

Thornbury SC - YWDB 2021 Open

This was held on 17th July in perfect Summer conditions of sun and light north easterly wind. The Race Officer, Andy McDonald, set a fine long-legged course for the first race while the tide was still flooding. This gave the 10 boat entry fine sailing conditions over the two laps. Michael Hewitt sailing with Steve Creasey showed real speed to lead the fleet home. His boat, DB 678, Groovie, is the newest build. She was moulded by Steve Creasey. Second, but some distance behind was Avocet sailed by Tim and Diana Parkinson.

With the tide turning the course for the second race was reduced given the reduction in apparent wind and was limited to one lap. Avocet, DB 565, reached the windward mark with a small lead which despite Michael Hewitt's best efforts she held to the finish.

Thus the tie break defined Tim and Diana in 46 year old Avocet as the cup winners.

Second after the tie break was Groovie, DB 678, sailed by Michael Hewitt and Steve Creasey.

3rd, 4th and 5th positions in each race were a permutation of Ken Baker in Carousel, David Allen and Colin Blewett in Atilla, DB 572 and David Morrice in Bluenose, DB 625. They were finally ranked 3rd, 4th and 5th in that order.

The full results are below:-

Sail No	Boat	Helm	Crew	Race 1	Race 2	Points	Position
565	Avocet	Tim Parkinson	Diana Parkinson	2	1	3	1
678	No name	Mike Hewitt	Steve Creasey	1	2	3	2
566	Carousel	Ken Baker	Helen Evans	4	3	7	3
572	Attila	David Allen	Colin Blewett	3	5	8	4
625	Bluenose	David Morrice	Esther Morrice	5	4	9	5
119	Bali Hai	Martin Theophilus	Jane Theophilus	6	7	13	6
533	Proud Mary	Paul Bowden	Julie Bowden	10	6	16	7
660	Widgeon	Penny Davies	John / Harriet Mullan	8	8	16	8
542	Kiwi	Stuart Beale	Graham Manson	7	10	17	9
585	Kittiwake	Alberto Pau	John Gush	9	9	18	10