

Week 9 (Tuesday 10th and Sunday 15th June)

The final two races for the 2nd pursuit racing series were held at Ladies bay in a light north-westerly force 2 to 3.

In these light wind conditions a short course of three laps was set, from the beach out to a buoy in the approach to Ammareurs. This included a close reach to round the reef, followed by a short run to the buoy. There was then a beat out to the middle of the bay followed by a broad reach back to the end of channel buoy.

In my four week absence Tim Laine and Simon Gregory had clocked up handicaps of no less than 10 minutes each, while some others had fallen back, suggesting that wind conditions in these weeks must have favoured the high wind sailors and the formula boards.

In the light wind conditions for these two races, there was little opportunity for higher handicaps to make up much ground, although some competitors did make up a little.

In the first race Denis White, off 4 minutes, Rod Hutchinson (3) and Graham Le Page (3) jostled for the first three places. In these non-planing conditions White worked hard to pump his way through to first place, followed by Hutchinson second, and Le Page third.

In the second race White, now off 5 minutes, still managed to gain the first place by a good margin. Bob Perkins (6) took second. Simon Lovell, also off 6, on his new Serenity board, was in close contention with Perkins at the end of lap 1, but in trying to out-gybe Perkins he passed the wrong side of the buoy, and had to go around. Even so he recovered to take third place by a whisker from Le Page who was fourth.

Final results for the second pursuit racing series were: first Simon Gregory (17 points), second Simon Lovell (18 points), third equal Denis White (22 points) and Rod Hutchinson (22 points).

The final race of the second course racing series and the first race of the third series were held in an even lighter north westerly force 2.

The course started with a rabbit start from near the beach, with a beat out to the middle of the bay, followed by a broad reach to a buoy off Rouse and a closer reach back to the start. Two laps were set for each race.

Jo Robinson sailed consistently well to take first in race 1 and second in race 2. Simon Lovell on his Serenity board took second in race one and first in race two. In race one Graham Le Page was third, with Dennis White third in race 2.

Results for the second course racing series are: first Jo Robinson (8 points), second Simon Lovell (10 points), third Graham Le Page (21 points).

