



Race Report – Summer Series Race 1

Just like the week before for the last of the Twilight Series races, a SE'ly breeze had swung round towards the SW in the late afternoon and by the time the Committee Vessel took up it's station off Netley Dome. This time though, there was plenty of water and the race was due to start towards the end of the flood and during the high water stand.

Initially there were concerns about whether there'd be any racing at all as the wind dropped down to two and three knots an hour before the start but with around 40 minutes to go a course was set up using Deans Lake (7S) as the first windward mark, then back to Hover 1 (7V), then a laid mark (9P) on the Fawley shore, back to Hover 2 (7T) and then back to the ODM.

Just before the start nine of the twelve entered boats had turned out and the breeze had picked up to between five and eight knots and the course was announced as twice around, in the expectation of shortening at a mark somewhere on the second lap. After the Prep' all boats were on starboard and on or going for the line when a big shift left hit them all. A re-start was in order but the RC judged that the conditions were so light and the time so valuable that the extra delay would have spoiled the racing more than that upset. We hoped the competitors agreed with us!

Once away a good number of boats opted to go down tide with only two or three going up. Njos in particular made a big up tide move but may have been let down by the fading stream as they were near the back of the fleet at the first mark. It was Jybe Talking who were first round and who maintained that lead for the rest of the race.

As the race progressed, the wind continued to be variable in both strength and direction, particularly affected by one big system dumping rain over Southampton but mainly missing the racecourse. The smaller boats held their own in the conditions, and good tactics and kites on the downwind legs kept them in contention. Magec did well upwind but white sailed and so didn't fare so well on the downwind legs.

Despite it being mid-summer, the light wasn't great and the with the wind getting light again the RC opted to finish the race at Hover 1 (7V) on the second lap. Jybe Talking crossed the line first after a 65 minute race with most of the rest of the fleet finishing in the next ten minutes.

Race two will be another low water race which may constrain the course options but the RC will try to set Round the Cans racing as the first option if it can for this Series and use Average Laps as a second option.

Thanks to the Race Team of
Julia Smith and Brian Hinde on the Hound and
Ginny Bennett and Nathan Hamilton on the RIB

Bob Trimble

See below for the Race 1 corrected finishing order. Full details are on the Results Pages.

Love in a Mist Eric Williams

Tearaway Bob Gardner

Jybe Talkin Chris
 Burleigh

Amica
(320) Lukas Kolff

Juno Will Bridge

NJOS Tim Octon

Aura Gwynne
 Lewis

Magec Mike Garvey

Janx Spirit Mark
 Hepburn