

## Greenwich YC Frostbite Race – Sat 18/Sun 19 February 2023

**Saturday Course:** GYC start line to EYC finish line

**Sunday Course:** EYC start line to Jenningsree (p), barge buoy off Erith Causeway (p) to GYC finish line

Saturday turned out to be a blustery overcast day as the boats left EYC moorings – some with less faff than others. *Gigi* had some engine trouble but managed to sail onto the pontoon and was generously lent the Star class outboard (Thank you John for assisting us). Alan in *Valencia* stayed with us as we then made our way to Greenwich YC.

The race down was mostly downwind, except for the usual Barrier etiquette. Not everyone used their spinnakers so there was a certain amount of goose-winging and poling out of genoas. The challenge of an asymmetric was keeping it flying as the wind shifted around, however it still paid to have it up, even if it was hard work.

Saturday evening saw EYC host a fish and chip supper (thank you Nick for sorting), the bar open (thank you Mary), and a quiz (thank you Dave, who was ably supported by his two assistants).

Sunday turned out to be a gorgeously sunny day. The race was an early start (830am) and involved an additional leg from Jenningsree to Erith Causeway, which involved a rapid and unplanned spinnaker hoist on *Gigi* to get across the incoming tide and the light winds. After rounding the buoy it was a tacking match back to GYC. A sudden call on the radio while the fleet was passing up Erith Reach informed us that one of the boats had lost the top of its rudder stock and had had to anchor. Happily, *Robbie George* was on the water for the moorings barge, so some EYC members went to the rescue. The gaff-rigged cutter is now safely back at GYC – thank you to the members who initially towed the boat to our moorings.

The race back up river required paying as much attention to the wind shifts, gusts and back eddies as possible. The advantage for the larger boats was they could carry more sail in the gusts that came through, and it paid off. I want to thank everyone at GYC and EYC who made the weekend of racing happen. We all had a great time, good catch ups with friends and just being on the water.

### Overall Results:

Position	Boat	Skipper	Handicap	Race 1	Race 2
1	Xpress Train	Richard Grix	852	1	1
2	Valencia (EYC)	Alan Thomas	965	2	2
3	Cerf	Peter Orban	935	4	3
4	Naiad	Jo Wightman	1088	3	4
5	Mesecina	Milan Mizdrak	1029	5	5
6	Gigi (EYC)	Paul Gately	1106	6	7
7	Shuda	Stefan Oloffs	1104	8.5	9
8	Cecelia (EYC)	Phil Wick	1050	7	8
9	Maybetu	Sean Collins	1066	8.5	9
10	C'est La Vie (EYC)	(Don Mapp) Tim	1029	10	10
11	Ro An Mor	Jack Verkruyse	1073	11	RTD
12	Onward of Ito	Martin Goodrich	1151	12	RTD