

GBSA Sunday race series
1st Series. Races: 7 & 8
23/5/10
Wind NE. Force 3
Conditions: sunny with fog banks

Six racers turned up to race in perfect conditions with a flat sea, sunshine and wind from 6 to 8 knots.

If you were not racing then you really missed out on what was the first proper summer day where short wetsuits were ideal. The course was a large rectangle starting from the dinghy out in the bay with a beat to the rock showing in Tiger Bay, a reach to the inner yellow buoy, a run to the Xmas Pudding mark and back to the dinghy. Two and a half laps were run for each race, finishing at the beach.

Racing was very close and exciting at the front of the fleet. Simon Lovell took an early lead which when the rest of the fleet sailed too far out of the bay on starboard tack. However on the next lap on the beat he sailed into a header allowing Simon Gregory and Sebastian Lovell to close right up as Simon only just managed to port and starboard them forcing them to tack. Simon Gregory then managed to get past into first place. However Simon chased him down followed by Sebastian and retook the lead after calling water at the leeward mark. Sebastian then crept through at the windward mark to claim second place.

Simon Lovell lead the first lap of the second race before dropping his rig on a tack allowing Simon Gregory who was pointing higher in the increased wind to take the lead. Once again Sebastian worked his magic and overtook his father this time at the windward mark prior to the final reach for the finish gaining another second place. Graham gained two fourth places losing out in the light winds to the larger rigs.

The first series is now complete. See the results page for the series results