

THE FIFE REGATTA 2008

FLEET RACE DOWN THE CLYDE TO ROTHESAY

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The Clyde Race took place today with the race starting just off Ballochmartin Bay and headed south through the Dunoon Cardinals. The larger boats then continued around the Mountstuart bouy and back up to Rothesay Bay merging with the smaller boats and a photo finish between **Moonbeam III, Hallowe'en** and **Mariette** in class 1 .

On handicap Altair was first , then Moombeam III second and Hallowe'en third. The smaller boats raced round Toward point into Rothesay with Mikado winning another first place followed by The Truant and Rosemary III.

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Class 1	Sat	Sun	Tues	Thurs	Friday	Total
Altair	4	1	1			6
Moonbeam	2	3	2			7
Hallowe'en	3	2	3			8
Lady Anne	1	5	4			10
Mariette	6	4	6			16
Mariquita	5	6	5			16

Class 2	Sat	Sun	Tues	Thurs	Friday	Total
Mikado	1	3	1			5
The Truant	3	2	2			7
Ayrshire Lass	8	1	4			13
Rosemary III	12	4	3			19
lerne	4	6	9			19
Viola	5	9	5			19
Peggy Bawn	7	7	7			21
Solway Maid	2	12	8			22
Sonata	9	11	6			26
Mignon	10	5	13			28
Fyne	6	13	11			30
Lucky Girl	13	10	10			33
Oblio	15	8	12			35
Hatasoo	11	15	15			41

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.

More information is available on the website: <http://www.fiferegatta.com/>

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