

## RTYC Members in Round the Island Race 2016



Credit: Paul Wyeth. Upwind to the Needles

A formidable forecast and gusts of up to 40kts meant that the race organisers had to make the tough call to abandon racing for some of the classes, including the J/70s. For everyone else however, the guns were poised on the Squadron's battlements, and the starts began at 0830, with IRC Division 0 leading the way to the Needles. The initial beat towards the Needles saw a number of boats forced to retire and limp their way back to Cowes, mostly due to equipment failure. Some of the fleet took a risk as they cut between the Needles and the wreck of the *Varvassi*, with one yacht hitting the wreck and then sinking. Thankfully the crew were rescued and were unharmed by the ordeal.



Credit: [www.pbo.co.uk](http://www.pbo.co.uk) Alchemist sinks after hitting the *Varvassi* wreck

With such a strong South Westerly, there were very few boats choosing to hoist their kites from the Needles to St Catherine's, those who did, stormed away, with a large swell sending them careering along to St Catherine's Point.



Credit: Paul Wyeth. Rounding the Needles

Around that headland the rolling waves and the gusts carried them to Ventnor, where some boats chose to tuck in close to the shore to get out of the tide, and creep along the coast of Shanklin and Sandown Bay. At Bembridge Cardinal mark, the boats rounded up for the fetch to No Man's Land Fort, then on to SeaView and Ryde, before the final upwind leg to the finish boat, where the foul tide meant that boats fought to make it to the line, and there were constant changes of position in the last 100m of the course.

Setting a new record, *Phaedo* 3 the MOD 70 trimaran took line honours with an elapsed time of 02:23:23.

RTYC Member Mike Slade with *Leopard* was 4<sup>th</sup> over the line with an elapsed time of 3:55:11.



Credit: Paul Wyeth. Mike Slade's *Leopard*

Tony Langley's *Gladiator*, helmed by son Bernard Langley came 5<sup>th</sup> over the line with an elapsed time of 04:28:01, and won IRC Overall as well as IRC Group 0.



Credit: Paul Wyeth. Tony Langley's *Gladiator*

Fast 40 *Invictus* owned by Sir Keith Mills, with son Alex Mills alongside Prince Harry on board finished in an impressive 4hrs 59mins and 50secs, she was 8<sup>th</sup> boat over the line, 2<sup>nd</sup> in IRC Overall, and 1<sup>st</sup> Fast 40.



Credit: Paul Wyeth. Sir Keith Mills' *Invictus*

Adam Gosling's JPK1080+ *Yes!* finished an impressive 4<sup>th</sup> in IRC Overall, won IRC Group 1, and came 2<sup>nd</sup> in IRC Group 0.



Credit: Paul Wyeth. Adam Gosling's *Yes!*

David Franks' JPK1010 *Strait Dealer* won IRC Group 2 and was 7<sup>th</sup> in IRC Overall.



Credit: Paul Wyeth. David Franks' *Strait Dealer*

Peter Morton took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in IRC Division 1B, with his boat *Salvo*, whilst James Stableford's Mumm 36 *Panther* won ISCRS Division 4B. Nicholas Wrigley's *Tazkeena IV* finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in ISCRS Division 4A.



Nicholas Wrigley's *Tazkeena IV*

Owain Franks' J109 *Jynnan Tonnyx* joined forces with *Yes!* and *Strait Dealer* to form the Royal Thames Yacht Club team competing for the IRC Rating System Team Race Cup, the team came an impressive 4<sup>th</sup>, only 2 points behind the team ranked 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Congratulations to all RTYC members who participated in this year's race, the race organisers recognised that this was one of the more challenging editions of the race in recent years.