

## PURSUIT RACING SERIES ONE 27/5/10

Race 4 & 5

Wind; Force 2 to light Force 3. SW

Sunny

5 Racers

It was good to get some more races in. We have not been lucky with Thursday evening races this year with either no wind or too much, to the advantage of the slalom racers!

Being able to race in a shorty wet suit after the wintry weather of only a month ago seems amazing.

In the first race Graham, Rod & Ian set off together, followed 2 minutes later by Sebastian, then another 2 minutes later by Simon Lovell. The triangular course started with a good beat which was beset by strong tidal flows, with the high water mark leaving no exposed beach at all.

Ian's strategy involved going around the islet into Tiger Bay, whilst everyone else stayed to the South of it.

Sebastian was closing with the leaders by the downwind mark of the first lap, however Simon who was trying out the "Serenity" board with his new sail (and finding the combination very fast) was closing in, all the time overtaking after a port and starboard incident on the final beat.

The 3 lap race prove slightly too long at 45 minutes so the 2<sup>nd</sup> race which had to be started out in the bay rather than off the beach was reduced to 2 laps. This resulted in a 30-minute race with a very close finish with Graham, Sebastian and Simon crossing the line seconds behind each other.