

**Nigerian Nationals**  
**Lagos Yacht Club - Fleet 510**  
**May 16-17, 2015**

Registration opened on Friday evening 15th and twenty five boats registered for the two days of racing. This out of an active fleet of thirty five boats.

Saturday opened with light, changeable winds after a night of rain. Hard was busy with teams fine tuning their boats and light banter amongst the crews. First race was planned for 1200 hrs. By 1100 wind had appeared to steady from the North and boats launched only for wind to then change by 90 deg to the West immediately after marks were laid. Day one of Nigerian Nationals is usually held within the port to accommodate some of the older boats and less experienced crews. Four rescue boats were always in the water.

Wind eventually stabilised from the West and first race commenced at 12.30. Five races were held with three being windward/leeward and two including triangles. Wind direction remained steady with speed varying between 10 - 12 kts. Most races proceeded uninterrupted although a forty thousand ton tanker sailing through the middle of the fleet in one race caused a little distraction whilst a dredger had the temerity to also divide the fleet!!! Seriously, we appreciate this is a working harbour and we sail courtesy of the Harbour Authorities. Therefore no one is allowed to cross less than 500 metres in front of any deep sea vessel.

Five races were completed by 1715 when the crews came ashore to well deserved refreshment and to recant their tales of woe or achievement. Unfortunately one Woody capsized and dismasted and drifted under an oil rig that had inconveniently placed herself near our race course. The joys of harbour sailing!!

Sunday opened with much better conditions and fleet launched early at 10:30 to take advantage of an ebbing tide to go offshore. First race was to reach the course site which was about three miles from the Club, outside the harbour entrance moles and clear of the shipping channel. Sky was clearing and wind was steady from the South West at 12 - 14 knots. Three windward/leeward races were held offshore and then, with storm clouds gathering in the distance, a final race was held back to the Club which was reached by around 1530. Lots of discussions, celebrating and recriminations took place whilst replacing the fluids we had lost during racing (average temperature around 29 deg C throughout). This was followed by a choice of curries prepared by the Club after which the results were announced. After two discards, the final results after ten races were:

POSITION	SAIL NO	NAME	HELM	CREW	CREW
1st	15271	Purple People Eater	Lloyd Crisp	David Kruyt	Claire Marion
2nd	15461	Orieoda	Mike Barnes	Paul Okereke	Sarah Yates
3rd	15274	Now Now	Julian Calvin	Gord Kornfeld	Jo-Ann Kornfeld

Congratulations to the winning team who were flying both days and, after ten races and two discards had only accumulated eight points.

Many thanks go to the Class Rep, Bill Jardine, for organizing the event plus to the OOD Greg Williams and his team of helpers on the Committee and rescue boats. They all did a fantastic job.