

Race Report 20th September 2011

Race 1 Either nobody brought their watches, or a couple of weeks off had a negative effect on their starting skills, as no-one was near the line at the start. Despite this there was some close racing up to the first mark with Alan leading the way, ahead of Toni and Steve. A little further behind were Katie and Stuart, Stuart having joined the racing on his first Sailability day. The front three had a number of place changes but the charge to the line was won by Alan with Toni and Steve only 10 seconds apart at the finish. Katie built a lead ahead of Stuart, who must have been led astray by his crew as they took a very scenic route to the finish line.

Race 2 A much improved start to this race although Stuart was the wrong side at the gun so had to duck back over the line. The three leaders from the first race all went out to the right hand side of the course, with Katie and Stuart going up the middle. They all arrived at the windward mark in very close order, with Stuart not far behind. The reach across to 5 and the run down to 7 developed into a close battle, with all the sailors trying to get the best position. It all came to a head rounding 7 with Toni doing the best job and holding a narrow lead to the line ahead of Steve and Alan. Katie looked like she might get amongst them with a very good line up from 7, but it wasn't quite enough to get past. Stuart again took 5th but was much closer in this race.

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