



## Race Report – Twilight Race 6

Who would have thought it, Southampton Water conditions quite different from forecast!

After a week of light forecasts and an afternoon anticipating a S-SE'ly, we got out thereto find the wind in the SW. The one thing that was always going to be pretty certain was that the breeze would decline between 7 and 8 pm.

With the Series results after 4 races very close at the top, eight boats were there to conclude the series and enjoy the warm (mainly) sunny weather. In light of the anticipated conditions, and conditioned by a low water spring tide at 1845, a short triangular course was set from off Netley Dome across to a laid mark on the Fawley shore, back to Netley (7Q) and back through the ODM/line.

The start went ahead on schedule at 1905 in 7-8 knots of breeze with Njos first over the line. She stayed ahead along with the SB20 'Amica' who were favoured by the light smooth conditions. Just two minutes separated the first six boats on the first rounding of the course with the last two boats around 2 and 4 minutes behind them.

The second rounding of the course was a different story with the wind going light and patchy and the flood tide starting to pick up, making the windward mark required smarter tactic than before. It was the first 6 who were able to round it and use the tide to Netley but Glass Onion struggled and Now or Never was left to display some gritty determination to get round.

At Netley it was Amica and Njos who got round and toughed it out against the stream to the finish in that order. The dying wind made it very difficult for the next five boats but four of them made it over the line, although out of time. Magec had already made that calculation and had turned for home.

The fairness of the racing had become dubious during that second circuit and so the RC made the call to retrospectively finish the race after the first circuit, as permitted by SI 6.2.

Congratulations to all competitors and especially to Amica for their race and series success.

Please see the results pages for full details.

Thanks to the race team of  
Jan Cox and Jan Trimble (Hound)  
Julia Smith and Ginny Bennett (RIB)

Bob Trimble