

GBSA RACING

22/4/10 Thursday Evening Slalom Race
Ladies Bay 18.30
Wind: Southerly Force 4.
Results: See Excel sheet for the series

The 2 races were started from a position close to the firing range with a fast broad reach down to a gybe at the Christmas Pud, then a reach up to a pot about 100 meters away, followed by a gybe and back to the Christmas Pud three times and then back to the start.

The first gybe mark saw a lot of close action with Matt going for the tight inside course. However no one could hold Jason who though only sporting a 6.5m no cam'd sail used the early planning ability of his 130 litre AHD board to good effect on both the starts and speed out of the gybes at each mark. This proved to be crucial, especially in the fading breeze of the second race, and he gained two first positions with Stuart following with two second positions.

25/4/10 Sunday Course Race
Ladies Bay 10.30
Wind: south West 3 to 4
Results: See Excel sheet for the series

Starting from the beach on the dot at 10.30am there were 7 initial starters. Simon Gregory joined in half a lap behind but used his 10.6m Tushingham sail to haul himself up through the fleet into second position. Simon Lovell led the fleet around the course, sporting his new 8.5m Demon sail.

The wing mark gave little room for error being only a few feet from the rocks and caused a few indrawn breaths! Another mark with more sea room was selected for the next race and became the windward mark as the wind shifted to the West.

The second race was once again started from the beach with the faster boards being place to leeward of the fleet. Simon Gregory swapped his Mistral for his formula board and Tim joined the fleet on his formula board.

The two Simons battled it out for the first two marks, but the new wing mark in Tiger Bay proved difficult to get away from for the formula boards, who could not clear the reef on one tack.

This allowed Simon Lovell to escape them followed by Nigel Gale and Sebastian Lovell. Ian Campbell moored himself to the windward mark during his second lap whilst Graham ended in the water after just being lapped on the beginning of the run.

Sebastian Lovell tried a clever route through the rocks on the reef and lost his fin, discovering in the process that the Mistral sails “quite nicely thank you” with no fin at all. He still retired though to hunt in vain for the fin among the rocks.

At the finish the two formula boards came in 3rd and 4th with Tim being the last to finish. Every one else retired, finding the fresh force 4 too much after a winter of training on the sofa!

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