

Nab Tower Race, Saturday 27th April

The weather forecast was for Easterly winds between 15 to 22 knots with no rain. HW Portsmouth 14:22 and a 9.30 start. Just three boats entered but the day was set for a good race. Time Out got away with a good start but Safina (OOD) and Galatea had a Wightlink ferry to dodge. This allowed Time Out to get away and she kept a tight to the wind close hauled out to the Nab. The 31s were down to leeward leaving Time Out with a good lead margin. However as it is the way the wind dropped for Time Out as she approached the Nab. All three boats were within 100 yards of one another at the Nab Tower. The wind was now on our beams as we reached for the finish line between the two forts. The fun started. The wind was fluky so it was eyeball peeled and sail trimming worthy of Olympians. The 31s are very good performance boats and Time Out's lead was cut to almost nothing. Time Out got line honours with Safina two minutes behind with another minute to Galatea. What a great race. The long close haul out and reach back provided plenty of opportunity to fine-tune our sail setting in a race that took just two and a half hours. Beers and prosecco were then needed on Time Out before we dined in The Creek restaurant in a downpour. A great day.

Overall

Sailed: 1, Discards: 0, To count: 1, Rating system: TCF, Entries: 3, Scoring system: Dixon

Rank	Yacht name	Class	TCF	R1	Total	Nett
1st	Safina	M31	0.908	11:59.30	1	1
2nd	Galatea	S31	0.916	12:01.56	2	2
3rd	Time Out	M40	0.954	11:57.00	3	3

Photographs:

1. Galatea
2. Safina
3. Galatea in front of Safina with the Nab Tower in the distance
4. Time Out at the Nab Tower
5. Safina passing the Nab Tower
6. Time Out approaching Horse Sand Fort

Report **Richard Beeson**

Photos **Andy Billowes** and **Jim Coombs**



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