

MBSC Sailing Report - week ended 1st November 2009

Saturday 31st October 2009

In the last sail of the season eight Lasers, seven Mirrors, a few Osprey and boats from the handicap Fleet sailed a windward-leeward port-hand course set by race officer Pippa Baker in a force 3-4 breeze over a lumpy sea that caused a number of capsizes through the fleets.

Lasers:

John Currie, returning from concentrated training weekends with the national Squad, powered round the course in his radial, leaving the other seven big rigs firmly in his wake to win the last series race of the season. Bruce Adams actually got the best start with an adventurous port hand flyer from the favoured end of the line, but stayed on port tack while most of the fleet went out to sea and rounded the windward mark in seventh place ahead of Clive Goodhead and close behind Roger Sparrow, who had also gone the wrong way. Dave Johnson, Nick Stoten, Greg Harris and Graham Cousins had some close racing until Dave and Greg firmly established second and third positions, while Nick started going backwards and capsized on the final run to finish seventh behind Roger, who had stopped to clear weed and lost out to fifth placed Bruce on the final round.

Mirrors:

Ahead of the main fleet almost from the start, Simon Chapman and crew Amy George battled it out with Jane and Isobel Goodhead who gave him a good race. In the end, Simon used his spinnaker power to pull away and finish first with Jane coming a close second. Tony Clee with crew Jessica Bode did well to come in third with the rest of the fleet grouped tightly behind. The fleet welcomed amongst them Mirror captain Rob Bode returning from several months in the wilds of Cambridgeshire. He showed he had forgotten nothing as he and crew Lily Medicot whipped his spinnaker up and down and kept up well with the group.

Sunday 1st November 2009

Race cancelled due to strong winds.

For the full results see <http://www.mbsc.org.uk/sailing/results.shtml>