

The 2008 racing at Royal Cornwall Yacht Club commenced on Friday 4th in a cold light northerly wind of 5 – 10 miles per hour. The start of the season had long been awaited for Club Members and the race management team had been practising their skills ashore and familiarising themselves with the 2008 racing instructions.

Martin Leech was Race Officer and he set a course from a Committee Boat line that involved a short beat from South of Governor Buoy to Trefusis before a tight reach to the Vilt Buoy a starboard gybe spinnaker run to the South of the Narrows. This was the easy part of the course, but the long beat against a spring ebb tide to Penarrow sorted the men from the boys as those that failed to use the tidal push on their lee bows fell back. The three boats in F Class, the Sports Boats, affected very good lee bows, whose signal was picked up quickly by the boats in J Class, the J24 fleet.

Martin Eddy sailed every race in A Class (IRC fleet) into 1st place, Peter Knight and Phil Samuel to first position in E Class, the PY Handicap Class.