



OVERALL WINNER IN RACING, *Hi FIDELITY* (ABOVE) AND THE SHANGHAI-BUILT BRISTOL CUTTER *EVELINE* (BELOW)

Downes, skippering the Mills IRM 51, *Mandrake*, reached Pangkor first to take line honours in 12:37:13, but could only finish 4th on corrected time, whilst Jonathan Mahony's Mumm 30, *Happy Endings*, had just that by

Classic and Class 5 off first. The latter included two Royal Thai Navy Contessa 32s, *Marikh* and *Musyteri*, and the 1910 Shanghai-built Bristol cutter *Eveline*, skippered by Richard Curtis, rear commodore of the Royal Selangor Yacht Club (RSYC).

capturing corrected time by just 1 minute and 48 seconds from Neil Pryde's *Hi Fidelity*. Troy Yaw's Sydney 46, *Ulumulu*, skippered by Bill Nichols finished 3rd, aided by six blondes (male) on board from the Swedish youth sailing team.

Chua put in a gutsy performance but will have to

Class 4 included the only multihull, a Crowther called *Backchat*, along with Claus Karthe's, *Greensleeves*, an Ocean Adventure 47, *Chinook of Hamble*, and Christian Rannou's, *Memestra*.



The eight boats in Class 3 Cruising (sub-divided into A and B) set sail next followed by the four Class 2 Premier Cruising yachts. The six Class 1 Racing boats brought up the rear but not for long, well at least not for most of them.

work on finishing more quickly (12 hours behind the front runners) if she wants to feature in the Atlantic race.

Hans Hvide's Swan 68, *Irvmiren*, took line honours in Premier Cruising but lost out to Peter Cremers' Warwick 55,

The Racing fleet included Elaine Chua's new 6.5m Zero, *Feng*, from Spain, in which she plans to enter the solo Mini-Transat 2005. Chua was accompanied by Steven Corrigan and was including the Raja Muda in the requisite number of sea miles (1,000nm) for the France to Brazil crossing.

Race 1 (20 Nov. 04) The 15th Raja Muda started in Port Klang on Saturday, the 20th of November 2004, with a 90nm passage to the islands of Pangkor.

Race 1 got underway in reverse order with the Class 4

and wind shifts Warwick

Shahtoosh, on corrected. Former RSYC commodore Hijjas Kasturi finished 3rd in his Lyons 66, *Valtair*, while Lavaros 47, *Ain't Misbehavin'*, brought up the rear.

In Cruising, Keith Brown's Maxi Mixer 35, *Mixxia*, took line and corrected honours. Andrew Findlay's GibSea 372, *Pelangi*, finished just 2 seconds ahead of Glenn McFarlane's *Simba*. Fatima Affendi finished 4th in *Janji* — sadly the remaining four boats retired.

In Classic, *Backchat* took line honours but lost out to *Greensleeves*, *Chinook* and *Memestra* respectively on corrected time. *Marikh* took both honours in Class 5 whilst *Eveline* finished 2nd despite motoring for much of the voyage. *Musyteri* retired.

Race 2 (22 Nov. 04) Starting on Monday, the second stage of the regatta took the fleet 65nm from Pangkor to Penang. Known as the Pearl of the Orient, Penang was formerly ceded to Britain in 1786 and was renamed Prince of Wales Island (its capital remains Georgetown).

The 8-10 knot southwesterly facilitated a spinnaker run for the first part of the race, followed by a close reach as the breeze shifted more onshore. As evening approached the breeze succumbed, with a light offshore in the small hours.

Mandrake took line and corrected time honours with *Ulumulu* 2nd on corrected after *Hi Fidelity* became entangled with fishing nets and lost out by 1 minute and 47 seconds.

The three principal contenders in Premier Cruising fought a close battle for line honours with *Irvmiren* taking victory in 10:13:35. *Shahtoosh* finished 2nd, 2 minutes 28 seconds behind, with *Valtair* trailing by just 19 seconds. On corrected

time *Shahtoosh* took the day over *Irvmiren*.

In the A fleet of Cruising, *Simba* easily took both honours ahead of Alex Nah's Hunter, *El Sea*, while Gunnar Berg Leknes' *Chant de Lune* took 3rd. *Pelangi* captured both honours in the B fleet, followed by *Mixxia* with *Janji* 3rd. Unfortunately some 20 minutes after finishing the race in 4th place, Tony Sobey's *Blue Royale*, was dismasted when a deck fitting came apart. The Royal Marine Police, who were accompanying the fleet, sped to the Tasker 32's assistance taking it under tow.

In Classic, *Backchat* took line honours while *Chinook*, with former Sunsail stalwart George McCready onboard providing guidance, demonstrated its downwind superiority to outpace *Greensleeves*.



In Class 5 *Musyteri* won the day followed by *Marikh* and *Eveline*. Reflecting a bygone age, the evening's celebrations were held at the Eastern & Oriental (E&O) Hotel, hosted by the Penang Tourism Action Committee.

Race 3 (24 Nov. 04) The final 60nm passage race from Penang to Langkawi got underway on Wednesday with a relatively light southerly before filling out to Force 3-4. After again departing in reverse sequence *Mandrake*, now with co-owner Nick Burns onboard, again took line honours finishing just before midnight but lost out on corrected time to *Hi Fidelity*. *Ulumulu* finished 3rd.

Irvmiren finished 4 minutes ahead of *Valtair* but both lost out on corrected time by 1 minute 29 seconds to *Shahtoosh*.

In Cruising's A fleet, *Simba* again took both victories

but it was *Chant de Lune's* turn to outpace *El Sea* to the line for 2nd. *Pelangi* finished ahead of *Janji* with *Mixxia* 3rd in the B fleet. *Chinook* again took 1st place from *Greensleeves* with *Memestra* 3rd, while line honours winner *Backchat* was relegated to 4th. In Class 5, *Musyteri* again beat *Marikh* with *Eveline* 3rd.

It was a long night for the staff and barmen at the Royal Langkawi Yacht Club with the first arrivals shortly before midnight and the last RSYC commodore Aziz Kadir's newly acquired Beneteau First 27.7, *Julita*, skippered by Liz Hallett, arrived at 1046. It was fortunate for all that Thursday 25th was a lay day!

Race 4 (26 Nov. 04) Sailing resumed on Friday, with the customary, civilized noon start. With the passage races carrying double points, *Hi Fidelity* held a slight lead over *Mandrake* but taking into account that one result would be ignored they were on equal points with everything to shoot for in the inshore harbour races off Kuah, Langkawi.

Mandrake again got off to a good start and held a 15 seconds lead over *Hi Fidelity* for line honours. It was not enough on corrected time. *Ulumulu* finished 3rd.

In Premier Cruising, *Shahtoosh* won the start followed by *Irvmiren* but a jammed main halyard and the

use of a storm jib meant the Swan failed to finish. *Valtair* took 2nd.

In Class 3 Cruising, in the A fleet *Simba*

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held off *El Sea* and *Chant de Lune* while *Mixxia* finished ahead of both *Pelangi* and *Janji* in B. In their harbour race, *Backchat* came into its own taking both line and corrected time honours, *Chinook* again held off *Greensleeves*. *Musyteri* finished just 2 minutes ahead of *Marikh* to win Class 5 while *Eveline* failed to finish.

Meanwhile, trying for a closer position for the photographers on board, one of the police launches became entangled (left) with the



windward mark but by then, fortunately, most of the vessels had already rounded it.

Race 5 Classes 1 and 3 both sailed a second windward/leeward race. In a closely fought tussle *Hi Fidelity* took line

honours by just 8 seconds, also giving Pryde corrected time honours over *Mandrake*.

In Cruising A, *Simba* continued its dominance over *Chant de Lune* and *El Sea*. *Janji* finished 2nd across the line behind *Mixxia* beating *Pelangi* by just 3 seconds but lost out on corrected time.

The evening's celebrations were held at the Sheraton Perdana Resort where hurriedly the planned poolside buffet was brought indoors when a downpour threatened.

Race 6 (27 Nov. 04) The fine weather and breeze held for the final race day. *Mandrake* and *Hi Fidelity* led Racing over the start line. *Mandrake* again eased ahead finishing 1 minute 10 seconds in front of *Hi Fidelity*, but an insufficient lead to hang on to corrected time honours, which went to *Hi Fidelity* by 36 seconds.

Chant de Lune and *Simba* led Cruising — continued

CLASS 2 PREMIER CRUISING WINNER, PETER CREMERS' *SHAHTOOSH*

