again by "Akarana 4" from "Brenda's J" and "Mostly Harmless". Class 2 saw Paul Dunstan's "Mandarin" taking 1<sup>st</sup> place ahead of "Glass Onion" and "Moondog" whilst Class 3 saw the same front runners but not necessarily in the same order! - Mike Garvey's "Magec" taking the win from "Sailfish" and "Fizz".

It proved a splendid day to be on the water and our efforts were gratefully acknowledged by competitors. My thanks to Andrew and Brendon on the RIB and Angela, Sue and Jan with me on The Hound. Also to those competing who make it all worthwhile.

Neil Cox - Race Officer