



Captain's Report for the 2019 Logicalis Gorey Regatta.

The 2019 Logicalis Gorey Regatta was held over the 28/29th July, with near perfect weather for both sailing and socialising in the most beautiful setting of The Royal Bay of Grouville. With a change to the Moorings Hotel for the informal Skipper's briefing due to the rowers' race start being held on Saturday and their social function at the Dolphin. This proved to be most pleasurable, and it is with our thanks to Jo at the Moorings given that she was able to accommodate us.

The Racing was superb over the two days, and I was very happy to be part of the competition this year, with superb management from the Sailing Committee, led by Bill Harris and his team from the Ports of Jersey Harbour control station at the end of the pier. Following is the race report from Philip Jeune which was sent to the JEP, soon after the event.



PERFECT weather conditions made for a memorable Logicalis Gorey Regatta at the weekend – the 162nd occasion that this popular event has taken place.

Force 4-5 winds, sunshine and relatively calm seas prevailed for most of the two days of racing, enabling sailors of all ages in all classes of boats to have fun and competition in the marvellous setting of the Royal Bay of Grouville.

Starter Bill Harris and his team at the end of the pier kept everything running smoothly, selecting courses that tested the sailors whatever their level of expertise. There were also races for the young novices from St Catherine's Sailing Club who competed in their Optimist dinghies on a short inshore course running parallel to the beach.

In the cruiser classes Jeff Speller in his Farr 727 2 Farr and Roger Atkinson in his Soling Dirty Harry gained most of the silverware, taking home three trophies apiece. Local cruisers claimed all the awards apart from the Yangtze Cup which will be heading to Carteret having been won by Pierre Le Goupil in his boat Le Loup Rouge.

It was the cruiser fleet that provided the only drama of the weekend when the Strider catamaran La Vitesse, skippered by Tim Cox, lost her mast while beating up to the west mark. Thankfully there was no damage to the yacht or her sails and the crew was able to quickly return to harbour with the assistance of two of the regatta safety boats.

In the dayboat class, easily spotted due to the predominance of red sails, Ben Jones in his Cornish Coble Baloo retained the two trophies he won last year despite stiff competition from Peter Faudemer in his Willow Bay Ha'Penny Rambler and Will Carnegie in his Drascombe Lugger Soda.

The dinghy races provided the largest fleets with a total of 31 boats on the water ranging from basic Optimists to top-flight racing machines. Charlie Cadin and Jamie Mulholland in their Laser Standards had a particularly good weekend, each taking home two trophies.

Speaking at the prize-giving ceremony at the Moorings Hotel, Gorey Regatta Association Captain Justin Horton praised all the volunteers both ashore and afloat for making the regatta such a success and gave special thanks to Logicalis who have supported the event for many years.

He also announced that the Morning Cloud Trophy, presented at the discretion of the sailing committee, had been awarded to brothers Charlie and Richie Forbes who stepped in to provide safety boat cover for the weekend even though they had planned to race in the regatta.

RESULTS

CRUISERS: *Le Riche Challenge Cup, Richardson Trophy and Commodore's Cup, 2Farr - Jeff Speller; Betty Bruce Challenge Cup, C Austin Potter Cup and Fairey Cup, Dirty Harry - Roger Atkinson; Glendewar Challenge Cup and De Faye Memorial Cup, The Dogs - Allen Brown; Stevens Centenary Challenge Cup, Super Q - Julian Barber; Yangtze Cup, Le Loup Rouge - Pierre Le Goupil.*

DAYBOATS: *Orviss Challenge Cup and Frank Jeune Trophy, Baloo – Ben Jones.*

DINGHIES: *Fourth Gorey Cup and Perchard Memorial Cup, Charlie Cadin; Assinder Cup and Norman Challenge Cup, Jamie Mulholland; Ecréhous Trophy, Will Dengate; George Thomas Labey Memorial Cup, Jack Horton & George McAllister; Rosel Bowl, Pete Washington; Marmotier Trophy, James & Will Michel; Fifth Gorey Cup, Olivia Forbes.*

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Morning Cloud Trophy, Charlie & Richie Forbes.

In addition to the spectacular racing over the weekend, the Saturday BBQ on the beach proved to be very popular for both young and old, this added to the general good ambiance which the Regatta gives to the location for the weekend, and one which I would hope to continue.

The Prizegiving and dinner proved very popular again, with excellent food from the Moorings Hotel for which we are most grateful. The format of the event is now well established, and one that sailors look forward to every year. Special thanks go to the Committee and the teams behind the scenes without whose help the Regatta would not be possible, and of course our sponsors, software company, Logicalis, who continue to enable us to provide this historic event to the high standards that we are now accustomed every season in Gorey.

Justin Horton, Captain, Gorey Regatta Association 02.06.20