

CULLAUN SAILING CLUB – RACE REPORT

No Quarter Given or Asked

A south-westerly breeze rippled the lake as the fleet of eight boats approached the Start Line.

Dean and Sinead got off to a flyer, but their joy was short-lived, as the OOD issued an individual recall as they had been pushed over the line by an unyielding Enterprise. A harsh call from a hanging Judge, if ever there was one!

Damien and Maeve Hawkins took advantage of the situation to lead the fleet around the first lap.

Towards the Windward Mark, Margaret took more penalties than an England soccer player at the Euros !

Line Honours in Race 1 went to Kevin Mulcahy and Martin Golden, closely pursued by Margaret Hynes and Laura Collins, with Jim O’Sullivan and Michelle Taylor in third.

A brisk wind heralded the start of the second race, with further close encounters of the third kind occurring again at the Windward Mark, where Maeve Hawkins was cruelly taken out, and penalties were called for against others contesting the lead.

There were some rumours of unparliamentary language being used, but no official complaints landed on the deck of the OOD, Michael “Judge Jeffries” Collins.

Order was restored with Laura Collins showing Margaret how it was done, opening up a lead from the fleet, which she maintained until the end.

It was not all “argy-bargy” though, there were some intimate moments on the water, like when Coranne Heffernan and Brian Park gave each other a squeeze rounding the Leeward Mark.

Line Honours went to Laura Collins and Margaret Hynes, followed by Kevin Mulcahy and Martini Golden, with Brian Park and Tomás Galvin in third.

Finally, honourable mention must go to the assistant OOD, Peter Collins, who timed the race with great precision and helped the colourblind OOD when necessary (Red Flag for a Port course !), and whose powerboat skills should be noted.

Mark Windward.