



## RIVER HAMBLE COMBINED CLUBS REGATTA

The 2009 River Hamble Combined Clubs (RHCC) Regatta was held on the evenings of July 15<sup>th</sup> –17<sup>th</sup>. The RHCC was established to co-ordinate the activities and resources of the four clubs sited on the Hamble River; to encourage inter-club sport and run some racing at a modest cost for all-comers, especially the young.

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This year's regatta, once again generously supported by ExxonMobil, was extended to include races for keelboats as well as dinghies. Keelboats joined the regular Wednesday evening races at Hamble River Sailing Club (HRSC). On Thursday the keelboats were invited to join the Warsash Sailing Club (WSC) Pursuit race. The Dinghy Regatta run by the RHCC committee consisted of 6 races over the three evenings. Juniors had their own race in the river.

The weather provided some exciting sailing with blustery conditions, gusting to 25-30knots on Wednesday and Friday and by contrast on Thursday very little wind and a thundery downpour, a typical English July! The rescue boat crews were kept busy looking after the dinghies and on Wednesday a collision at the start of the Class 2 race resulted in the sinking of The Flying Fish (Laser 28) famous for her role in the 'Howard's Way' TV programme; a disaster for owners Kathy and Rupert Smalley; fortunately all crew were safe and The Flying Fish has been raised. Kathy and Rupert are looking forward to the day when she is re-launched. The three prize giving evenings at HRSC and WSC were jolly occasions with lots of prizes and much good humour between the competitors. The results were:

### *Wednesday*

Class 1	Jack Purdy Challenge Cup	Sea Biskit	R Pritchard
Class 2	Riverside Park Cup	Feeling Rough	W Stowe
Class 3	Phillip Davis Challenge Trophy	Fritha	B Allen
XOD	Hamble River Times Trophy	not sailed	

### *Thursday*

Cruiser	Pursuit cup	Love in a Mist	M Donald
Sporty	Pursuit cup	Feeling Rough	W Stowe

### *Dinghy overall results:*

Fast	The Tramps Trophy	Laser 2000	C Fuller
Slow	The Ivor Creek Trophy	RS Feva	A Kay
Juniors (13 & under )			Jake Vintner

**'Cock of the River' was won by Laser 2000 C Fuller**

