

# Sorbie Success Story For Mylne Design

**T**HE ANNUAL Tom Sorbie memorial yacht race at Lochranza proved another successful event on Sunday 2 August. After the foul weather and high winds on Saturday things looked bleak, but Sunday dawned bright and sunny with a good sailing breeze.

Eight yachts crossed the start line - the fleet consisting of a wide variety of craft from a small 100 year old clinker built boat to modern 30ft fibreglass yachts. Standing out from the others, however, was a gaff-rigged, 36ft classic Morecambe Bay prawner (right). Quite a sight when in full sail, writes Norman Swain.

The first mark of the course is the Skipness buoy and the fleet could mainly make this on port tack. Naturally the fast boats soon caused the fleet to spread out with Robin Finlayson skippering Ella being the first round the mark. It took some time for the rest of the fleet to do the same and it was frustrating for the skippers and crew of the slower boats when it seems to



take an age to complete the first leg.

Soon after the Skipness buoy the wind freshened to 17 knots making progress to the next mark at Catacol somewhat faster. At Catacol rounding the mark sailing antics gave those on shore a great spectacle. The last leg of the course provided good viewing.

First home to cross the finishing line, close to the new

pontoon, was once again Ella followed by Trefoil of Kames and Firefly. The rest finished within two hours, everyone being contented with an enjoyable sail.

The whole philosophy of the Tom Sorbie race is to have fun and give as many people as possible an experience of sailing as crew. The prime example of this was the Morecambe Bay prawner carrying seven people including two children.

The overall winner on handicap of the Sorbie Bell Trophy was Robin Wishart skippering Trefoil of Kames which was built in Bute by Alfred Mylne in 1950.

The Filtec trophy for the first boat over the line went to Robin Finlayson in Ella. Prizes were presented on the terrace at the Lochranza Hotel by Jane Nichol.

As is the custom at the Tom Sorbie race every entry received a prize. This is thanks to the generosity of the sponsors.

During the race the two rescue boats kept vigilant patrol and thanks go to Iain Kerr stationed at Catacol whilst Ray Evans followed the fleet around.

Thanks are also extended to George and Fiona for enabling the garden area of the Lochranza Hotel to be used for the registration and prizegiving during the last 14 years.

The Lochranza and Catacol Sea Society is grateful to all those who sponsored and bought tickets for their grand raffle. A total of £920 was raised and the winners were: S Pierce, Sea-Plane tickets, P Hunter, bottle of Robert Burns Whisky and L Treasaden, bottle of Arran gold.



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