

The final two course races of the 2008 season were held at Ladies Bay on the morning of 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

In a northerly force 4 gusting to 5 and a high, though falling tide the conditions were challenging for long board racing. Five competitors took to the water for race 1, and 6 for race 2.

In the gusty conditions, a rabbit start was ruled out, and competitors started from the beach, sailing a single lap, with a reach out to a gybe buoy north-west of Rouse pier, a further reach to the Christmas pudding buoy, a beat towards the middle of the bay, and a further reach back to finish on the beach.

In race one, Pierre Le Page, sailing his first race of the season, took a comfortable first place, with Nigel Gale second and Simon Lovell third.

In the second race, with competitors tiring, there were several dropped sails, particularly at the gybe which, with the northerly wind, was in the roughest part of the bay. Simon Gregory, who had missed the first race, took a narrow first place on his formula board, with Pierre Le Page second, and Simon Lovell third.

After seven races, with two discards and five to count, the final results for the series were: 1<sup>st</sup> equal Simon Lovell and Simon Gregory, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jo Robinson, 4<sup>th</sup> Nigel Gale.

The overall results for the 2008 season were:-

Pursuit racing (Four series in all)

1<sup>st</sup> Simon Lovell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Graham Le Page, 3<sup>rd</sup> Simon Gregory

Course racing (Five series in all)

1<sup>st</sup> Simon Lovell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jo Robinson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Simon Gregory

2008 Overall Championship

1<sup>st</sup> Simon Lovell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Simon Gregory, 3<sup>rd</sup> Graham Le Page