

Sunday Course Racing 16/5/10

Wind WSW

Force 4

9 Starters

Venue: Ladies Bay

A double triangle course was set with one left handed triangle followed by a right handed triangle both sharing the same windward and leeward marks but with different wing marks.

Tim Laine shot off into an early lead with his formula board and 10.5m sail on song. Simon Lovell followed him closely but could not match Tim's speed down the long broad reach into the bay. Simon Gregory had a bad start and could not extract enough power on his formula board from the 9.5m Tushingham race sail. Jo Robinson did not have the best start either and came in 4th followed very creditably by Sebastian considering the wind strength and his weight.

The second race involved an extra lap of the first left hand triangle with a deviation around the reef.

Tim once again leapt off the blocks in the increasing wind. Simon Lovell followed behind until he forgot his own course amendment and joined Graham nearer the back of the fleet as he retraced his steps!

Simon Gregory moved up into 2nd place hotly contested by Jo who was the first Mistral home. Simon meanwhile had done a lot of catching up, but only good enough for 4th.

It was interesting to see how close the performance on the windward leg was between the Simon's Demon 8.5m of and Jo's 8.5m Tushingham sail.

Rod had to retire from the second race due to other commitments.