

# What happened at Southport 2017???

An amazing crew, some knockout lap times and a few wet bodies!  
Here is a brief overview of the whole 24hrs from 12pm Saturday to 12pm Sunday.



		Crew	What happened...
Sat	12pm	Dave S and Nigel	A solid start from an experienced veteran and a quick learner, their fastest lap was 15.12 (mins.sec). They were dogged by a centre board that didn't want to stay down, but some quick thinking and a hacksaw meant that the crew up next could fix it on the go J
Sat	1pm		
Sat	2pm	Mark B and Rachel	An awesome stint at a quick pace, one of the only times we got 8 laps into two hours. They came a cropper with the outhaul though which meant they needed to stop off on one of the islands before coming back round to complete a blinder of a next lap. 14.13 was their fastest lap.
Sat	3pm		
Sat	4pm	Sam and Terry (Terry swapped with Andy after two laps)	Lap 17 was never meant to be, with another problem as they went round the jibe mark. The tiller extension broke so both Terry and Sam went for a swim. After a tow back to the pit it was a real set back and a worrying beginning for the boat. They still managed to claw in a great best time of 16.07.
Sat	5pm		
Sat	6pm	George and Gary	As the wind started to drop, the pair had a calm stint in the Enterprise. With a bit of bailing out of salty water, their best lap was 15.48. J
Sat	7pm		
Sat	8pm	Laura and Andy	Zero wind.. resulting in Laura and Andy having to endure the longest lap of 1hr 15mins 11sec. Awesome staying power, Laura had to hold a few interesting poses to help the sail make the most of the very light breeze.
Sat	9pm		
Sat	10pm	Dave S and Nigel	Second time round for this pair, uneventful which was exactly what we needed, but some solid lap times, 20.14 their fastest.
Sat	11pm		
Sun	12am	Sam and Rachel	Another calm stint, they pulled out 6 laps with a best time of 17.05 in complete darkness.
Sun	1am		
Sun	2am	Dave W and George	Lap 45 was their best at 16.50, although I was distracted by Mark and his boating stories and we may have missed a lap... J
Sun	3am		
Sun	4am	Mark and Linda	These two are awesome and pulled out 6 laps in calm conditions when most of us were (or should have been) fast asleep. Best lap time 17.35 as the sun started to brighten the water.
Sun	5am		
Sun	6am	Sam and Laura	Laura was flying this time with veteran Sam (who has promised to sail for Ulley even if he joins the Uni team – it's in writing now Sam, no backing out) achieving a best lap time of 18.01, good stuff J
Sun	7am		
Sun	8am	George and Terry	With the wind easing off you could not ask for better people in our Enterprise, but it was not uneventful. They were hit by number 61 as they were well on their way to their best lap! With everyone struggling from lack of sleep our team kept ploughing on, 22.05 their best lap time and another 5 laps to add to our total!
Sun	9am		
Sun	10am	Mark and Rachel	Finishing off this gruelling endurance race was one of our most experienced pair. The first hour was calm but as the rain started the wind picked up A LOT!! By 11.23 they were aquaplaning past us at such speed I hardly had time to look at my watch before our neighbours gazebo was ripped up, knocked my head, an air bed was sent flying out into the water and 9 boats were tipped over!!!  But as inspiration to us all Mark and Rachel held their own, masterfully avoiding the casualties and went on to complete their fastest lap; 18.54 and a brilliant end to a fantastic event.
Sun	11am		

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## Over all

Our fastest lap – 14.13 by Rachel and Mark

Our slowest lap – 1hr 15mins 11sec, endured by Laura and Andy, great job guys. Our Wednesday sessions were nothing compared to that mill pond.

Three boat faults, one collision, sleep deprivation, wind, no wind, stolen car keys (sorry Nigel) and a birthday!

**Final result – 51st. Net laps 68.00, average PYS lap time 21:0**

Hope you had a top Birthday Terry ☺

Great Job to all involved, see you again next year!

Georgina

(With support from Steve B and David Conroy)



*Photos by Steve Butler*