



Report on Race 2 – Dun Laoghaire– North Arklow – Dun Laoghaire – 8th May 2010.

From an entry list of 26 boats, 20 boats came to the line in Dun Laoghaire for the 2nd ISORA race and the first in conjunction with the Royal Alfred Yacht Club and their Lee Overlay Offshore Series. The fleet had two newcomers to ISORA- “Rollercoaster” and “Tigh Solus”.

The wind remained constant for the entire race North- East, 20-25 knots. The tide also was ideal with a south going tide for the leg to Arklow North, turning as the fleet rounded to go north to Dun Laoghaire. The wind and tide gave a fast invigorating race. Even the sun shone. It was perfect offshore conditions.

With a beam reach to the Muglins and a reach down to North Arklow the fleet kept very tight. There was even crowding for some boats rounding North Arklow. The close proximity of the boats kept all the crew driving their boats for the duration of the race.

The leg to the Muglins, before turning into Dublin Bay for the finish at the Harbour lighthouses, was a long leg- short leg beat. Due to the north-easterly that had been blowing for some days the seas were rough and extreme care had to be taken to steer the boats around the breakers.

The first boat to cross the finish line was “Galileo”, Tennyson, Lemass and Kelliher. It was followed closely by Matt Davis’s fast Sigma 400 “Raging Bull” with “Tsunami”, Vincent Farrell close behind. The entire fleet finished the 50 mile course within two hours of “Galileo”.

Matt Davis and “Raging Bull” took 1st place Overall and Class 1 while newcomer Ken Grant and “Tigh Soluis” took 2nd overall and 1st Class 2. “Galileo” took 3rd Overall and 2nd Class 1. “Tsunami” took 3rd Class 1 while “Legally Blonde” took 2nd Class2 and “Lula Belle” took 3rd class 2.

The next race is next weekend 15th May from Holyhead to Dun Laoghaire. It is a 75 mile race. This is also the feeder race to the ICRA Championships being run in the Royal St. George Yacht Club.

I would like to thank the new Commodore of the Royal Alfred Yacht Club, Peter Beamish and Adrian Lee, Lee Overlay Partnership, sponsor of the RAYC Offshore Series for their assistance in running this race.