

RYYC Squibs at Scarborough Yacht Club Regatta 2009

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After last week's successful RYYC at Bridlington, the RYYC sent a team up to Scarborough to challenge for their regatta over the bank holiday weekend, hoping to emulate last year's success...and they didn't let the town down!



2 Squibs entered the Lightweight Class to take on a fleet of 13 other boats from Scarborough and Whitby. Trio, sailed by Sean Clarkson and Jonny Copsey, and Alchemy, sailed by Gerard Dyson and Adam Saltonstall, showed excellent form throughout the weekend in this class. Alchemy won all 5 races through Saturday, Sunday and Monday, whilst Trio claimed 4 2nd places having been unlucky to run out of time in race 1 by a mere 3 seconds! Alchemy and Trio went on to take 1st and 2nd overall respectively in the class.



The 5th race of the weekend also formed the regatta's 'Pursuit' race. This race is always keenly contested and both Scarborough and visiting boats enjoyed fantastic racing on the final day of the bank holiday weekend. With Alchemy and Trio having the weakest handicaps, they were given a head start and were chased by the rest of the fleet over the ensuing hour and a half. However, having given away their lead to 'local knowledge' Alchemy regained their lead and learnt from their mistake to lead over the line to claim the victory in the pinnacle race of the week, whilst Trio managed to hold off the majority of the pack to come home in 8th out of 23 starters. Gerard Dyson and Adam Saltonstall in Alchemy also claimed victory over the whole fleet as the best performing yacht over the whole weekend in any class, having claimed the lowest points tally in the largest fleet.



Other than at club racing, Team RYYC's next chances to fly the Yorkshire flag are at the Squib South Coast Championships, at Dartmouth in September, and Inland Championships, at Rutland in October.