

## Race 8 Summary & Results – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014

As the wind abated to a nice 6-10kts from the northwest the WOW boats set off around the harbour dodging ships and sand banks when necessary. September Blue got called back after slipping over the start line ahead of her time while Whatever spun around to kill time to prevent the same fate. But the procession of happy women sailed past the green channel markers and around the ever challenging Banks Buoy at the harbour entrance before catching the flooding tide into the western channel. The increasingly competitive race teams hoisted their spinnakers and headed to the InBalance mark. Having started 19 minutes after Brilliant & Freedom Express we were somewhat demoralized by the sight of these two boats, skippered by Christine Headey & Paulien Eitjes respectively, battling it out on their way back around Banks Buoy as we knew there'd be no chance of catching them before the end. It must have been so tense as they finished within 2 seconds of each other with Christine claiming victory for her third win in the series, still in catch up mode though having missed 2 races instead of Paulien's 1 which is now dropped off the scoreboard. Another beautiful evening sail but sadly our last Thursday twilight sail before our last race on Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> when we hope to sail a much longer race possibly out of the harbour and around A Beacon one mile out and back. Fingers are crossed for fine weather.

### **Racing Division – helmsperson**

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

### **Cruising Division – helmsperson if known**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Fiddlestick	-
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mintaka	-
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lynx	- Kim Winters
4 <sup>th</sup>	Fly Away Sam	-
5 <sup>th</sup>	General Jackson	- Carolyn Campbell
6 <sup>th</sup>	La Rochelle	- Gill Needs
7 <sup>th</sup>	Happy Hour	- Delwyn Hodgson
	Invincible	- DNF