

# Cobalt

## Team Cobalt, Round The Island Race Report

23 June 2010

### Boat:

"Vixen" designed by Knud Reimers built by Oscar Schelin at the Kungsors boat yard in Sweden and launched in 1937. She complies with the 15 square metre class rules. ISC rating 0.852

### Crew:

Luke Yeates - Skipper, Yacht racing academy  
Jack Gifford - Navigator, Yacht racing academy  
William Sheppard - Trimmer, International team racer

### Result:

Winners of our class (Classic Racing Yacht) and 28<sup>th</sup> overall out of 1754 boats entered.

### Report:

This was the first race of the summer for Vixen after her recent partial refit ready for the Uffa Fox commemoration race from Cowes, IOW to Trosa, just south of the Stockholm archipelago Sweden.



We entered into the Classic racing yacht class with some stiff competition from the likes of the international 8m Athena.

Our start was at 06:20:00 and with a strong ebb tide running we chose the Royal yacht Squadron end of the line for the start. The rest of the fleet started well to windward at the opposite end of the line in the NE breeze electing to sail extra distance in return for clear breeze, this didn't pay off. Taking the shortest route and using the strongest flow of the tide we pulled out a good lead all the way down to the needles, not bad for slowest boat in class. We rounded outside of the Varvassi wreck 1 minute behind Athena who should have been 20 minute ahead at this point.

We were then close hauled sailing into freshwater bay again to avoid the worst of the tide leaving most of the fleet sailing the direct line to St Catharine's point, when out of the tide we picked up the back eddy and where heading for St Catharine's point at 7.5 kts, we pulled out the leeward jib track and spent a considerable amount of time jury rigging a solution to carry on.

The wind at St cats increased and we had to make a bare headed head sail change which lost us 5 minutes, we were now battling the Folkboat "Nordic bear" the eventually winner of the race, they got passed us just before Bembridge ledge They opted for the Starboard layline at Bembridge which left them over standing at the turning mark which allowed us back past them again. The beat up Ryde sands was tactical and we held off many of the Folkboats. Nordic Bear got by us when changed back to the large headsail for the reach into the finish and we finished just behind them in a time of 09:00:18 with a corrected time of 07:40:10 making us the winners of our class and 28<sup>th</sup> overall out of 1754 boats entered.