

# MBSC Sailing Report - week ended 2nd May 2010

## Sunday 2nd May 2010

A gusty and freshening northerly force 5 certainly spiced up a blast round the bay for four lasers, two Mirrors, one Pico and four fast handicap sailors on Sunday morning.

In the laser fleet, an exhilarating broad reach out to sea saw Dave Johnson first to the leeward mark, followed by Nick Stoten who chucked in the first capsized of the day to let through John Currie and Graham Cousins. John's superior boat handling upwind soon saw him establish and extend a lead. With John clearly set to take the honours the race was now between the others. Dave was blown over by a gust and let Nick through, Graham also tested the water temperature at the gybe mark but held his position to come in second followed by Nick and then Dave.

In the Mirror and Slow Handicap fleet, the reach start made the first leg a pleasure for all and set the pattern for the race. Pico sailor Ben Wilkinson was clear ahead by the first mark, Simon Chapman and crew Amy George chasing hard and Rob Bode just happy to avoid capsizing. The beat then turned to Ben's ultimate advantage, as the frequent gusts on top of the heavy duty background conditions resulted in both Mirrors shipping gallons of water and having to bear away to stay upright. Having the advantage of Amy showing courage and resolve beyond her years Simon opened enough of a gap by the turn to guarantee second place on the water but could not get quite close enough as Ben won by 20 seconds on handicap.

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