

Shrimper Open Championships 2021 - report

Mylor Yacht Club was delighted to host the Shrimper 19 Open Championships held from 3rd to 5th September 2021. This was the second year that the event has been held and proved yet again a resounding success with competitor numbers up on 2020. Twenty six boats took part in the regatta, many of them from the host club.

Sponsors for the event included: Windsport, Mylor Yacht Harbour, Navionics, Cornish Crabbers, and Hyde Sails, and the organisers very much appreciated



their support.



The Race Officer, Steve Nicholls (left), who created diverse courses for all three days - not an easy task as the predominant east wind left limited options for a good beat, coupled with the fact that there were wind shifts aplenty. However, the fleet found themselves traversing most of the Carrick Roads as they proceeded through their championships.

The on-the-water activities were followed by equally enjoyable social get togethers each day, including a pasty supper, an afternoon barbecue, and a cream tea followed by prize giving. The weather gods looked kindly on the Shrimper Armada and all social events were able to be held outside on the yacht club

terrace in this time while we still have to be mindful of Covid 19.

MYC Commodore, Ken Whitney presented the prizes.

Overall winners (seen below) were:

1st - Tarragon 367 - Mike Lyons

2nd - Jackdaw 626 - Stuart Sly



3rd – Yesella 298 - Brian Phipps



First Lady helm was Gillian Slater, in Drake. First single-handed crewed boat went to Bob Cox, in Annie (left).

Richard Lewis, Pelican, had two presentations to celebrate - both for the largest number in years for combined crew, and also winning the draw for a new Hyde Sails jib. Will we see a Pelican flying even faster next year with this new sail?

Shrimper Percy (Terry Stephens, Patrick Farrell, Martin Bradley) won the average fleet award - let's see how they progress up the fleet in 2022.

The date is already in the diary for next year when Mylor Yacht Club will run the third Shrimper 19 Open Championships over the weekend **2 - 4 September 2022** welcoming visitors from various other clubs in the UK to come and race alongside their own extremely enthusiastic fleet of the traditionally built boats.

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