

## **LOE BEACH REGATTA REPORT**

Saturday 1st June 2019

Sunshine and a steady south easterly 3 made for champagne sailing conditions this year. Even the dustbin lid size jellyfish knocking around the night before had chosen to move elsewhere.

45 paid entries in 13 classes kept the committee boat busy. Robert Talbot did a sterling job as acting race officer for the day - no collisions or protests, in fact nary a cross word was heard save for some finishing-line excitement in the well-attended junior dinghy class, which attracted an impressive 25 plus boats. Things look good for the future of competitive sailing on the Carrick Roads.

A shortened dinghy course made sure the racing finished up in a timely manner after which plenty of boats were on hand to taxi a good turnout to the refreshments tent for food and prizes.

This year Savills the estate agents donated a new cup to the Regatta and Tim May from Savills very kindly came along to present it. The winner was Patrick Clarke in the fast dinghy class. Savills also contributed some very smart banners.

The refreshment tent took a creditable £340.84 and, with 45 entries at a fiver each making £225, a total of £565.84 was taken, if my maths is correct. Thanks to Steve Boucher for organising the entries and keeping tabs on the finances.

An unchanged committee helped ensure the considerable logistics involved were tackled efficiently. We will miss Race Officer Richard Freeborn who is standing down this year after a long stint. Many thanks for your service Richard and we hope the picture takes pride of place (somewhere!).

Official photographer Mike Freeman took over 600 photos over the course of the afternoon, taken in up close and personal to the racing boats by John Paris, where lots of smiles and happy faces were on view. A selection of photos and content will go to the West Briton.

A really good day.