

Multi hulls Saturday 5th August 2017

A breezy, sunny and sparkly water day with westerly to north westerly wind – although by lunch time the promised rain drifted in and the wind increased.

We were somewhat depleted with skippers having previous commitments including the vane A national championships and holidays. Six boats came to the line and were set a more challenging than has been usual course for this season. Weedy patches were avoided as far as possible and some good beats ensued. It was encouraging to see closer starts notably with Rob Lyne showing the way by often being close to the line and travelling when the start sounded. Mike Dann easily won the first race followed by Rob Lyne and then Mervyn Cook. Simon Walley was going really well until he missed rounding buoy number 5 which involved sailing a detour. Paul Edwards finished 5th having been over the line at the start and Brian Shell 6th on the water. After that numbers were depleted further as Mervyn's winch stopped working (again, after spending hours working on it during the week) and Brian had battery problems, which couldn't be sorted.

It was a fairly open competition with different skippers taking line honours in each of the next four races. Simon won race 2, Paul race 3, Mike race 4 and Rob race 5. Mike also won race 6. Mike was adjusting the foils on his boat trying to get maximum lift. Sadly, in two races he had to retire and adjust again! There were a few 'coming togethers', several capsize and some damage so that in the last race only two boats finished.

Overall congratulations go to Rob Lyne who, with his consistently good starts and no finish lower than third, scored 45 points. Mike came next with 43, Simon third with 39 and Paul fourth on count back also with 39. The next race is scheduled for the 2nd September, when we look forward to some more close racing.

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