

## **RSYC ~ 2023 Beaulieu Regatta ~ Race Reports**

This second Annual Regatta for Keelboats, on Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 June, was scheduled to have two Windward/Leeward Races on Saturday and a 'Round-the-Cans' Race on Sunday. The weather forecast for the Weekend was for sunshine and light winds. 14 boats had entered.

### **Saturday**

The Committee Boat, Ripple of Kyle, met the Club's Mark Laying RIB at the Beaulieu River entrance and then headed west beyond Racing Mark 3E. The Racing Fleet assembled but there was no wind, so the Beaulieu Race Management Team (Guy Darby & Angela Parry) displayed "AP" shortly before 1100, signalling a postponement to the scheduled racing.

From time to time, the wind increased slightly and from a slightly different direction but then dropped, so the 4 Inflatable Marks and the Inner Distance Mark were laid, then lifted, moved, and laid again and lifted ~ and all over again! The Mark Laying Crew of Peter Davill and Brendon Shannon did an excellent job, as the RMT tried in vain to deliver some racing.

Unfortunately, the wind never materialised, so after two hours of the Fleet manoeuvring around the Committee Boat, "AP over A" was displayed, signalling no more racing for the day.

On return to Gins, the Skippers and Crews enjoyed the BBQ and some Paddleboard and Kayak Races, as well as a Tug of War. In the evening there was a delicious Paella Dinner.

### **Sunday**

The Committee Boat (Guy & Zoë Darby, plus Remy the Committee Boat Dog) dropped anchor further west than on Saturday, north of Racing Mark 3C. There was no wind, so the 'Round-the Cans' Race, set for a 1105 Start, was postponed.

A sea breeze began to build shortly before 1300. Marks were quickly laid, and the Race was started at 1257, nearly 2 hours later than scheduled and just 3 minutes before the time we had agreed to finish for the day!

1st Sailfish; 2nd Azygos; 3rd Now or Never.

Race Officer Guy Darby