

Jester 51-8, 2021

Start off western end of Plymouth Breakwater, or the Pwllheli Sailing Club's start line, or at the exit to Cardiff Harbour at Cardiff, at 12 noon BST on Sunday 13th June 2021.

Finish by crossing a line due east of St Ann's Head on 51 41'N.

Sitrep 3, 17.06.2021

A busy 24 hours at Milford Haven as Jesters from both Pwllheli and Plymouth start to arrive. The Pwllheli boats probably had more favourable winds and so it was no surprise that the first three arrivals were from the north:

Ella Trout III, Roger Fitzgerald, crossed the line at 1445h yesterday.

Dawn, Geoff Turner, followed at 1825H. For reasons of navigational safety, the last 5 miles were covered under motor.

Headway III, David Knowler, then came in at 2000H yesterday.

The Pwllheli starters have not had it all their own way, with the first Plymouth boats making all the running so far today:

Triple Venture, Tony Head, crossed the line at 0515H this morning.

J'hana, Chuck Dandridge, followed at 0735H

Katy, Gary O'Grady, then finished at 1327H It's really pleasing that despite starting so far apart, and contending with quite different conditions, three boats from each starting point have arrived within 24 hours of each other. Congratulations to all the finishers so far – a job well done!

Sitrep 2, 16.06.2021

Light winds and slow progress continue to take their toll on the Plymouth starters.

Blue Diamond, Katie Long, has retired to the Isles of Scilly.

Kerrin II, Ronald Olivier, is currently in Falmouth but waiting for more favourable winds before continuing.

Black Magic, John Moody, was anchored in the Isles of Scilly but is believed to have resumed passage.

Katy, Gary O'Grady, is closing in on the 51N 8W waypoint.

No further news from *Triple Venture*, Tony Head, since he signalled that he was approaching Bishop's Rock on Monday evening.

Comrades, Robert Angell, is the first of the Pwllheli starters to report in. He is now in Milford Haven, but had to retire with a broken boom fitting and did not make it to the 51/8 waypoint. As far as we know, there are still 5 Plymouth starters and 4 Pwllheli starters still participating. It looks like the Pwllheli boats may have had the better of the conditions so far. Maybe we will have a finisher soon...

Sitrep 1, 14.06.2021

The fleet has largely been ravaged by light winds right from the start, with the prospect of more to come. Reports in so far:

A number of Jesters anchored on Saturday night at Looe to wait for the tide.

Anomaly, Mark Castle-Smith, retired to Fowey.

Belgean, Bill Churchouse, retired to Falmouth.

Jalina, Bob Litton, retired to Falmouth.

Pocket Battleship, Christopher Ling, retired to St Marys, Isles of Scilly. Last report from *Triple Venture*, Tony Head, at 1300h today, was heading for Bishop's Rock, having passed the Lizard in a fresh north-westerly. Gary O'Grady's tracker reported that *Katy* passed the Lizard at 1611h.