

Race 5 Summary & Results – 6th February 2014

It was a public holiday, Waitangi Day, and everyone was chilled out but the weather wasn't going to give us any rest as it blew 22-28kts from the east which made for swirly gusty conditions...at least it wasn't raining! As usual, we were last to start but the almost dead low King tide meant 'Whatever' not only got sucked over the start line but also found ground zero well out into the channel! We'd been pinching to keep our height in the hope we'd get over so our speed was very slow when we hit. I threw the tiller over but with no speed we couldn't power through the tack so we lay in 1.7metres (we draw 2.4) in full view of those in the clubhouse, much to their delight. Even with the motor revving full throttle it wouldn't budge until we caught some wind on the back of the tight headsail. Then we got some action! The fastest tack in history but only to lay in the opposite direction but with a little more encouragement we slipped off the putty with our tail between our legs and continued on our not so merry way...last by far but only 7 minutes late. All 13 boats survived but not without finding the bottom too and broaching more than once so it was a 'survival mode' race. Here's how we finished....

Racing Division – helmsperson

1 st	Freedom Express	- Paulien Eitjes
2 nd	Smudge	- Jackie Holt
3 rd	Brilliant	- Christine Headey
4 th	September Blue	- Jo Pennell
5 th	High Point	- Fiona Harrison
6 th	Whatever	- Megan Harris
	Legato	- DNS
	Heluva Hurry	- DNC
	Ghia	- DNC

Cruising Division – helmsperson if known

1 st	Flashback	-
2 nd	Fiddlestick	- Fi Charman
3 rd	Fly Away Sam	- Pamela Pedersen
4 th	Invincible	-
5 th	Slippery Bear	- Yuki Cameron
6 th	General Jackson	- Carolyn Campbell
7 th	Eccles	- Barbara Brown