

The second CMIYC of 2024 took place on June 15th.

The forecast was feisty and so it proved on the day. 14 boats had entered but Balkis withdrew with a prop problem, Lady McG with helm injury (before the event) while Spree Three, Refelection and Islay decided against on the basis of the weather forecast.

Christophe Spiers was ably assisted by the now freed up Marcus Bucknall as our starters, with Allegro first away at 12.30 onto a blustery fetch to Colimer, with the rest of the remaining fleet following.

The beat to Harwich Harbour was a challenge and Casbah decided to retire on the way down, but about an hour into the event it became very challenging. The fleet recorded wind speeds of mid to high 30's and above, which saw most of the fleet that hadn't rounded Shotley Horse retiring - Time Off II, Arcadia and Kalabash.



Up the Stour Allegro was still leading with Clambake getting close to Firefly and Nushaba and Double Diamond following on, but by No1 Nushaba rounded just in front of Firefly and Clambake, the three enjoying a close reach in now glorious weather in close company to Bristol, where Double Diamond rejoined the fray sailing one of the two variations of 'short courses' sailed that day! Allegro, still leading, now sailed the second 'short course' by missing a loop and Double Diamond, Clambake and Firefly were now together in dirty air which allowed Nushaba to stretch out a bit of a lead back up to Parkstone.

The reaches back from Parkestone and up to Collimer were almost champagne sailing for the five boats still sailing with speeds over the ground of over 8 knots being recorded by the fleet.

Back at base there was plenty of washing down to be done before a few beers and cocktail's for the Kings birthday on the lawn. Nushaba won the I caught them prize while Allegro won the 'short courses' prize and best start award.

Many stayed to enjoy the club BBQ and the next event is 13th July

