

MBSC Sailing Report - week ended 4th April 2010

Saturday 3rd April 2010

Race Officer Pippa Baker set an upwind/downwind course for both races; ideal practise for the Laser Nationals to be held in August by the club this Summer.

Lasers:

Race 1 saw 7 lasers cross the start line. The superior upwind speed of John Woolcock and Graham Cousins in the choppy, gusty North Westerly conditions saw them comfortably lead the fleet home with Dave Johnson coming in a credible third.

Race 2 saw a battle for pole position at the start which left 5 of the 6 lasers on course side as the gun went. With John Woolcock the only returning boat to successfully restart, and having thrown an extra lap in for good measure, this left a jubilant Tony Boulton to take the honours with John as the only other finisher to count.

Sunday 4th April 2010

Sunday morning saw a fresh northwesterly breeze blowing in the Bay.

Lasers:

In the laser fleet John Woolcock, Graham Cousins, Nick Stoten, Greg Harris, Paul Broomfield and Tony Boulton all got off to a flying reaching start and arrived at the first mark in that order. In a race full of thrills and spills, John Woolcock comfortably led the fleet home in these respective first mark positions.

Slow Handicap:

After a few ungainly capsizes while launching, the Mirrors made their seasonal début as a fleet of two. Simon Chapman and crew Amy George were the early pacesetters with Ben Wilkinson in his Pico hot on their heels until a particularly fine first beat took him past them. Simon stayed close behind Ben until, going into the last lap, Simon lost his tiller extension and with it his chances as Ben sailed clear. Amy not being quite heavy enough to balance the wind on her own, they sailed a long beat but it was enough to hold off Rob and Jessica Bode for second.

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