

J24s at Plym Yacht Club Anniversary Regatta

26 – 27 June 2021

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Plym Yacht Club provided some excellent racing for the J24 class in Plymouth Sound on Saturday and Sunday of 26th and 27th June.

Saturday saw a light/moderate south easterly breeze for a set of 4 windward/leeward races. The fleet of 10 J24s saw a very keen start with boats fighting to get into position to lead the start. It became clear after race one that Paul William's Phoenix was the boat to catch, as they showed some blistering upwind speed to take race 1 with Dave Cooper's Red Alert in 2nd, Phoenix also took races 2 and 4 with Dave Hale's Cacoon in 2nd place in both. Race 3 saw Dave Hale take the honours with Steve Wassell's Dogs Jorrocks in 2nd. Red Alert lost his spinnaker halyard which hampered their progress in races 3 and 4. Day one ended with Phoenix leading with Cacoon in 2nd and Dogs Jorrocks in 3rd place.

Then on to day 2 where things were very different. The wind went to the east and increased considerably with some huge gusts coming over Jennycliff Bay. All boats went to jibs and you could feel the crew tension as the gusts came through the race course.

Race one start was a lively affair with everyone fighting for the committee boat end to be the first to get onto port tack to escape the brutal outgoing tide. With the gusts getting up to around 30kts it made for a lively spinnaker leg back to the leeward mark and boat speeds reaching over 10 kts in the gusts. Phoenix again showed her worth and consistency by taking race 5 with Cacoon taking 2nd again.

The second race saw carnage across the racecourse. The gusts were 30kts plus and a spectacular Chinese jibe from Mark Lewers on Hijinks after snapping his pole, with boats spread wide over the racecourse as crews battled with the conditions. The wind gusts final assault saw Dave Hale's Cacoon lose her mast on the kite leg. A spectacular days sailing for sure. Phoenix won the last race with Dogs Jorrocks taking 2nd on the day. The race committee decided not to run race 3 due to the conditions.

Congratulations go to Phoenix and her crew for 1st overall, despite losing her mast Cacoon was 2nd and the Dogs Jorrocks 3rd over the regatta.

Class 'Regatta J 24', Series 'Regatta'									
Rank	Name	Helm	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Net Pts
1	Phoenix	Paul Williams	1	1	(4)	1	1	1	5
2	Cacoon	Dave Hale	4	2	1	2	2	(11/DNC)	11
3	Dogs Jorrocks	Steve Wassell	3	(7)	2	5	5	2	17
4	MaJic	James Torr	(8)	3	7	6	3	5	24
5	Hijinks	Mark Lewers	5	5	3	4	(9)	8	25
6	Red Alert	David Cooper	2	6	(8)	8	8	4	28
7	Jive	Lorna Graham	9	4	(10)	3	7	7	30
8	NJO2	Tim Octon	7	(8)	5	7	6	6	31
9	shere khan		(10)	9	9	9	4	3	34
10	Juggernaut	Neil Trathen	6	10	6	10	(11/DNC)	11/DNC	43