

# Tata Steel Sailing Club

## 2017 Traveller's Series

### Results are final

### Overall

Sailed: 5, Discards: 2, To count: 3, Rating system: PY, Entries: 12, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	Boat	Class	Helm	Crew	PY	Saundersfoot 28th May	Mumbles 17th June	Tenby 24th June	Pembroke 1st July	Cardigan Bay 14th Aug	Nett
1st	Gordon's Alive!	Fireball	Gordon Evans	Ruth Evans	959	(4.0)	2.0	1.0	2.0	(13.0 DNC)	5.0
2nd	Cariad Y Mor	Osprey	Andrew Jenkins	Rebecca Jenkins	935	(6.0)	3.0	5.0	1.0	(13.0 DNC)	9.0
3rd	Excalibur	Solo	Bob Taylor		1143	(13.0 DNC)	1.0	2.0 DUP	(13.0 DNC)	13.0 DNC	16.0
4th	Supernova	Osprey	Mike Murrey	Pam Murrey	935	(13.0 DNC)	(13.0 DNC)	3.0	13.0 DNC	2.0 ONE	18.0
5th	Fox Two	RS400	Rhys Jones	Garry Broome	942	5.0	(13.0 DNC)	4.0	(13.0 DNC)	13.0 DNC	22.0
6th	Bill and Dave's Excellent Adventure	RS500	David Williams	Bill Millien	968	(13.0 DNC)	4.0	7.0	(13.0 DNC)	13.0 DNC	24.0
7th		N12	DJ Edwards	Sofie Edwards	1064	1.0	(13.0 DNC)	(13.0 DNC)	13.0 DNC	13.0 DNC	27.0
8th	Return of the Pink Panther	Osprey	Bob Taylor	Paul Bambridge	935	(13.0 DNC)	(13.0 DNC)	2.0	13.0 DNC	13.0 DNC	28.0
9th	Jammy Dodger	Osprey	Oscar Chess	Lisa Chess	935	2.0	(13.0 DNC)	(13.0 DNC)	13.0 DNC	13.0 DNC	28.0
10th	Just Pogo	Osprey	Ros Downs	David Downs	935	3.0	(13.0 DNC)	(13.0 DNC)	13.0 DNC	13.0 DNC	29.0
11th	All White Now	Osprey	Alex Shaw	Richard Wolfindon	935	(13.0 DNC)	5.0	(13.0 DNC)	13.0 DNC	13.0 DNC	31.0
12th	Numbskull	Europe	Robin Wilson		1145	(13.0 DNC)	(13.0 DNC)	6.0	13.0 DNC	13.0 DNC	32.0

# Evans above the rest



Gordon and Ruth Evans competed the Traveller's Series on top with the final event being contested by just one boat from the club. Mike and Pam Murrey were the only ones to endure the bone shaking event at New Quay, Cardigan Bay earning them a score of ONE (2 points). Bob Taylor spurned the chance to take the series and gave the consistent performance from the Fireball the

deserved win in this first travellers series the club has put on.

Overall, the series has been great fun and the dozen boats that entered all had good memories to share.

The series was at the mercy of the schedule of other clubs to a degree. The event calendar became congested at one point, which meant that some boats didn't travel, where a more consistent calendar might have helped. Next year's series will be scheduled after the South Wales Regatta schedule is published. We would welcome any suggestions on inclusions for next year's series, with Dale or an inland venue possibly being included. Please contact either Gordon Evans, event organiser, or Andrew at [webmaster@tatasteelsailing.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@tatasteelsailing.org.uk) with any preferences or suggestions for next year's series

Well done to Gordon and Ruth on their series win

## Saundersfoot (Coppet Week)

The first of the travellers series began with Saundersfoot Regatta (Coppet Week) on Sunday 28th May. This regatta is held over 5 days with one race per day. Six Club boats travelled to the event giving a great kick start to the new Club traveller series. The event results can be seen here [Saundersfoot Results](#)

The Series results can be followed from the Results Page

It was a mixed week weather wise and the courses were usually a big triangle consisting of a beat followed by two reaches, sometimes kiteable sometimes not

The start lines were interesting, it was a GH fleet with 75 boats entered and it was great to see toppers starting alongside IC Canoes and Lasers luffing Ospreys, the nerves and competitiveness of the fleet was evident by the three general recalls in the first race on the Monday (Sundays racing being cancelled due to lack of wind)

The socials during the week were top class and included a dinner at Wisemans Bridge for all Tata Steel members on Wed evening followed by a beach barbecue late Thurs afternoon

The next regatta in the Traveller Series is Mumbles on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June and it would be great to see a few more boats travelling to enjoy some sea sailing and to show off what talent we have at the Club

Hope to see you there

*Gordon Evans*

## **Mumbles**

The Mumbles Regatta was enjoyed by four travelling boats along with Tata member Alex Shaw, who sails at both clubs. The weather and sailing conditions were what dreams were made of with a solid F3 wind and bright sunshine greeting all sailors on the Saturday.

The first race got off to a start first time, although Andrew and Rebecca missed the start sequence and Dave and Bill missing the whole race due to a rigging issue after launch

The wind shift on the left side of the bet was taken advantage of by all boats with those making use of the pin bias bumping them up the fleet resulting in a close call on the windward mark

The reaches were well set giving great racing conditions. Andrew and Rebecca filled the boat up with water during a tack taken too quickly – head faster than body! – giving Gordon and Ruth a clean get away they held for the three lap race

Bob was comfortable with the win on handicap after battling it out with the slow handicap boats

The second race saw Dave and Bill join in, but the wind was starting to build as the sea breeze gathered momentum. Andrew and Rebecca had a few interesting moments to contend with (Genoa sheets coming undone 10 seconds before the start, spinnaker pole coming apart on the reach, main sheet tangle on the boom) which put them in catch up mode for the whole race, giving Gordon and Ruth a clear path to take the race from Bob in second. Alex and Richard just held Andrew and Rebecca off the finish line with Dave and Bill cursing a crash on the gybe that put them in the water for a cooling dip

Race three saw a slightly bigger course with the wind picking up a little more and the tide now playing a part as well

Andrew and Rebecca went with the RS700 to follow the tide to the right whilst others went for the wind bend to the left. It gave the Osprey a lead at the windward mark they were able to hold for the race. Dave and Bill managed to keep upright all

through the race to finish a credible 3<sup>rd</sup> in the regatta race, second in the traveller race behind Bob with the Osprey 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Sunday saw the race officer scooting around the bay in a rib looking for some wind. After over an hour of this, we had to concede to abandoning racing for the Sunday and take a discard from the Saturday results

It left Bob in first, with Gordon and Ruth in second

Results can be seen at [Mumbles Results](#)

*Andrew Jenkins*

## Tenby

What a great weekend at Tenby.

The weekend of the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of June saw Tenby Sailing Club take their turn to host the Tata Travellers, a magnificent effort was made by Club members with seven boats travelling to the Tenby Regatta.

All seven sailed in the three races on the Saturday, the OOD set a large triangular course in Tenby Bay. The starts were challenging with 37 boats competing to be first away from what was a very short start line. All Club boats were competitive but the F4 winds and the tidal effect of the beats coupled with some tight three sail off



wind legs made for some exciting sailing. There was the inevitable capsizes and some gear failure amongst our members but it was a fantastic afternoon of sailing and everyone had a tale to tell when back in the club house.

Sunday was the famous Round Caldey Island Race, a 12.15 start 15 mins after the cruisers. Unfortunately Robin was not allowed around on his Europe as he did not make the PY cut off point. But for Rhys and Gary on the RS400 it was their first time around and both were keenly looking forward to the experience. It was a reaching start with a long one sided beat up to St Margaret's Sound. The wind was building all the time and after the fleet had beaten their way through the sound they were met by a F5 and large breaking waves. At this stage the Tata fleet were competing well with all boats all towards the front of the fleet. A tight two sail planning reach was

followed by a three sail screamer down past Caldey Island, unfortunately one of our Ospreys had decided to take a swim before re-joining the race. Dave and Bill made it round the island this time, even though they had to be "rescued" to get them back to the beach. Next year, they might want to run the whole race.

Kites were dropped at the corner of the Island before the boats headed off on yet another two sail reach to a mark off Monkestone Point and then a beat back to the finish line off Tenby beach, the lead boat crossing in 1hr 15 mins. All agreed it was fantastic sailing and on times a real adventure.

The circuit moves on to Pembroke Yacht Club this weekend where there is a similar race formula to that of Tenby, 3 races on the Saturday with a long distance race on the Sunday.

Results can be seen at [Tenby Results](#)

Traveller's Series Results updated, see Results page to see the latest standings

*Gordon Evans*

## Pembroke

The travelling fleet were feeling the strain of the pace of the series at Pembroke with only two boats making the trip. It was great to see fellow travellers Paul and John and Ken and Chris in their Ospreys, with Ken making the 5 hour trip from Kent to enjoy the fabulous weather in Milford Haven



Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> July, and a clever delay on the start, undoubtedly influenced by the Lions victory in New Zealand, allowed the breeze to pick up to a comfortable F3 North Westerly, bring a slight chop and healthy blow to help the Ospreys and hinder the fireball.

True to form, Gordon and Ruth took the first race on

a tight trapezoid course with a full beat up against a turning neap tide. The second race saw Gordon getting frustrated on the start line and forced to retire with equipment failure. The wind built slightly for the third race and the tide turning to push the Osprey to the front end of the fleet. The course was \changed to a triangle sausage to allow for variation and to challenge the different boat attributes and spread the opportunities

Day 2 saw a lighter wind for the 12 mile 7 Forts race and a running start helped the Osprey to get out near the front of the fleet early and allow them some clean air. The Fireball was playing catch-up on the 5 mile beat against the tide, always a difficult ask.

There was some stunning scenery to be enjoyed for those with the time to do it throughout the delightful harbour – just needed to avoid the commercial traffic and numerous sailboats brought out in the fine weather. It was dreamy Osprey conditions that lead them to a clean sweep 1-2-3 for the day.

The event was noted for its great race management, fabulous weather, friendly hospitality and top class facilities

*Andrew Jenkins*