

The second week of the windsurfing season brought only disappointing winds.

The Tuesday evening pursuit racing had to be abandoned due to lack of wind. The promise of a slight breeze encouraged five competitors to take to the water, but by the time of the start it had died back again. A start was actually attempted, but only two of the competitors managed to even leave the beach, and soon became almost becalmed. Racing was cancelled for the evening.

Sunday morning also started unpromisingly, with little wind, some heavy showers, and also some thunder and lightning at one point for good measure. However, an hour before the race start, the wind settled into a south westerly force two, which in the event increased gradually throughout the morning.

Even so, the light wind only tempted three competitors onto the water for the first race. In the light conditions, a single lap was set, from the end of channel buoy to a windward buoy north of the Rouse pier, with a reach down to the "Christmas pudding" buoy just off the approach into Ammareurs, then a run back to the start/finish buoy. With the unexpected wind increase, the race only lasted 15 minutes. Bob Perkins took first, closely followed by Simon Lovell and Graham Le Page.

In the increasing wind, the course length was extended to two laps for the second race, and Ian Campbell also took to the water. Campbell acted as "rabbit" to open the "gate" for the start, sailing on port tack out into the bay, while the remaining sailors started on starboard through the gate opened between his board and the start buoy.

Sometimes being the rabbit can be an advantage, but on this occasion it took Campbell out into an adverse tide in the centre of the bay, which lost him some ground. The remaining competitors, sailing on starboard down towards Ammareurs before tacking, kept out of the tide for longer.

At the end of the first lap Lovell was well in contention, but tacked immediately around the down wind buoy onto starboard in order to avoid the tide further out. Perkins and Le Page held to their port tacks long enough to realise that the wind had backed further south, and it was now possible to reach the windward mark without a tack. IMCO's are slow boards to turn, and Lovell's unnecessary extra tacks cost him the race.

At the Christmas pudding on the final lap Perkins led from Le Page, but after the gybe dithered over which side to place his sail for the run. With the shift in the wind, Le Page found no need to gybe at all, and overtook Perkins to win by a board's length. Heavyweight Campbell was unable to make up any lost ground in these light conditions, and took fourth place to Lovell's third.