

Pursuit Race Series 1 3rd June 2010

Races: 6 and 7

Wind: Easterly 8 to 15 knots

Sunny

6 Racers

A square course was set from the beach to Tiger Bay, down to the dingy, across to the Xmas Pud and around the Yellow buoy 3 times.

Ian started 1st on "0" and Simon Lovell last on "8" handicap. In the first race Seb charged through the fleet off 7 handicap to come second behind Rod on 1.

Jo, also on 7, was unable to make up as much ground as usual. Having left her mast at home, she was sailing with a smaller sail than usual.

Simon found the rocks on the 2nd lap and knocked off his skeg. He

continued to sail without it and just managed to pass Ian at the end. It just proves that a board can be sailable, if not so fast, without a skeg, even with 15 knot gusts.

In the second race there was a slightly lighter breeze, which suited Ian, though Graham got first spot with Simon in 3rd, hotly pursued by Seb who had caught up from 1 minute behind his Dad. Rod took a cooling dip when he saw Simon at the dingy mark. Very sportingly done!!!!

Sunday course Racing 6/6/10 Series 2

Wind SW to W 8 to 14 knots

Sunny

7 racers

Graham was the rabbit again (you will have to get a bigger sail Graham, and stop coming 4th!). Jo and Seb got off to a cracking start in about 8 knots of breeze.

Jo was in a class of her own and kept increasing her lead. Simon languished in 3rd until the 3rd lap of the large course when the wind freshened a bit and he out pointed Seb up the beat. Fortunately Seb also fell in on the run as his speed down wind was greater than his Dad's, which allowed Simon to come in second.

For the 2nd race a new course was set with fewer runs in it. Once again Jo got off to flying start but the breeze had freshened to 12 to 14 knots and Simon out pointed her up wind and drew level. Jo got off on the run faster but Simon raced past her on a gust of wind at the next mark and carve jibed onto the new tack, whilst Jo had more problems at the gybe, which allowed Simon to escape to take first place. Seb made a good 3rd handling the fresh breeze well.

SLALOM RACING 6/6/10

On Sunday afternoon after course racing another informal slalom race was run. The South Westerly wind of 14 to 19 knots was perfect, along with the bright sunshine.

The first race was run from Tiger bay to a mooring buoy past the inner harbour. This meant going between the land and the small rock islet and through all the boats.

With board speeds between 22 and 26 knots racing was fast and furious. For the second race a system by which the first person stopped and became the mark for the first three legs, was implemented.

The third race was out of the bay about half a mile and back to the beach.

The fleet got tighter and tighter in the pack as the races progressed... but whatever we did, Dan was always first! Second spot was shared between Chris and Stuart, whilst Simon and Seb followed close behind and Claude and Jo followed later!

All in all this was one of the best sessions to date, though it did not attract the wave sailing fraternity who mostly don't have

large rigs suitable for this wind strength and who prefer to race in the surf.

Any weekend that the wind is sufficient, informal races will be held with further handicaps for the “To Fast & Furious”!! Any one can join in the fun as long as they carry third party insurance.