

# Clippesby Trophy July 2011

## *Sunday*

Members congregated around the Commodore (Linda Doughty) on the bank at Upton for the 10am briefing of the rules and course after which Skippers handed in their estimated lap times for both a single and double round of the course.

The day was warm and dry with very little if any wind, twelve boats in total entered.

It was hard going in some areas and some backwards tacking was made by several of the boats.

Sometime into the planned two rounds the Commodore phoned for a progress report, due to a strong tide and lack of wind a decision was made that the turning point would be just past Upton black mill instead of Boundary dyke, and to only do a single round.

Many skippers though admitted defeat and retired from the time trial.

After the event members moored their yachts at Oby Mill.

Many had lunch on their boats whilst others finished of the food left over from the summer party or bought their own food up onto the bank.

All members collected together after lunch for the presentation of the Clippesby trophy, the winner was Paul Reynolds who helmed Merry Widow, well-done Paul and the crew of course!

By mid-afternoon several boats had returned to their relevant moorings, many though opted to travel downstream to moor at Duffers or Ted's mooring for the evening so as not to have so many mast lowering's as we were off to the southern rivers the next day.

Some boats remained at Oby Mill and had a barbeque in the evening, thanks to Ian Stewart for collecting us some burgers and to head chef (Gary Doughty) who cooked them for us.

Mark Sharron and Bella

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