

THE FIFE REGATTA 2008

LAST RACE AROUND THE KINGS COURSE (as sailed in 1891)

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The last race of the 2008 Fife Regatta was something of an anticlimax in terms of the results, as the finishing order was identical to the order of both classes before the race. With a steady south easterly breeze and an occasional glimmer of sunshine on the historic King's course there were no obvious upsets in the order of events. A running start off Largs Yacht Haven gave the big boats positions at the first mark generally in line with their place in the fleet. **Altair** won class 1 with a convincing four firsts and discarding a fourth. Second was **Moonbeam** just 2 points behind with four seconds and **Halloween** took the last spot on the podium with 12 points after discard.

The weather was a little kinder to the small boats today with no one retiring.

Mikado was the clear winner in class 2 counting 3 firsts and a second with a third as her discard. The second place in class 2 was hard fought with the **Truant** and **Rosemary III** both on 10 points. The Truant took it because she had a better discard. Viola the star of the regatta (at one hundred years old this year) came in a creditable fourth in class 2. No doubt many insurers will be greatly relieved that these wonderful boats, recently described (rather inadequately) as the vintage Bentley's of the sea, had no severe weather or collisions. Let us hope that they will all grace our shores once more in 2013.

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Overall Results

Class 1	Sat	Sun	Tues	Thurs	Friday	Total
Altair	4	1	1	1	1	4
Moonbeam	2	3	2	2	2	8
Hallowe'en	3	2	3	4	5	12
Lady Anne	1	5	4	6	4	14
Mariquita	5	6	5	3	3	16
Mariette	6	4	6	5	6	21

Class 2	Sat	Sun	Tues	Thurs	Friday	Total
Mikado	1	3	1	1	2	5
The Truant	3	2	2	3	3	10
Rosemary III	12	4	3	2	1	10
Viola	5	9	5	6	5	21
Solway Maid	2	12	8	4	4	18
Ayrshire Lass	8	1	4	15	13	26
Peggy Bawn	7	7	7	9	9	30
Sonata	9	11	6	5	6	26
Ierne	4	6	9	15	10	29
Mignon	10	5	13	7	8	30
Fyne	6	13	11	10	12	39
Oblio	15	8	12	8	11	39
Lucky Girl	13	10	10	15	7	40
Hatasoo	11	15	15	15	15	56

Score denotes discard

Notes for Editors.

* The Fife Yachts are one of the world's most prestigious group of Classic yachts and this will be the third private regatta following the success of the 98, and 03 events.

A pilgrimage to their birthplace of these historic yachts, the 'Stradivarius' of sail, from Scotland's pre-eminent yacht designer and builder, William Fife III, on the Clyde 20th –27th June.

* In 1998 and 2003 the Regatta celebrated the centenary of Eric Tabarley's Pen Duick and Moonbeam III respectively and this year the Regatta is celebrating another centenary of one of the 'family' - yard No 557 the cutter VIOLA.

* It is expected there will be 21 boats with the oldest being the 121yr old AYRSHIRE LASS, built in the year of Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee and the same year as the Ford model T.

* This years regatta starts at Largs Yacht Haven on Sat 21st June just a mile up the east side of the Firth of Clyde from the site of Fife's yard. They will also race to Rhu 22nd – 23rd then Rothesay 24th – 25th and back to Largs 26th culminating in the King's course race on Friday 27th June.

* The Regatta is primarily for the owners and sailors who take pride in the restoration and sailing of these yachts but it also gives the residents along the Clyde the most amazing spectacle of sail and a chance to look back to the roots of sailing on their shores and turns the lower Clyde into an amphitheatre of elegance which we can all enjoy.

* For public interest there is an exhibition of memorabilia from the Fife Boatyard and Family at Largs Sailing Club daily from 18th – 29th June.

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