

GBSA Pursuit racing – Second 2009 Series: Thursday 2nd July

Hardly any wind, and fog. 4 members turned up but decided not to race - at which point it also started to rain! All the racing was done in the Bar!

GBSA Course racing –Third 2009 Series: Races 3 & 4 Sunday 5th July

The third and fourth races of the third course racing series were held at Ladies Bay. Eight competitors were greeted on arrival with a sunny but light force three. However, as racing started this progressed to a pleasant force four, which continued to make throughout the racing, though remaining quite up and down.

Wind direction also fluctuated between approximately sou-sou-west and south west, and for good measure there was a significant wind bend towards the south at the windward buoy.

This all made for enjoyable and interesting course racing. A triangular course started at the end of channel buoy, with a beat down towards Rouse, followed by two good broad reaches out towards the entrance of the bay, then back to the start. The wind would have allowed three or four laps, but in deference to the older members the course was kept to two. Even so, this gave plenty of scope for separation of the fleet before the finish.

Jo Robinson sailed well in the first race to take first from Simon Lovell and Nigel Gale, in second and third respectively.

In the second race Graham Le Page opened the gate for the start, and his port tack gave him one less tack than the remainder of the fleet. He took full advantage of this by arriving first at the windward mark, then holding his lead to take first place. Jo took an uncharacteristic tumble at the gybe in lap two, which let Simon and Nigel through for two more second and third places.