

### **GBSA Pursuit racing – Third 2009 Series: Races 3 & 4 Thursday 9th July**

4 Racers lined up in the evening sunshine with a perfect 12 to 14 knot breeze from the South West.

For the first race Ian Campbell on 2 minutes left first but found a rock with his fin..... followed by Graham Le Page on 3, Denis White on 5 and Simon Lovell on 7.

Ian eventually retired, leaving Denis to complain about the awkward run and prevalent weed! Simon passed Denis on the third lap but couldn't quite catch Graham who had a good first.

With Ian's skeg unrepaired, the second race only had 3 starters. Denis and Graham started first on 4 minutes followed by Simon on 7. Graham took an early lead from Denis who kept up his weed clearing crusade. Simon took a different route up the beat to close with Graham and Denis at the windward mark on the second lap. The same route on the last lap saw him take a substantial lead, with Graham second and Denis third.

### **GBSA Course racing –Third 2009 Series: Races 7 & 8 Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

Conditions: Wind South to South East 8 to 12 knots

With several people currently away, there were just 5 competitors for the first race, joined by Matt Le Poidevin (more usually seen on a short board) for the second race.

Simon Lovell was the rabbit for the first race with a long beat out to the southern most edge of the bay. Jo Robinson took an early lead but was overtaken by the windward mark by Simon in the fluky winds, with Graham Le Page in close attendance. A run out to the large outer buoy through the boats, followed by a fast reach to the yellow buoy did not see any changes to the order.

The second beat was to the Xmas Pud, but Simon who had set the course forgot!!!! and headed off for the previous windward mark allowing Graham and Jo to overtake. Jo got clean away and finished first followed by Simon and Graham.

For the second race Matt le Poidevin joined on a Prodigy. Seb was the rabbit and initially entertained with a spirited reach through the fleet followed by a big splash ..... at which point the start was rerun .....

Simon took an early lead followed by Jo then Graham. In the later stages of the race Jo succumbed to the abundance of weed and Graham grabbed second place.

This completes the third course racing series, with eight races in total, two allowed discards, and the best six results to count. Simon Lovell took first place, with one first, four seconds and a fourth.

Graham Le Page was second overall, with one first, two seconds, two thirds and a fourth. Jo Robinson and Nigel Gale tied for third place. Each had only attended four races and so incurred ten penalty points for two races non attendance. Jo achieved two firsts, a third and a fourth, and Nigel one first, one second and two thirds.