

JCUP 2010



Wow.....with a 12 strong fleet of J/92s and our very own start for the first time all we needed was the weather and it didn't disappoint. Sunshine and breeze on all three days made for pretty much perfect conditions.

It was great to see boats so many boats out on the water and a big thank you to those boats who made the effort to get there from around the coast like Jabberwock, J'ronimo, Moby J, Neilson Red Eye and Who's to No. They joined the local Solent fleet of Blackjack, Jaya, Jekyll, Jungle Fever, Just in Time, Solan Goose and Wizard to create the biggest fleet of J/92s at JCup ever and ensured our own start for the first time.

The racing was tight with no quarter given however, by the end of Day Two, 6 wins out of 6 races was a fairly convincing result for Andrew Roberts' Just in Time although hot on his transom were Richard Sparrow's Who's To No, and Pete and Pip Tyler's Neilson Redeye.

So, as the last day dawned, Andy Roberts and his team on Just in Time with had an unbroken first place score sheet. However,

this was not to continue. David Greenhalgh and John Taylor, racing on J'ronimo, duly went on to nail the first race of the day. There was also a different race winner for Race Eight as Martin Pound and his team of flying Scotsmen on board Moby J crossed the line first, a great result.

The final results for the J/92s at the J-Cup was Just in Time at the top of the pack, Richard Sparrow's Who's to No in second place overall with Pete and Pip Tyler third in Neilson Redeye.

Next year the JCup is in Jersey! So, lots to talk about before then.



ROUND THE ISLAND 2010



Photo- Paul Wyeth at pwpictures.com

What a time to get up to go racing... 4AM on a Saturday morning!

Last Saturday the dawn saw 1754 yachts all out in the Solent, all preparing to do battle once again in this year's Round The Island race - This time though there was an added bonus - 11 of them no less were J/92's!!

Weather conditions and wind direction were promised to be ideal for us in the J/92s with the expectation of spinnakers on the first two legs, a beat on the third and spinnakers again on the fourth- (its funny how things never quite go to plan though isn't it..)...

All in all less than eight and a half hours, a fantastic day's sailing with super weather and good hearted company all about. Well done all the J/92s for a fantastic effort and turn-out yet again, with excellent results for all (we were all well in the top quartile)

Extra special well done to J'Ronimo for showing the rest of us the way round (in sub-8 hours!)

Commiserations to Just in Time who retired at the Needles (unfortunately a little the worse for wear "underneath" - but thankfully not too much of a problem and no one hurt) - please remember to keep the bubbly in the cooler for the J/92 Nationals though Andy!

WELCOME

A big welcome to John Dickinson and family who are now the proud owners of Solan Goose.

John says, "I've just moved from an X37 which I had from 2005. Mainly cruised that boat in the Solent and the west country but did RTI race each year and occasional other gentle events! Before the X had a variety of dinghies and charters and something plastic and noisy which didn't have sails that I'd rather not talk about!! Also did some dinghy racing in a Laser over at Christchurch. The 37 became larger than needed and heavy going short handed and as the family less interested in boats (horses) so opted for the J/92 for more fun crewed and short handed outings. So far its been brilliant!"

CAPTAIN'S BLOG

I must say that I'm over the moon with the way that all year long the support and enthusiasm for the J/92 fleet just continues to grow & grow. As a direct result of everyone's efforts we have already reached the point where we can confidently predict good numbers of boats racing together at any of the events we focus on. So well done everyone, next time I see you the first beer is on me!

A special thanks to all the boats from the SE and SW who have made the trip up to the Solent, we appreciate the effort you put into getting here. Next year we must try and spread the venues around a bit more. - so come on everyone, get your thinking caps on and send in your ideas for next year please.

As I've said before, the best way to get the most out of these boats and the class as a whole is simply to roll up your sleeves and pitch in - so, with that, as well as all the regular weekend racing in mind, who's coming to the following forthcoming "main stream" summer events?

- J/92 Nationals/Cowes week
- Tattinger Regatta (free bubbly included!!)
- Torbay regatta/Dartmouth Regatta

Keep up the good work everyone, you're truly excellent!!



Joxer

Photo - Gareth Craig at Fotosail.com

IRISH SEA BREEZE

Clear blue skies in Dublin Bay and a sea breeze of 12 knots provided perfect sailing conditions for magnificent racing in the Irish Cruiser racing Association Nationals last month and of course the J/92s were there represented by Rory Staunton - Joxer, Patty Doyle - Makutu and Brian Dempsey - J'zus Outhaul.

Don't forget if you have news of any J/92 events send in the details and if possible some pictures and we can share them with the fleet.