

2017 WQSC Regatta - Trans-Tamar & Tender Rowing Race Reports

The famous Trans-Tamar model boat race.

The annual Trans-Tamar model boat race attracted a record number of entries this year, but unfortunately not all of them made it to the start on time!

Zdenek Kumpel, our honorary race start officer, jumped the gun a bit and started the race without realising that there were more entrants to come.

That first unofficial race was won by Mike Street's 'Blue Streak' but, after the boats were recalled (collected up by the dory team), the race proper was re-run with the earlier missing entries.

This time, the main contenders shortly after the start were Mike's Blue Streak and Steve Kirby's 'Love Knot Too' skippered by 'Duck' – but they both gybed around part way out and came back to shore side by side, and the race was won easily for the second year running by Frank Duke. You all now have a year to make yourselves a potential winning model for next year's race!

The infamous couples tender boat race.

Because the start was delayed by the re-run of the model boat race the course for the tender rowing races was shortened, and only four races were run for eight valiant pairs of rowers.

So, we had four winning pairs, but the plans for second heats and a row off to find an overall winner were abandoned due to a rather catastrophic rowlock failure in one of the tenders, and the inadvertent sinking of the other tender when one of the over-enthusiastic rowers dug an oar into the mud and used it as a lever to tip his wife into the river!

Pictures from both events, including the impromptu early bath, can be found in the Galleries section of the website.