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### **UK Sailmakers Typhoon Series 2018, Races 2 & 3**

After predictions of a very wet Sunday, the 24th of June 2018, it was a relief for all that the sun came out, along with a breeze of 9-11 knots blowing from 139 degrees, for Races 2 and 3 of the UK Sailmakers Typhoon Series 2018.

Race officers, Nigel Slattery and Ben Chong, opted for three geometric gate courses inside Port Shelter for both races with the windward marks set at 0.9nm and 0.7nm, and a downwind gate 0.2nm behind the committee vessel. All boats were required to pass through a second gate at the start / finish line in their upwind legs.

IRC A was given four rounds of the course in the first race, reduced to three for the second. IRC B, IRC C, Sportsboats and HKPN A, completed three at various lengths, the J-80s completed three laps in their first race and then, with HKPN B, finished two laps in the last.

In the first race of the day (Race 2) all starts went well for the 59 boats, except that two J-80s – Jelik 6 and 7 – joined the second start instead of the third and were subsequently disqualified.

Surprisingly, several yachts erred at the gates including Ma Cherie 2 to record a DNF or, like Juggerknot, retired to avoid a protest.

Although not extreme, the breeze did a fair amount of damage to the big kites of Mandrake III and Vineta. For others, sail damage was more self-inflicted with spinnakers receiving unexpected washes.

In the second race of the day (Race 3), Jazz was OCS in the third start and obliged to restart. The conditions eased slightly but, all in all, “we got two good races in, with some cloud cover and thankfully no rain. Everyone was well behaved,” said RO Slattery.

Among the 10 IRC A boats, Jelik took line honours and finished 6th in both. Phoenix (ex-Mandrake) finished 1st in Race 2 and 2nd in Race 3 on both occasions beating Mandrake III which scored a 2nd and 4th. Lighthouse Alpha+ finished 3rd in Race 2 and 1st in Race 3.





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Outrageous finished with a 1st and 2nd, Kiasu! a 2nd and 3rd , while Blackjack took 3rd in Race 2. Juggerknot redeemed itself in Race 3 with a win in IRC B's fleet of six.

In the 11-boat IRC C fleet, Dexter II won Race 2 and finished 3rd in Race 3, Red Kite II likewise recovered from a DNF in Race 2 to win Race 3, while Whiskey Jack finished with two 2nd places. Moll was 3rd in Race 2.

The VX One, FAB, took two daily doubles to convincingly top the leader-board among the 10 Sportsboats. Merlin and Hotwired traded 2nd and 3rd in Races 2 & 3 respectively.

Among the five J-80s, only two finished Race 2, with honours going to Footloose, Jazz in 2nd. Positions were reversed in Race 3 with May 13 finishing 3rd.

Two line honours wins left Bits & Pieces in 3rd place on handicap in both HKPN A races among the nine entries. Handicap honours – with much celebration at the prize-giving – went to Temujin. DEA II placed 2nd in Race 2 and Amaze 2nd in Race 3.

Among the eight entries in HKPN B, Gecko won the first race and finished 3rd in the second. Pepper & Salt which took line honours in both finished 2nd in Race 2 but hung on for handicap honours in Race 3. Scrumpy finished with a 3rd in Race 2 and 2nd in Race 3.

With sailing all over by 1500, it was a relatively early prize-giving at the Hebe Haven Yacht Club's Garden Bar where bottles of wine and UK Sailmakers shirts were dispensed as prizes while the sponsored San Miguel beer – as always – disappeared in a flash!

