



Warsash Spring Series and Championship Race Reports 2023

Warsash Spring Series - Day 1

by Peter Bateson 20 Mar 13:54 GMT19 March 2023

Day 1 of the 2023 Warsash Spring Series for IRC boats started with sunny intervals in about 10 degrees which seemed quite warm after the snow of a few days earlier. With a satisfactory force 4 breeze from the WSW, Race officer Peter Bateson and his team got racing under way on time at 1030 on an east-going tide on Sunday morning. Two races were scheduled.

The first was a windward-leeward course of 4 legs totalling 5 miles for IRC classes 1 and 2, with half a mile less for IRC class 3. The start was a third of a mile NE of John Fisher buoy, with East Knoll buoy used as the windward mark. The Cape 31 The Bodfather (Charles Whelan) led the way in 51 minutes and all in the three classes boats were back within 62 minutes.



In a tight finish on corrected time, Class 2 was won by Chris Burleigh's J/109 Jybe Talkin', 12 seconds ahead of another J/109, Rob Cotterill's Mojo Risin', with the Arcona 38 Triarchy (Ollie Reynolds and Faith Burns) just 11 seconds further behind. In Class 3, Warsash SC member Jon Powell's change to an SJ320, named Betty like his previous boats, saw him successful by 19 seconds over Series Chairman James Crew and Peter Rutter on the half-tonner Quokka, nearly 2 minutes clear of third placed Memory maker, Don Forster's First 31.7.

The second race starting just before mid-day was longer at 8 miles and 6.7 miles for the different classes, involving a triangle-sausage course 'around the cans' with 3 beats, 2 runs and two spinnaker reaches. This included a fairly long and tactical second beat up to the Brambles Bank, by now covered on the rising tide. The breeze was freshening and the weather had become overcast with a hint of drizzle, whilst the tide began to turn to the west, increasing the sea state somewhat. The last quarter-hour or so of the race saw the wind well up to force 5 with some heavier gusts and the conditions became a lot more challenging, especially remembering this was the first outing of the year for many boats.





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In IRC class 3, Jon Powell and Betty again headed the results, this time by a satisfying 2 half minutes on corrected time. Quokka was again second, with third place taken by David Greenhalgh and J/92 J'ronimo after a last-leg struggle with her spinnaker that cost her a place. Triarchy come to the fore in IRC class 2 with a 4 half minute win over another Arcona, Neville Askew's 34' Argo, ahead of Jybe Talkin' third, just under a minute further back. The Bodfather was first home in IRC1 and it would be churlish to mention that as the only boat yet racing in the class, she nonetheless found it a useful training day.

The series continues on Sundays through to the end of April, with a break for Easter, and the Spring Championship with multiple races over 2 weekends is on 15-16th and 22nd-23rd April.

Warsash Spring Series - Day 2

by Peter Bateson 22 Mar 16:14 GMT19 March 2023

The forecast for the second Sunday's racing saw a contrast to the start of the Series - sunshine for the morning and a moderate NW breeze dropping to light but never below 7 knots. That's how the day started but after the start of the second race, the breeze dropped to next to nothing for an hour, testing the IRC 3 competitors in particular in a very different way from the blustery conditions of the previous week.

The first race was a 'windward-leeward' of 4 legs totalling 4.75 miles for IRC class 2 and 4.0 miles for IRC class 3, set with starboard roundings as the tide was setting to the NW.



The start was near to Hamble Yacht Services buoy in 10 knots of breeze, with 'William' used as the windward mark. In IRC 2, Mojo Risin' (J/109, Rob Cotterill) led the way on the water and on corrected time over Arcona 38 Triarchy (Ollie Reynolds and Faith Burns), both of them well clear of the rest of the class and with Chris Burleigh's J/109 Jybe Talkin' 3rd. In Class 3, James Crew and Peter Rutter on the half-tonner Quokka moved up from two 2nd places last week to take the win by 1¼ minutes over David Greenhalgh's J/92 J'ronimo 2nd and last week's winner Betty (SJ320, Jon Powell) 3rd just 20 seconds further back.



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With the breeze apparently performing as expected at around 6-8 knots, still NW although shifting around quite a lot, the second race started around mid-day. It was set 'around the cans' and a bit longer, at 7 miles and 6 miles for the different classes. A sharp windshift left in the last minute before the start favoured the pin end, however IRC 2 got away safely. A 10-minute delay saw the ODM moved and a revised course set for IRC 3.



As the breeze died away, the race committee shorted the course at around 3 miles. IRC 1 just made it to the finish before the long lull. However IRC 3 had to sit it out, creeping forwards against the tide, drifting back, kedging, creeping forward... Eventually a little breeze arrived from the west and the boats closed the finish at speeds of up to 2 or even 3 knots! Even so, crews were glad that the race could be completed rather than abandoned.

In IRC class 3, Quokka again headed the results, this time by 4 minutes on corrected time. Betty pipped J'ronimo to 2nd by just under a minute on corrected time, with Memory Maker (First 31.7, Don Forster) 50 seconds further behind. In IRC 2 the same boats as in race 1 held the podium but in a different order, Triarchy winning 2 by 26 seconds over Jybe Talkin', with Mojo Risin' third, just under a minute further back.



After the delays when the wind disappeared, it was hoped that not too many 'Brownie Points' were lost by competitors being later home than planned for Mothering Sunday lunches or teas.



A third of the way through the Series and with discards not kicking in for another two weeks, Triarchy leads Class 2 by 2 points and Quokka heads Class 3 by 1 point.

The series continues on 4 more Sundays through to the end of April, with a break for Easter. The Spring Championship with multiple races for IRC, Cape 31s, J/70s and SB20s is over the two weekends of 15th-16th and 22nd-23rd April.



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Warsash Spring Series - Day 3

by Peter Bateson 28 Mar 15:33 BST 26 March 2023

At the halfway point of the Series, after six races on three Sundays, some form is starting to show.

IRC3 is led by Quokka (Peter Rutter/James Crew, Half-Tonner) by 3 points over Jon Powell's latest Betty, an SJ320. In IRC2, Rob Cotterill's J/109 Mojo Risin' heads sistership Jybe Talkin' by one point, with the Arcona 38 Triarchy of Ollie Reynolds and faith Burns one further point adrift. Charlie Whelan's The Bodfather (Cape 31) leads the small IRC1 class.



Race 3 was grey, slightly damp, and with a fluky 4 knot breeze off the mainland shore, rising slowly to 8 knots by the end of the day's racing. Boats that had been out the previous day in the JOG Nab Tower race experiencing 30 knots may have appreciated the respite although a "happy medium" would have been more satisfying.



The first race was a tight 'windward-leeward' of 6 legs totalling 4.2 miles for IRC class 1 and 4 legs (2.8 miles) for IRC classes 2 and 3.. The start was near to Hill Head buoy in 10 knots of breeze, with 'HambleWinterSeries.com' used as the windward mark. Jiraffe (Cape 31, Simon Perry) led IRC1 home by 23 seconds over Khumbu (Christian Hamilton). In IRC 2, Mojo Risin' (J/109, Rob Cotterill) managed the difficult light conditions best and took the win by 39 seconds on corrected time over Jybe Talkin' with J/99 Jump 2 It (Kevin Taylor) third, just another 12 seconds behind. In Class 3, Quokka continued her winning streak with a 16 second win over Betty; David Greenhalgh's J/92 J'ronimo was 3rd albeit some 3 half minutes adrift on corrected time.

With the breeze still fluky but averaging a right shift, the second race started around mid-day. It was set 'around the cans' and a bit longer, at 6 half miles and 4 half miles for the different classes, using a "triangle-sausage" course with Royal Southern buoy to windward and East Knoll and Paul Heys buoys to leeward. In the end, the course proved rather short as a shift back to the left turned the second beat into a very one-sided affair and the breeze puffed up a bit to around 8 knots and occasionally more.





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In IRC class 1, Jiraffe again held the lead, with The Bodfather second this time, ahead of Khumbu. IRC 2 saw the same first two places, Mojo Risin' ahead of Jybe Talkin', with Triarchy in 3rd place. Quokka again headed IRC3,, this time by over 2 half minutes on corrected time, followed (as usual?) by Betty with Memory Maker (First 31.7, Don Forster) coming through into 3rd place just under a minute further behind.

The series continues on three more Sundays through to the end of April, with a break for Easter. The Spring Championship with multiple races for IRC, Cape 31s, J/70s and SB20s is over the two weekends of 15-16th and 22nd-23rd April.



Warsash Spring Series - Day 4

by Peter Knight 5 Apr 11:44 BST2 April 2023

There was a feeling of déjà vu. The wind in the N (NNE actually) and a forecast 10 knots. A bit like the previous week, but with a little more wind. It was much as forecast, but with ~15 knots for much of the time. So back to Hill Head buoy with the options of Royal Southern, Darling Buoy or a laid mark as the windward mark.

Race 1 was a windward/leeward using Royal South and Hill Head. The combined IRC 1 & 2 fleets had a good, close start and got away cleanly.





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At the end the Cape 31s had a close finish, Tony Dinkin's, Jubilee leading the way from Jiraffe, Simon Perry with Ben Prichard just 15 seconds behind in third. In IRC 2 Triarchy, Ollie Reynolds and Faith Burns, led the way, but were beaten by 40 seconds on corrected time by Rosie Berry's Jenie.

In IRC 3 the battle between Warsash's Quokka, James Crew and Peter Rutter, and Jon Powell's Betty continued with Betty winning by 16 seconds on corrected time from Quokka with J'ronimo, David Greehaugh, in third.

As the last boats were finishing the wind took a 20 degree swing to the right and seemed to have stabilised, so a mark was laid to give a good beat for the race 2. The course being a triangle/sausage with East Knowle as the leeward mark.

However, as can be expected with the wind in the north it didn't stay for long before swinging back. Royal Southern became the revised first mark.



IRC 1 & 2 were line shy and were all two lengths back at the gun. IRC 3 were a lot closer, but got away cleanly as well. At the end, in the Cape 31s, Jiraffe took the race from Jubilee, with all 3 boats finishing within a minute. In IRC 2, Jago, Mike Yates, moved up from third in the first race to win, with Triarchy making it two seconds on the day.

In IRC 3 Betty again took the win, but this time beat Quokka into second by nearly 2 minutes with Justify, Ross Bowdler in third. Having completed 8 races, the first discard has appeared and the series battles are becoming clearer. In IRC 1, Jiraffe leads The Bodfather by two points. In IRC 2 Triarchy leads Jybe Talkin', Chris Burliegh, by 2 points with Mojo Risin' just a point behind in third place.





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In IRC3 thing cannot be tighter with Betty and Quokka both counting the same number of firsts and seconds, and the tie only being broken in Quokka's favour by a better discard. J'ronimo is third overall with mainly thirds.



We now take a break for Easter, returning with the Spring Championships on the weekends of 15/16 and 22/23 April for IRC and Cape 31s in Black Group and the J/70 & SB20 Sportsboats on White Group. The remaining four Black Group Series races will take place on the Sundays. Boats can still enter to join the fun.

Event website: www.warsashsc.org.uk/spring-series

Warsash Spring Championships First Weekend

by Peter Bateson and Peter Knight 19 Apr 13:44 BST 15-16 April 2023

The first Saturday of the Spring Championship saw Black and White Group racing side by side off the Hill Head shore in a N/NNW breeze that started the day at around 11 knots and eased to 6 knots during the afternoon.

As always when the breeze is coming off the shore, there were many windshifts to exercise the course setters and tacticians alike. Both groups were sent windward-leeward courses in intermittent spring sunshine.



The Black Group start and finish lines were between East Knoll and Hill Head buoys, with the windward marks varying during the day from near Fumesy 4C and William 4L, both of which were used at some time during the day as well as a variety of coloured inflatables. Cape 31s and IRC 1 class had courses of about 5-5¾ miles, IRC 2 4 half 4¾ miles, and IRC 3 about 3¾-4 miles. Four races were completed during the day.

In the Cape 31s, Simon Perry and Giraffe took control with three 1sts and a 2nd; Bullitt (Julian Metherell) and Chaotic (Nick Phillips) contesting for second place but 7 points adrift of Jiraffe at the end of the first day. In a rare coming together (or at any rate, rare so far in this event) Bullitt and Flurg tangled at the leeward mark in race 4, Flurg missed the mark, went back and into last place. IRC 1 was dominated by



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J/111s, Journeymaker (Chris Jones) with 2 firsts and a second needing a tie-breaker to put her just ahead of Jitterbug (Cornel Riklin), also with 2 firsts but marginally lower scoring in one of the other races.

In IRC 2, the Arcona 340 Argo took the first win by 22 seconds on corrected time from Mike Moxley's HOD35 Malice. After that, the J/109s Jukebox (John Smart) and Jago (Mike Yates) shared the spoils, Jukebox heading the table at the end of the day only on tie-break count-back. Ed Mockridge and the JPK 1010 edged Malice for third place. Four IRC3

boats took wins in the 4 races, with James Crew's Quokka leading at the end of the day by one point over Ian Handley's Mustang 30 Banter, with whom she had actually tied for first place on the 2nd race.

Sunday dawned cloudy and windless. It seemed over-optimistic but the race committee went out and dropped anchor. Several boats didn't come out, assuming that no breeze would materialise, and several that had come out went home again an hour after the scheduled start time.

However, half an hour later a zephyr started to make itself felt, from the SSW and racing was attempted in an initially very light breeze at 1230 over a short windward-leeward course. By half way through the race, a light breeze was filling in nicely at around 6-8 knots and the race was completed satisfactorily. The race committee re-aligned the race course as the breeze went into the south-west but did not lengthen it. The second and final race of the day proved quite short as the breeze held and indeed rose slightly to 8-10 knots. However, the competitors weren't complaining as they had got in two races that had seemed most unlikely during the morning.

The Sunday races scored both in the Championship and the 6-week series. In the Championship, Simon Perry and Jiraffe continued as they had started, with a 1st and a 2nd to leave him 4 points clear in the Cape 31s at the end of the first of the two Championship weekends after the single discard had kicked in. Bullitt lies 2nd and Chaotic now 3rd. In IRC1, the J/111s had collectively gone home half an hour before the announcement at midday of racing about to start, so Sailing Logic were able to clock up a first win in IRC 1 with Lancelot II and a crew largely comprising 'learners.' The J/109s continued at the front, each with a 1st and a 2nd, and Jukebox edged one point in front overall after the discard. The newly entered Quarter Tonner Pacifist (Duncan Peace) won both the races but carries only DNCs from Saturday, hence with two 2nds, Quokka now heads the class by 4 half points over fellow Warsash SC member Jon Powell on Betty (Seaquest SJ320). Banter dropped down to 4th overall with a gear failure and retirement.

The "Sunday Series" scoring has Jiraffe leading IRC 1. The Arcona 38 Triarchy (Ollie Reynolds and Faith Burns) are 2 points ahead of the J/109 Jybe Talkin' in IRC 2 with another J/109 Mojo Risin' 3rd. Quokka lies first in IRC 3 by 3 points over Betty, with David Greenhalgh's J'ronimo 3rd, scoring a steady string of 2nd and 3rd places, showing the importance of consistency.



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On Saturday, over in White Group, the J/70s and SB20s were out for their first races of the season. Being to the north of the North Channel, and closer inshore, the wind was a little more shifty and kept the mark layers busy responding to the demands of the race officer, whose attempts to keep the course true didn't always match the whims of the wind.



The first 3 races for both classes got away cleanly under a 'P'. The J/70s had three different winners, Joskin (Henry Edwards), Jenga8 (Andrew Barraclough) and Jellyfish (Finley Dickinson) with five boats having at least one top three place. EV Experts (Tim Collins) was the most consistent with three thirds. The gusts in the first race provided some gentle planning downwind, but, in line with the forecast, there was a slow drop in strength.



In the SB20 class, Betty (Simon Berry) took the first two races, with Twenty (Mark Gillett) taking the third race. Tan Gwillt took most of the remaining top three places with two seconds, and a third.

At the start of the fourth race the wind really began to play tricks and shifted left and dropped away. The first start was abandoned, course adjusted left, and restarted. Well, the sequence was restarted, but as the wind faded the AP came out again. With no wind in sight, it was decided to call it a day.

Sunday dawned a flat day. The forecast was light and very shifty, which suggest that no racing would happen. However, around midday, after several brief attempt of 5 knots from the east and the west, the wind began to fill in from the south and a course was quickly set up and racing got under way. Surprisingly, the wind held and three short races were completed with the axis following a trend to the right.

In the J/70s Jellyfish took the first race, and followed it with two seconds, with EV Experts taking the other two races. Jenga8 completed the places with a second and two thirds.

The SB20s managed to claim the only recall, and a general at that, in their second race with a classic mid-line bunch going over early. The restart, using 'U', saw 6a Vision squeezed over to claim the first starting penalty.

Twenty carried on where they left off on Saturday afternoon and took all three races, with Betty taking two seconds and a fourth, Chris Sproat took most of the other places with a second and two thirds.



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At the halfway point of the championship, with a discard to kick on after the next race, it is all to play for in the J/70s with Jellyfish and EV Experts are tied on 14 points, with Jenga 8 just one point behind. In the SB20s consistency is being to show with Twenty leading Betty by 5 points and Tan Gwillt 10 points behind in third.

Next weekend will see the remaining planned 6 races for Black Group and seven for White Group.



Warsash Spring Championships Second Weekend

by Peter Bateson and Peter Knight 26 Apr 06:13 BST22-23 April 2023

The Saturday of the final weekend of the Warsash Spring Championship saw the Black Group start area just west of 4H East Knoll buoy, trying to race in a fickle east – south - southeast breeze. Optimistically, four races were planned.



After an hour's delay waiting for the forecast breeze to arrive, Race 1 was achieved in a 5-6 knots ESE breeze with 40-50 minute windward-leeward courses for the different classes. Seven out of ten Cape 31s sailed the wrong course, perhaps feeling it would be quicker to use a shorter course involving the inner leeward mark (East Knoll buoy) which was set for the slower classes whereas their own mark was the outer leeward buoy, an inflatable laid mark. The three boats that got it right were happy to occupy the podium places.



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Race 2 was started in similar conditions but half way through, the wind died completely. After letting boats drift back on the tide for a quarter of an hour whilst nobody seemed to kedge, the race committee took pity on them and abandoned. After another hour, a little breeze returned, from the south, so new marks were laid and new courses set. Then the breeze returned to the ESE and seemed to have settled. The race committee reverted the courses to that direction and the renewed race 2 got going. After the Cape 31s and IRC1 had started, the breeze swung back to the south; IRC2 were also allowed to start in the hope the switch was temporary. IRC 3 were held back and as the windshift declined to change back again, were given a fresh windward-leeward course based on the southerly. They were the lucky ones as the breeze held in the south for the duration of the race, while the other classes fetched and reached up and down. At least they got a result, as time was running out and if the race had been abandoned again it would simply have been lost – and as it was, the planned 3rd and 4th races could not happen.



In Saturday's two races the winners were:

Cape 31 class: Jiraffe (Simon Perry) and Shotgun (Michael Wilson)

IRC 1: Cobra (King 40, Hannah Stodel) won both races

IRC 2: Jukebox (J/109, John Smart) and Hot Rats (Beneteau First 35, Robbie and Lis Robinson)

IRC 3: BLT (Fauroux Quarter Tonner, Mark Richmond) won both races.



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On Sunday, with a start area chosen inshore of 4V Hamble Yacht Services, the forecast was for 5 knots westerly backing southwest and increasing to 8-10 knots during the race period. As Warsash Commodore Nigel Rennie commented afterwards, weather forecasts are indeed only forecasts not guarantees - and sometimes seem more like betting tips. At any rate for 2 hours after the scheduled start time there were occasional puffs of as much as 3-4 knots but nothing that could be raced in, especially in the strong cross tide. At 1230, with the tide on the turn and relatively slack, and just in case something

turned up, the race committee announced with no enthusiasm that they would wait another half an hour before going home. At 1245 a light air appeared across the Solent and ten minutes later a start sequence was under way. The classes got going in about 5 knots of breeze which built to 8-9 knots and gave good sailing to provide a pleasing end to a sometimes frustrating weekend's racing. The courses were again short windward-leewards, to and fro across the North Channel around laid inflatable marks. Nick Phillips' Chaotic took the win in the Cape 31 class. Journeymaker 11 (J/111, Chris Jones) won IRC 1 by over 2 minutes in a 50-minute race. Hot Rats was 1st in IRC 2 and BLT again won IRC3.

The race also scored in the Spring Series (6 Sundays) and for this the IRC 1 winner was Jiraffe (Cape 31); the J/109 Jenie (Rosie Berry) won IRC 2; and Quokka was 1st in IRC 3.

The end of the weekend brought the end of both parts of the 6-week event. The Spring Series results were:

IRC 1: 1st Jiraffe, Simon Perry, Cape 31. 2nd The Bodfather, Charles Whelan, Cape 31. 3rd Khumbu, Christian Hamilton, Cape 31.

IRC 2: 1st Triarchy, Ollie Reynolds and Faith Burns, Arcona 38 who won by a single point over 2nd Jybe Talkin', Chris Burleigh, J/109. 3rd Mojo Risin', Rob Cotterill, J/109.

IRC 3: 1st Quokka, James Crew and Peter Rutter, Half Tonner. 2nd Betty, Jon Powell, Seaquest SJ320. 3rd J'ronimo, David Greenhalgh, J/92.



The Spring Championship results were:

Cape 31 class: 1st Jiraffe. Simon Perry. 2nd Bullitt, Simon Metherell. 3rd Chaotic, Nick Phillips.

IRC 1: A clean sweep by J/111s: 1st Jagerbomb, Paul Griffiths. 2nd Journeymaker 11, Chris Jones. 3rd Jitterbug, Cornel Riklin.

IRC 2: 1st Jukebox, John Smart, J/109. 2nd Jago, Mike and Susie Yates, J/109. 3rd Hot Rats, Robbie and Lis Robinson, Beneteau First 35.

IRC 3: 1st Quokka, James Crew and Peter Rutter, Half Tonner. 2nd Expressly Forbidden, Lulu Wallis, Albin Express. 3rd Banter, Ian Handley, Mustang 30.





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Over in White Group the situation was much the same, light or no wind, wind fading and shifting, time passing under hours of AP, but in the end the persistence of the race team managed to get all the races started.

The first race on Saturday got away on time and ran to completion. The second was not so lucky, the wind faded and almost disappeared leading the RC to shorten to it to one lap – the first 6 J70s finished but the



rest of the class were not so lucky as the 15-minute finishing time limit expired leaving one boat 10 metres from the line and the rest spread back up the run. The SB20s, which had almost reached the windward mark, were not so lucky, getting close to the windward mark, before drifting away on the strengthening adverse tide! Their race was abandoned. It was reported that some drifted back at 2 knots without moving through the water.

The J70s also had this weekend as part of their Grand Slam series leading to some changes in the front runners. Charles Thompson (Brutus II) showed his dominance in the four races with three firsts and a third. The rest of the top three slots were widely spread between Andrew Barraclough (Jenga8), Jonathan Calascione (Calypso), Martin Dent (Jelvis), David McLeman (Offbeat), Paul Barnett (Panther) and Jemima Lewis showing the competition at the front

In the SB20s, Mark Gillett (Twenty), took two firsts and a third, with the other places being shared by Chris Sproat, Phil Tilley (Tan Gwllt) and Sarah Kemp (Great White Lies).



The forecast for Sunday was light but reasonably steady, but the wind gods were playing up again. No wind at all for the first hour, and then a zephyr from the south that built to allow three short races to be run in a strengthening breeze. Brutus II and Twenty both continued to show their dominance with two firsts and a second, and three firsts respectively.

Overall, the J/70 Championship was won by Tim Collins (EV Experts) followed by Andrew Barraclough (Jenga8) and Finlay Dickinson (Jellyfish). In the SB20s, it was unsurprisingly Mark Gillett who won counting nine firsts, a second and a third, and discarding a third,



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followed by Chris Sproat and Phil Tilley. In the J/70 Grand Slam weekend, it was a clear win by Charles Thompson (Brutus II) counting five firsts and a second, discarding a third, followed by Calypso and Jelvis. In spite of testingly light conditions on several race days, back at the Warsash Club this year's event was rated a success by competitors and the 50-strong race team alike. Many are planning on returning for the 40th anniversary of the Spring Series in March and April 2024.

Warsash Spring Series and Championship - Prizegiving

by Peter Bateson 26 Apr 23:25 BST22-23 April 2023



IRC 3 - Quokka won the Championship and the Series and were awarded the Commodore's Cup



Cape 31 Championship and IRC 1 Series winner Simon Perry (Jiraffe), also awarded the Founder's Trophy



IRCF 2 winner Triarchy (Arcona 38, Ollie Reynolds and Faith Burns)



IRC 3 J'ronimo (J/92) – Libby Greenhalgh received 3rd place prize for owner David Greenhalgh.

After some 93 races across the various classes, the 40th Warsash Spring Series and Championship came to an end last weekend. The subsequent prize giving saw 31 prizes and trophies distributed to the 'podium people' by Warsash Sailing Club, along with sailing jackets and bags presented by event partners Helly Hansen.

At a busy clubhouse, Warsash SC Commodore Nigel Rennie thanked everyone concerned for all their efforts, including the 50-strong volunteer race teams led by PRO Peter Knight and Black Group CRO Peter Bateson, the committee boat owners, club support staff and most of all the competitors themselves for taking part.



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SB20 Winner Mark Gillett ('Twenty')



IRC 1 winner in the Championship Jagerbomb (J/111, Paul Griffiths)



J/70 2nd: Jenga 8, Andrew Barraclough

Most of the prizes were the traditional Warsash glass yachts regularly presented for the event. Two special awards were made to competitors who have been supporting the Warsash Spring Series for a long time - they each won their respective classes by good margins this year in both the Spring Series and the Spring Championship. The Commodore's Cup was awarded to Simon Perry and Jiraffe. The Founder's Trophy was awarded to Quokka, Peter Rutter and James Crew.

Next year's Series will start on Sunday 17 March 2024.

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