



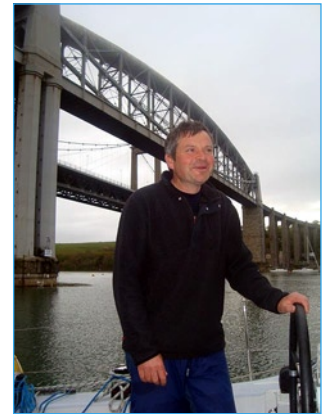
Alan Cummings Plymouth - Falmouth - Fowey Triangle Race 1st - 3rd May 2010

DRAMA QUEEN - Dazcat 1150 - report by Clare Dudley

On June 6th 2010 *Drama Queen* will be competing in the Shetland Round Britain and Ireland Race. She's done her qualifier but her crew felt like getting some practice in, and besides, Simon has won the Triangle Race several times and had to have another go. As it went, things didn't go entirely smoothly ... many thanks to Clare for supplying a report.



The Skipper
Simon Baker



The Co-Skipper
Dan Fellows

Saturday 1st May - Plymouth to Falmouth

An early start followed a rather late night partying after the Rocky Horror Picture Show (no photos allowed!). However, bacon rolls while motoring up the Tamar seemed to get most of the merry band going!

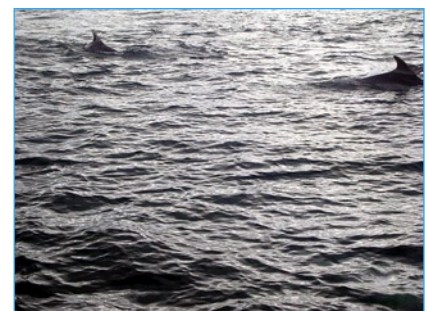
Simon Baker & Dan Fellows were taking turns at the helm in preparation for the RB&I. Their families accompanied them on the trip. Simon's family: Tracey, Abigail and Evelyn and Dan's: Clare, Bella, Angus and Zeb. Children's ages ranging from three to ten years old.

The multihulls had the final start, which was at 09:40 from Plymouth Sound. The course was to take us around Fowey no.5 buoy and then into Falmouth. It was a long beat. The wind was from the North-West, light to start with, blowing up to 20 knots then, heading into Falmouth, very light again. Weather overcast with some rain towards the end. The wind was a little livelier after the Fowey no. 5 buoy and shifting constantly. One minute the team felt they were 'smelling of roses', the next 'down the pan'. A very tricky beat, lasting roughly 8 hours.



Pandemonium (Nigel Irens 40' tri) were first across the line, only a couple of minutes ahead, nonetheless, **Drama Queen** pulled through and won the first leg. The rather uneventful sail finished on a high note, seeing a pod of roughly twenty dolphins just past Black Rock (okay, so they're hard to catch on camera!).

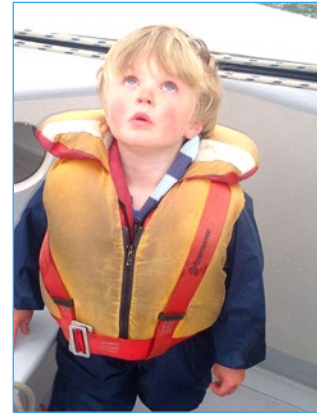
A great team meal in Pizza Express followed. The boys didn't want the party to end so Gareth ended it for them, sending them home!



Sunday 2nd May - Falmouth to Fowey

A rather more relaxed start to the day allowed for a brief shop in Falmouth to keep all parties happy! The start today was at 11.40am (practically lunch time!)

So, we were all set up ... budding young crew ...



... when there was an enormous bang at the minute gun! The mainsheet block exploded on a jibe. The mainsail was dropped and it took five minutes for the mainsheet block to be lashed back on to the boom. This obviously meant that **Drama Queen** was starting the second leg of the race under jib only. Strider Turbo **Tigger**, sailed by Simon's brother Matt Baker, led initially, until the faster boats overhauled her, and her forward beam became loose.

The conditions for the day were sunny spells with a north-easterly breeze, 15 knots. This set us up for another beat straight to Fowey. All classes had their courses shortened. There was interesting tacking off Gribbin Head, into the entrance of Fowey and up to the finish line off the RFYC. **Pandemonium** again first across the line and on handicap; result for Falmouth to Fowey leg: 2nd.

The children loved the crabbing at the pontoon. We all enjoyed an excellent meal at Sam's bistro.

Monday 3rd May - Fowey to Plymouth

A rather more prompt start today, leaving Fowey at 09:00. **Drama Queen** had a good start to the race, being right on the line. The wind was once again a north-easterly (fresh breeze!) 15 to 20knots, with some sunny spells. It was a drag race until Rame Head, where we had to beat to the finish line off the RWYC. There were a few big gusts in the Sound and at one point we were flying a hull. Our result for the final leg was 3rd. The race took approx. 4 hours. It was also good to see another Strider from Saltash come along for that last days racing.

It was great for the children to be on board; the highlight of the weekend for them had to be seeing the dolphins and of course, being overall winner of the multihull class, after adjustment for handicap and penalties. Well done to **Pandemonium** for giving us a run for our money. They came second, and Matt third - [click here for the full results on the RWYC site.](#)



For some, it was all just a bit too much!!!

