

## **Week 8 (Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June)**

Unfortunately there's a gap in the race reports while our "scribe" was away.

The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> races in the second course racing series were held in a sunny north-westerly force 3 just gusting to 4 at times.

A course of two laps was set, with a beat from the end of channel buoy out to Tiger bay, a broad reach across some light swell to a buoy off Rousse, and a further reach down the waves back to the start buoy.

Simon Lovell tried out his new Serenity light wind board, shaped more like a kayak than a conventional board. It seemed to go upwind like a train, as well as having a good down wind performance. After a few mutterings about validity from some members, its use gained more respect after one or two discovered the difficulty of sailing it off the wind.

In the first race Jo Robinson managed to stay ahead of Simon to take first, with Simon second. In the second race Simon took first with Jo second. Graham Le Page was third in both races.

Tim Laine and Simon Gregory rigged up their formula boards, but were let down by the wind, which dropped off a little and left them off the plane.

It's some time since we were able to muster twelve competitors on a Sunday morning, and it was good to welcome back one or two "old timers" to the event. It was also particularly pleasing to see three new younger members taking part, who are undoubtedly going to be a force to reckon with in the not too distant future.

There remains one more race to complete the second series, so the next meeting will comprise this race, plus the first race of the third series.