

Nab Tower Race

Sat. 22nd April 23.

On Friday evening several crew gathered to discuss tactics, though mainly to enjoy some wine and nibbles, on board Alchemy.

Saturday morning brought hazy sunshine and light winds.

The race fleet of eight gathered off Gillkicker Point. Race Officer, Jon Bell, got us off the start line on a close reach. A number of yachts had declared coloured sails or code zero's which were quickly hoisted. Seeing this the wind gods caused the wind to back, so little advantage was had.

The close reach became a close haul then a beat.

The fleet made slow progress and there was danger that we would not make it to the Nab Tower before the, by then, adverse tide would be a problem Jon wisely shortened course, with the turning mark being New Ground buoy, east of Bembridge.

Light winds and tide took us back to the finish line.

Line honours were taken by Alchemy (Roger & Di Perry) with Tigermoon 2 (Jon & Lesley Bell, with supercrew Neil & Elaine) winning on handicap.

Berths were taken at Haslar marina and we then came together in the evening to celebrate or drown our sorrows at the Creek Restaurant.



Photo -light winds at the start, courtesy of Jon Bell