

flying fifteen Mallorca

29 July, Scandy Cup – Pollensa

This regatta is sponsored by Scott and Andy (*Ffiel good*) who arrived just before the weekend. As the UK summer holidays start, more of our friends from there come and join us, a big welcome to Sue and Alan Foreman in *Heaven Sent!* So, we had seven boats on the startline, with Teresa driving *Ffugue*, and Vinciane Oudot crewing for John in *fuego fatuo*.

RCNPP were not able to provide a race committee, so we had to make our own arrangements. We started with a short up and down race, in a reasonably stable breeze. Hamish and Paul Titus in *Gekko* got off to a good start, reaching the top mark first and held the lead until the finish, despite not using their spinnaker. *Ffugue* and *Dragonfly* followed around the top mark, and hoisted their spinnakers. After a tussle all the way down, *Dragonfly* pulled ahead to finish second, just ahead of *Ffugue* then *Ffiel Good*, *fuego fatuo*, *Spanish Fly* and *Heaven Sent*.

The wind started to become unstable, and we decided to abandon short courses, and go around Formentor island and back – for double points! To make it more interesting, we elected to go starboard around, so having to beat up through the narrow, shallow channel.

After a confused start, *Ffugue* were ahead in clear wind, but stayed too low, and were passed by the leaders, who stayed close in to Punta de L'Avançada. Coming east, the wind progressively backed, with *fuego fatuo* and *ffugue* tacking inshore early. *Fuego* then tacked back out early, and met with *Spanish Fly*, the two arriving at the island close together. *Ffiel good* had come up fast, followed by *Gekko*.

The beat was challenging, with many place changes, *Heaven Sent* pulling up to fifth at this stage. Once around the mark, the leaders set off on a fast reach, some with spinnakers. Further back, *Dragonfly* kept her spinnaker up too late, and was pushed down too far.

Approaching the finish, *fuego fatuo* – who had stayed low - was able to follow a lift up to the line, finishing first. Close behind was *Spanish Fly*, and the *Ffiel good*. *Gekko*, Winner of race 1, came fourth, the *Heaven Sent*. *Ffugue* and *Dragonfly* made up the back of the fleet.

With the long race counting double, this gave the day to *fuego fatuo* with *Gekko* second and *Spanish Fly* third. (*Ffiel good* were equal on 10 points, but the tie break was broken on countback.)

Results

1	ESP 3577	<i>fuego fatuo</i>	John Walker / Vinciane Oudot	7
2	GBR 3817	<i>Gekko</i>	Hamish Goddard / Paul Titus	9
3	ESP 3825	<i>Spanish Fly</i>	John Leaf / Steffi Lehmann	10

We ended the day with the traditional Scandy Cup barbecue, hosted by Andrew and Karen at their mountainside villa, with superb views over Cala San Vincent, and both of Pollensa and Alcudia Bays. Many thanks for the hospitality, as wonderful as always!

Next up

19 August	Michael Clough Trophy	Pollensa
26-27 August	Trofeo Cormorán	Pollensa
3 September	Australia Trophy	Pollensa
16 September	Liga de Tardor	Pollensa
30 September	Interclub trophy (tbc)	Pollensa

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