

Week 15 (Tuesday 22nd July)

The final two races for the GBSA 3rd pursuit racing series of 2008 were held at Ladies Bay in a westerly force 1 to 2.

The light wind conditions saw a disappointing return to the bad old days of the previous year or two, when competitors could not be bothered to make the effort to rig up.

Only four sailors were tempted onto the water, but their efforts were rewarded with a pleasant evening's racing, as well as some improved results for the series.

A course was set from the beach, with a beat out to a buoy near the end of the Chouet reef, followed by a couple of reaches across the bay towards Rousse, then back to the windsurfing channel.

In view of the light wind, the first race was set at a single lap. However the wind picked up, and competitors finished the course in little more than ten minutes. This gave no time for any place changes, and competitors finished in the order in which they started.

For the second race the course was extended to two laps, and in fact the breeze eased down a little. In this race Nigel Gale, off four minutes, managed to overhaul Graham Le Page to take first place. Simon Lovell, on his Serenity board, was almost unstoppable in these conditions, and also overtook Le Page to take second, with Le Page third. Even so Lovell could not catch Gale, who took managed to find some fluky wind gusts to take his first place by a pretty large margin.

The final results of the series (8 races with two discards and 6 to count) were:-

Simon Lovell (aggregate handicap 45)	1 st position
Simon Gregory (aggregate handicap 45)	2 nd position
Bob Perkins (aggregate handicap 42)	3 rd position

In this series the results were very close, with several ties in the placings. Where placing ties have occurred, competitors have been ordered on the basis of their aggregate handicaps for their completed races.

There were no course races this week, because of the two day "Herm-a-thon" held over the week end.