



Irish Sea Offshore



Racing Association

## **Report on Race 5 – Dun Laoghaire to North India (Night Race). 24<sup>th</sup> July 2009.**

It was a beautiful night for a night race!!!! Clear skies, light winds and strong tides.

The forecast was for westerly winds 10-12k dropping during the early morning. The tides were very strong springs that were just to turn north at the start of the race, as we were to head south. At the briefing in the marina, no wind could be spotted on the bay but the course was agreed: Muglins (S) – North India (P) – Kish (P) 40 miles.

There was very little wind at the start when Paul McCarthy of the Royal Alfred sent the fleet of 11 boats off. The wind was north-easterly and it was a beat to the Muglins. The strong north going tide not only kept the fleet on the correct side of the line, but also kept most of them there for a while after the start!!! “Tsunami”, Vincent Farrell was the first to break and was heading steadily towards the Muglins with the fleet eventually following when the wind died at Dalkey Island. “Galileo” Sean Lemass took advantage of this and tacked inshore and shot along the coast passing the entire fleet. “Yahtzee”, Richard Mossop and “Lula Belle”, Liam Coyne followed. “Galileo” passed the Muglins and sailed into another hole that allowed “Lula Belle” and “Yahtzee” to avoid it. However the fleet bunched again.

The wind filled from the west this time and the fleet slowly built speed towards North India. The wind stayed westerly and increased to 19k for a time. Soon spinnakers were flying and this helped counteract the huge adverse tide.

“Galileo”, “Tsunami” and “Big Hillie Style”, Ross O’Leary were the first around North India. The leg to Kish was a white sail reach with again “Galileo” rounding some 7 minutes ahead of “Tsunami” and “Big Hillie Style”. The last leg was a beat to the line. Again “Galileo” took line honours passing between the harbour lights at 03:55.

“Tsunami” won overall and Class 1. “Galileo” took 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and Class 1. “Big Hillie Style” took 3<sup>rd</sup> overall and 1<sup>st</sup> Class 2. “Rebellion”, John Hughes took 3<sup>rd</sup> Class 1. “Albatross”, Ken Long took 2<sup>nd</sup> Class 2 while “First of September”, Jerry Whiston took 3<sup>rd</sup> Class 2. “Adelie”, Peter Hall took 4<sup>th</sup> Class 2.

The last boat finished at 06:22.

The next race is the Dun Laoghaire to M2 – Day Race, run in conjunction with the RAYC and Lee Overlay. It is on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August. There has been some confusion on the date of this race as it was moved to avoid a clash with the DBSC Cruiser Challenge on the 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> August.