

## WQSC Regatta 2018 Report

This year's regatta coincided with a high spring tide and a weather pattern that saw a steady sea breeze building each day with a convergence line that ran straight across the Tamar between Weir Quay and Cargreen.

What looked like perfect sailing conditions turned into a challenging and at times frustrating experience for the participants in both fleets.

### Dinghy Race results.

The wind varied from nothing to a F3 for the start of the first race with the biggest challenge being not to drift across the start line in the strong tide; The Picos at times were sailing flat out and going nowhere!

The direction of the wind was varying as much as the strength so a simple up river down river course was set with the start finish line across the middle of the free sail area. All competitors were keen on completing more than one race so we decided to get one in the bag and do a second if the vagaries of the wind allowed.

A real challenge for everyone and the lead changed hands many times in both fleets, it was quite something to see all the boats spreading out as they charge down to the first mark with the tide then round it slow right down and bunch up again as they pushed against the tide.

After two races there were many joint positions so to determine the winners we worked out the corrected time over the two races for the regatta results:

Results

Crew	Class	Position Race1	Position Race2	Regatta Position
<b>SLOW HANDICAP</b>				
Rosanna & Peter	Pico	2	1	1
Poppy and Daisy	Pico	1	2	2
<b>FAST HANDICAP</b>				
Mark, William & James	Wayfarer	5	3	4
John and Gary	Wayfarer	6	5	5
Sam	Contender	3	DNF	6
Richard & crew	Vision	4	4	3
Billy & crew	Vision	7	DNS	7
Sophie	Laser	1	2	1
Steve	Lark	2	1	2

### Cruiser Pursuit Race

The course set was a start line at Weir Point and then down to a gate between the South Rubble and West Mud bouys and then a finish line at the Weir Quay public slipway. The estimated time for the course was 2 hours and the start times were calculated using the RYA's National Handicap for Cruisers system.

This gave a spread of start times over 25 minutes, with Tempus Fugit scheduled for the first start at 15.21 hrs.

But the biggest challenge was getting to and across the start line! The committee start boat (Supra) ran aground in the WQ Mooring ground on the way out to the start line and Tempus Fugit and Moonshadow had already started by the time Supra made it to Weir Point!

The strong flood tide and modest sea breeze meant that some boats tacked backwards and forwards along the start line over a dozen times before finally breaking away. The windward leg to the Tamar Bridge proved almost as challenging and with the clock ticking down, the decision to shorten course was made and the centre support of the Tamar rail bridge became the new turn point.

But even with the remains of the flood tide boosting the run back to Weir Quay, the weather had a final trick up its sleeve and the sea breeze died and the wind came directly down river from the north.

Of the boats that finished, the starting order was reversed and Sea Nymph crossed the line first followed by Moonshadow and Tempus Fugit.

Boat	Skipper	Finish time	Position
Sea Nymph	Chris Miller	18.06	1
Moonshine	Chris Coomber	18.12	2
Tempus Fugit	Mike Tucker	18.18	3
Supra	Stuart McCullough	RTD	
Bojangles		DNS	

### **The Trans-Tamar Race**

This year's Trans Tamar Race was won by Sally Mulford and Snout.

